

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M.  
Municipal Building  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Jon Stantz, Dean Bruce

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES**

In the matter of the resignation of Board Member, Cynthia Hyde, Jon stated that she submitted a letter of resignation effective November 5<sup>th</sup>. Her reason for resigning is due to moving to Huntington to be closer to her family.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Jon Stantz, and passed.**

Richard Lorenz stated that the chairman of the Democratic Party has notified him that a caucus will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and there is a deadline of November 16<sup>th</sup> for any Democrat who wishes to fill the vacancy to notify the chairman.

A formal complaint was presented to the Board on behalf of a resident adjacent to the Demil property. The complaint stated that because of the junk, there has been an abundance of skunks on his property searching for food. He requested that something be done about this. Richard Lorenz said he is working on a more formal list of all properties with complaints and the status of each. As far as Demil is concerned, he said the Town has done everything they could, and despite the contacts with the federal agencies, they have chosen to ignore their responsibilities. The only alternative currently is to clean it up and charge it back to the property as a lien, however, the cleanup would be quite costly. He will continue to assess the options.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Nothing to report.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Mike Spinks reported their next meeting scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> will include a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. for the proposed TIF district, followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. He has invited the County Assessor to the regular meeting to talk about the TIF base and how they arrive at the incremental amounts.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foutch reported that the Halloween party hosted by the police was successful.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Lorenz said he will be doing some training sessions with Jennifer McCoy and Rick Smeltzer.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Larry Parrish reported that Jim Schmidt is building a house on North Washington. He is requesting a culvert for his driveway. Larry would like to provide the proper sized culvert at Schmidt's cost. The cost of the culvert is \$717.00. By providing, Larry said he will ensure that it ties into the Town's system further down.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to allow Larry to pursue this action with Mr. Schmidt. The motion was seconded and passed.**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

John Hodge was on vacation.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Richard Lorenz reported that the initiatives at the 43 and 46 interchange were still proceeding by way of a meeting between the State Park and INDOT. He reported that it was looking positive and everyone involved is working to move towards this. If it continues on, it would extend the sewer system across 46 to include the park and other properties.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Highpoint Global meeting is scheduled to take place prior to the next meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

Dean Bruce reviewed the committee and board appointments that will need to be reassigned as a result of Cynthia Hyde's resignation. He offered to fill the Downtown Revitalization position but it was decided to hold off on the other vacancies until the replacement was named.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were presented and approved.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

/S/ JON STANTZ

Jon Stantz, President

/S/ DEAN BRUCE

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

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Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer