

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
January 20, 2015 at 7p.m
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Dean Bruce, Jon Stantz, and Cynthia Hyde

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Richard Lorenz, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, John Hodge and Chief Marshal Richard Foutch.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the Minutes with one correction. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Judi Epps requested approval of an event registration on behalf of Spencer Pride to take place on June 6, 2015. The event is to take place on the Courthouse Lawn, and she is requesting to close Market Street and the parking lot north of the Courthouse. The street department is requested to provide barricades for the street and the parking lot. The hours are 8am to 5pm. There will be some setup on Friday night as well.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve the event request. It was seconded and passed.

Mike Harvey was present and wanted to thank Jon Stantz for his help with the parking problem at Valley Chevrolet. He also talked about the County donating timber to the Legion, whereby they may use some of the proceeds from the sale for constructing a Veteran's Park located on North Washington Street on property currently owned by the county. He is looking for any kind of help that the Town is interested in providing. This will take place in the future, but he wanted to make the Town aware of it. Also, he reported on repairing the Veteran's Memorial Wall and is hoping that the money received from the sale of the timber will cover the cost, with enough left over for the park development. He should know more about what the cost for repairs will be, later in February.

Cynthia Hyde reported that she received an anonymous letter regarding stray cats. Dean Bruce pointed out that it would be easier to address problems if the complaint was not made anonymously. Cynthia thought that the issues needed to be addressed by the Board. Discussion followed with no real recommendations. Dean Bruce reiterated that without a complaint being filled out with specific information, there is nothing that the Town can do.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MATTER OF REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Richard Lorenz reported that the first meeting went well. Dean Bruce reported that Mike Spinks was elected president, Wally DeFord, Vice President, and Ed Hines Secretary.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that Vehicle #6 has been transferred to Larry Parrish for his use. He also reported that the Spencer Police received positive publicity by offering the lobby to transact business for Craigslist.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Sheila Reeves presented a generator project proposal for installing a 24kw generator inside the EMT garage that will be capable of providing enough power for the entire building. Funding for this project will come from a \$10,000 Homeland Security grant, a \$5,000 appropriation from the Building Fund (pending Town Council approval), and a \$7,500 appropriation from Local Health Maintenance fund, pending approval the County Council on 2/9/2015. Total cost estimate from the selected vendor, White's Electrical, is \$19,550.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request for the \$5,000 appropriation for the Building fund. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported they have been working on maintenance and alley work.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on several maintenance issues. He also said he was in touch with Insituform and they were planning on completing the project on Washington Street when they get through clearing up a few issues. He thought it would be possibly next week.

He also presented the board with a summary of the 2014 operations. He commented that all in all, the plant was operating well.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Mr. Lorenz reported that there would be an organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 27th.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz had nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

The resolution for the Town elections was tabled until a later date.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk-Treasurer presented Annual Certification re Nepotism & Contracting Policy for the Town Council for signatures as requested by Gateway.

Jon Stantz reported that he was in receipt of two contracts from GRW. One was a contract for modification for the lighting on Morgan Street in the amount of \$8,000. He said he was doing some further research on that.

The second contract was for engineering for the sidewalk project. He said the figures Darren Wells gave, do not match what the State said the project will cost. As a warning, he said it is likely the project will run about \$60,000 more than what the State will be paying. The work won't be done until 2017, so costs are based on that. He is getting more information and will give the Board copies for review when he is finished. Jon said he will be meeting with INDOT in Seymour regarding the Sidewalk project on February 4th.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

John Stantz motioned to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Dean Bruce, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest: _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer