

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

Board Members present: Jon Stantz and Dean Bruce and Mike Spinks

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Jon Stantz. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

The first item on the agenda was the swearing in of Officer Jesus Arroyo. The Clerk-Treasurer swore him in and he will begin his full-time position as an officer on Tuesday.

Kyle Hannon, on behalf of MyPath organization made a presentation to the Board about the Next Level Trails Grant they recently received the grant is in the amount of \$640,000. He also requested that they have permission to paint the MyPath Trail System logo at corners along Main Street at Franklin, Market, Jefferson, Wayne, Clay, and Cooper. Jon Stantz said that MyPath had their approval to go forward with the sidewalk logos. Further discussion took place about adding more benches along this area, and this is under review right now and recommendations and cost will be coming soon.

The next item on the agenda was the removal of the poison hemlock on 46 in front of Wendy's. Jon Stantz reported that he called INDOT and spoke to someone about this. They are in the process of renewing their license with DNR and will be out to take a look at it in the next three days and hopefully, will be removing it shortly thereafter.

Parking meters were the next item on the agenda. Mike Spinks feels if they are removed it would improve downtown participation. Discussion took place of the pros and cons. Jon Stantz suggested they do a survey of downtown business. *(Note, this has been already done by the Chamber of Commerce at the CT's request. She will get results for the next meeting)* Another suggestion was to continue collecting but allow the money to be donated to nonprofits. Jon Stantz said this issue will be tabled until the next meeting.

Next, Maureen Hayden with Commonwealth introduced Dale Gick who will be taking over the engineering aspects previously performed by Jeremy Schmitt. He gave a review of where the project (McCormick's Creek State Park Sewer System Improvements) is now, and what the next steps will be. A contract in the amount of \$510,000 for this project was presented for signature by Jon Stantz and Cheryl Moke.

Next, Maureen reported that she is working on the submission to AIM for the workshop presentation. She will send the Board a copy tomorrow for review and will submit it by Friday.

Invoices submitted for approval by Commonwealth:

- 52515 Project J21049 Spencer Wastewater and Stormwater Utility Study \$24,000
- 52514 Project S22047 Texas Pike Subdivision Lift Station and Force Main \$8,400

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve both invoices for payment, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

Next, an invoice from Tyler DeFord for work performed on the website conversion for \$1,365 was presented for approval.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the invoice, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Marce King was not present.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported on the last meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported on the police department. He provided two estimates for repairing the timing chain on one of his units. Wills Auto Care was the lowest at \$1,720.49.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the estimate for \$1,720.49, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd reported on the department. The street sweeper has been shipped back for repairs. Tony submitted the request to renew the license for Geo Spatial in the amount of \$1,050.

Mike Spinks made a motion to renew, seconded by Jon Stantz, and passed 3-0.

Tony presented two estimates for a tree removal.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the Truax estimate for \$1,400, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on plant and collections. He submitted an order from John Deere for a new mower in the amount of \$3,359.04. Jon Stantz approved the purchase.

John presented a quote for two new pumps from BBC Pump in the amount of \$7.250.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the quote seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

John presented three quotes for a new jetter. Jon Stantz said they would be taken under advisement.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Richard Lorenz presented two applications for final plats that were approved by the Planning Commission. The first one was requested by Steve Toth on W. Hillside and the second one was requested by Mike Sudol located. The mylars were presented for signature by the Board President and attested by the Clerk-Treasurer.

The second one was requested by Mike Sudol for the property located at 208 E Jefferson. Mike made a request for a lower fee based on the simplicity of his request. The Board agreed and reduced his fee from \$750 to \$400. He also made a proposal for a new fee schedule in the future which the Board will consider after the attorney has a chance to look at our current ordinance.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz reported on the Territory.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS

Ron Shrope made a report on the park.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY.

Richard Lorenz presented the Boston Scientific Tax Abatement forms for approval. They are exceeding their compliance requirements for the abatement.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the tax abatement forms as presented. Jon Stantz seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

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Sean Huss with Owen County Soil and Water made a presentation about poisonous plants. He passed out brochures that show you how to identify them, and how to control them. It's really more of an issue in the rural areas because of the danger it imposes on livestock.

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 7:50 PM.

Jon Stantz

Jon Stantz, President

Mike Spinks

Mike Spinks, Member

Dean Bruce

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Attest Cheryl Moke

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer