

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
May 16, 2022, 6:00 P.M.  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460

**Board Members present:** Jon Stantz and Dean Bruce. Mike Spinks joined remotely

**Also, Present,** Clerk Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Tony Floyd, Chief Foutch and Attorney Richard Lorenz.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 2-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES**

Darlene Miller, representing the American Legion presented poppies to the meeting attendees in honor of National Poppy Day. Jon Stantz read the Poppy Day Proclamation proclaiming Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> as **Poppy Day** and asked that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on that date.

Josh Malinchuk, representing Boston Scientific, asked if there were any questions regarding the Compliance Statements for Real Estate. He reported there was an amendment to the Real Estate that separated real property from personal property, which will generate an additional donation fee of approximately \$3,600. This has been submitted to the assessor, and he has six months to assess. After the certification, fees owed will be paid.

As an aside, Jon Stantz asked if the overhead light at the parking lot entrance, could be redirected away from the homes across the street. Josh said he would look into it.

An event request for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks, sponsored by the Owen County Chamber of Commerce was presented for approval. The event will take place on Friday night, July 1<sup>st</sup>. The location will be the same as last year. The vendor (Straight Shooters Fireworks LLC) carries their own liability insurance for the show. The Town will provide an umbrella coverage, depending on cost. They are still waiting on a response from their insurance provider.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the event request providing the Town gets the appropriate umbrella insurance coverage. Dean Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.**

An event for the ABATE Memorial Day Ride Event for Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> was presented for approval. The Ride traditionally begins with registration at Cooper Park, and they request a police escort out of town.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 2-0.

*(Mike Spinks joined the meeting)*

Resolution 2022-08 Reestablishing Fire Protection Territory Equipment Replacement Fund was presented for adoption.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.**

Next a Letter of Support for BBP Water Corp. was presented to Jon Stantz for signature. The letter supports the corporations request for grants to further extend water lines and build new water infrastructure.

**Jon Stantz asked for permission to sign. Dean Bruce and Mike Spinks both voted in favor.**

Regarding the Cruise in event, there was no one there to represent them, so Jon asked if Mr. Lorenz will prepare a letter to address the issue.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Mike Spinks reported the next meeting is scheduled for May 25.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foutch reported that they completed the interviews for the vacant position, and he requested to hire Jesus Arroyo, currently a reserve officer. He would like to swear him in at the next council meeting.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the hiring of Jesus Arroyo, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Steve Withem approached the Board about placing additional benches in the downtown area. A grant provided to MyPath has added two benches further down Main toward Cooper but has enough money left over to purchase more. Steve would like, with the Town's permission, to place those at the corner of Main and Market.

*Note: Cheryl reminded the Board that all benches must be placed along Main Street to comply with the MyPath Grant requirements. Other locations will be at the Town's cost.*

Tony Floyd gave his report on maintenance and equipment for the street department.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Jon Stantz read the department update notes.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING**

Meetings for both boards are scheduled for next week.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

Jon Stantz reported on the Territory.

**IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS**

Ron Shrope gave the Board an update on their projects. He requested to buy doggie bags for the park. He will look into a place for buying those and the holders to attach to the tree. Tony Floyd thanked Ron and his wife for all the work they do at the park.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY.**

Mr. Lorenz reported on the meeting regarding Texas Pike held last Friday.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were approved unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion and a second to adjourn the meeting were made and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:59PM.**

Jon Stantz  
Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce  
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks  
Mike Spinks, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke  
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer