

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
April 20, 2015 at 7:00 P.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, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Street Dept. Superintendent Larry Parrish, and Chief Marshal Richard Foutch

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

James Powell on behalf of ABATE was present to request approval of an event registration for a Memorial Ride to take place on May 23, 2015. The group will meet and register at the shelter house in Cooper Park. They are requesting police escort out of town, over the bridge to start around 11:00 a.m. This is the 7th year they are participating.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve the event registration, it was seconded and passed.

Next, Boston Scientific submitted a request for approval of an event to take place on May 9th. The 2nd annual 5k Run/Walk will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. commencing on the Boston Campus and proceeding thru the May Addition streets and back on to the Boston Campus. All proceeds will be contributed to Volunteers in Medicine.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the event registration for Boston Scientific, it was seconded and approved.

Sheila Reeves, with the Owen County Health Department presented an event registration for the Owen County Community Picnic to be held on May 30th. The event will take place on the courthouse lawn, but the committee is requesting permission to close Market Street from Main to Washington from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the closure of the street as requested, motion was seconded and approved.

Orion Saft and Austin Underwood with The AME Group were on hand to present a couple of proposals in regards to the town network. Quotation 77531, in the amount of \$230 represents services to setup a backup. Additionally, there will be a \$50 monthly fee to maintain.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve the quote for the backup setup and recurring monthly fee. The motion was seconded and passed.

The next quote, #75891 is to update the structure of the network to improve the infrastructure and security. It will also allow for future growth of the network. The total cost for these improvements is \$1,785.68. There will be no additional charge to the monthly maintenance for this equipment.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$1,785.68, it was seconded and passed.

Next, Holly Patton requested a sewer adjustment stemming from a water leak that occurred in March of 2014. She stated she had a broken pipe, and received an adjustment from the water company. She also stated that she never had a sewer bill prior to buying this property on contract from Leonard White. As a matter of fact, the sewer bill was, and continues to be mailed to Leonard White. She claims that she never received notice of this bill until last month when the bill was up to \$403. She then came in to pay \$200. She also said she had a car accident and her parents were taking care of her bills and she thought it was being paid. Since the leak was more than a year old, there is a question about Town Code and if this was past the time allowed requesting an adjustment. The Clerk-Treasurer said she would look at the code to

determine if the request falls within the time frame. Decision on this leak will be taken under advisement and will be discussed at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dean Bruce presented a request from the Owen County Chamber of Commerce for adoption of Proclamation 2015-01 where The Town of Spencer proclaims May 4th – May 8th as “Chamber of Commerce Week”.

Jon Stantz made a motion to adopt the proclamation, it was seconded and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Sheila Reeves reported that she would like to meet with Town and the County to begin work on the Building Department budget planning. The Board proposed that they meet on May 11th. Richard Lorenz will see if this is agreeable with the County Council.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported on his department. He said he is getting together some pricing packages for a new vehicle to replace the K-9 vehicle. He also reported that he is looking into replacing the duty weapons this year. He said he will put together some options for the board to review at a later date.

Dean Bruce commented that he appreciated the job the reserve officers are doing.

THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish presented a quote for salt from Detroit Salt Company. The terms are a maximum of 500 tons at a price of \$86.68 per ton. He does not have to purchase the full 500 tons, and he can have it delivered in multiple deliveries as needed.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the quote for salt at \$86.68/ton up to 500 tons for the 2015/2016 from Detroit Salt, it was seconded and passed.

He also reported that he purchased two culverts from CPI in the amount of \$1,265.40 for replacement on South Harrison. He said the cost of these will come out of the storm water fund. He also commented that he originally reported brake replacement on the 1995 International would cost about \$600, and because everything was frozen up, the actual cost was \$1,177.76.

Larry Parrish requested approval to purchase a pole saw and hydraulics for the bucket truck in the amount of \$1,596.92. He said having this, would improve safety when cutting trees.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the purchase of the pole saw in the amount of \$1,596.92, it was seconded and passed.

He also reported that his crew has been planting trees where others have been cut down. His goal is to get 10 put in this year. He has been purchasing them from Lowe's for \$55 each.

Dean Bruce passed along a compliment to the Street Department for helping out a neighbor scrape their driveway last week.

Dean also reported that Larry had received notification from INDOT of a grant award in the amount of \$10,440 for the project “Signage, Pavement Markings” from the FY 15 Grade Crossing Fund.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on plant maintenance and repairs. Because of the amount of rainfall, there have been some problems and he needed to clean some lines to correct.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve an invoice from Culy Contracting in the amount of \$1,500 to plug a manhole at Cooper St and Washington. It was seconded and passed.

He also reported that a grinder pump went out in White Oaks and there is no backup to replace while it's being repaired. He requested that he be allowed to order a new one to have on hand for approximately \$2,350.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve purchase a backup up pump for \$2,350. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz requested signatures from Dean Bruce on documents for "Access to Property" for IDEM in connection to the water corporation getting its new well.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

John Stantz motioned to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

Dean Bruce, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest: _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer