

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
April 6, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.  
Municipal Building  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460

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

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**

Matt Sward, with SIDC presented invoices for the Integrated Rural health Clinic Project for Pay Application 10 and invoice for a total of \$113,791.00, which \$111,791.00 to be paid to Building Associates and \$2,000.00 paid to SIDC. The breakdown of funds received is \$48,795.00 from OCRA and \$64,996.00 from Centerstone Funds.

**Jon Stantz made two motions to approve the pay application and the invoice from SIDC for the Health Clinic. Motions were seconded and passed 2-0.**

Matt also presented a change order in the amount of \$975 along with an extension for the construction contract to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the change order and extension. Motion was seconded and passed.**

Lastly, Matt presented a letter to request that the State Indiana, acting through Office of Community and Rural Affairs, grant a change of the construction end date deadline from April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, to July 31, 2015.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request. It also was seconded and passed.**

Owen Valley Sports Complex was on hand to request approval of an event registration for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event is a parade from Cooper Park, down Main Street to Morgan, west to the ball diamond. The start time is 10 a.m. and should take approximately 30 minutes.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request. It was seconded and passed.**

A request was made for a dumpster to be placed on Main close to 10 N. Main. The dumpster will be placed there off and on over an eight week period. Approval was granted.

Next the Clerk-Treasurer, on behalf of Rick Zufall requested that he be allowed to tap into the sewer line to add another bathroom in his garage. Richard Lorenz suggested that the Building Department be involved in determining what would be needed.

*Update: Rick Zufall said tapping into the sewer line in the alley instead of his own line was a suggestion by Shelley Edwards because of the proximity to the line. John Hodge and Shelley reviewed what it was he was doing, and agreed this was the best way to handle it and required only the excavating permit. It would also be approved by John Hodge at its completion.*

Michael Spinks was on hand to report on the activities of the Spencer Redevelopment Commission. He also reported that the SPEA group will present their findings on their project on April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. in the Spencer Christian Life Center.

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

Chief Foutch requested permission to look into pricing to replace the k-9 vehicle. Cynthia and Jon both agreed.

Next, Chief Foutch requested that he also be allowed to look into the purchase of new duty weapons for all the officers.

Richard Lorenz commented on the event registration requests. He suggested that the event registration form and all its protocols be revisited. Chief Foutch commented that events requesting overnight security put a strain on his officers. Cynthia also commented that the event registration request for a run sponsored by the Farmer's Market was not approved because they were requesting too many streets be blocked.

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

Richard Lorenz reported on a sidewalk repair in front of the Hogan property at Harrison and Clay. They originally put in a ramp, but the tie in with the sidewalk, renders the sidewalk not useable. The Building Department is working with the property owner to remedy the situation.

He also reported on an issue involving a "temporary" operation located on Franklin which has turned into something larger. The Building Inspector will be in contact to determine what permits are needed, and what the zoning for that location is.

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

Larry Parrish reported that his crew will be working on road repairs as soon as he is able to get the hot mix.

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

John Hodge reported that the problem with the #3 reactor influent valve has finally been resolved. He also requested approval for a bill to Action Automation in the amount of \$1,229. **Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the invoice, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.**

Next, John Hodge requested approval for an invoice from Living Waters for annual service and replacement of lines in the amount \$2,202.90. **Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the invoice, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.**

Next he reported on camera views for two lines; one on Garden Park Circle, which was in good shape and also a 12 inch line on N Hillside which was in pretty bad shape. He will come back at a later date with a cost estimate for repairing. There was some discussion that followed regarding the use of sump pumps being discharged into sewer lines. John Hodge stated there was an ordinance against this, and Jon Stantz commented that is was common practice. He also reported on camera work along Washington Street and determined there was no flow, and suggested that the line be capped. He will look into having this done.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

Nothing to report.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the proposal to change employee insurance provider. It was agreed to move forward with the change from Anthem to United Health Care. In 2015, the difference of \$1,500 for out of pocket expenses will be covered by the Town. How it will be covered, will be determined by what is allowed by the State Board of Accounts and the DLGF. The Clerk-Treasurer requested that the Board vote to approve this change.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the change from Anthem to United Health Care and allow Jay Henson to move forward with initiating this change by preparing a new contract.**

Jon Stantz reported on issues with INDOT in regards to the 46 Project. Richard Lorenz questioned the deadline for getting costs to be included in the contract. He offered to contact INDOT to inquire about these deadlines.

Jon Stantz inquired of Officer Foutch about an issue with the dumpster located at the Mexican Restaurant. He reported that he spoke with the property owner, and they will build a three sided enclosure around it.

Jon Stantz reported that he received an email from Debra Alt, with INDOT, of a Notice to proceed with the Safe Routes to School project on Hillside, allowing the Town to incur costs.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

Jon Stantz made a suggestion that a letter/notice go out to all residents who receive sewer bills with copies of Town ordinances. Discussion followed about changing ordinances to make them more enforceable.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were presented and approved.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

John Stantz motioned to adjourn at 8.21 p.m.

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Dean Bruce, President

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Jon Stantz, Vice-President

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Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer