

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
March 21, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, and Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Wastewater Superintendent John Hodge, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, and Officer Tony Stevens

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Matt Sward, with SIDC, was present to discuss solicitation letters for the Downtown grant application. He reviewed the calendar of requirements and deadlines for submitting the application. He wanted to make sure that the Town could meet all deadlines in the process. Preliminary plans are for streetscapes from Morgan to Jefferson along Main Street. Matt suggested the Town not go through the RFQ process in order to save some time. If they select the engineer, they would be required to pay for that, but it would go towards the local match. The Town would still have the ability to interview the potential firms they are interested in, before making the decision.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to have Matt Sward contact certain engineering firms and set dates to have further discussions with them before making a decision. The motion was seconded and passed.

Invoice No. 0044327 in the amount of \$7,380 from GRW for the Safe Routes to School project was presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the invoice for payment. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Don Kivett asked for an update on the Demil property. He was inquiring about the cleanup and whether or not it would be done. There was no new information. Richard Lorenz offered that there was a sewer lien, but nothing else could be legally pursued against them. He also commented that we have been assured that there is no contamination of the water as a result of their business activities. Jon Stantz offered to call the government operation in Michigan who contracted with Demil, to see where things stand on this. Richard Lorenz offered to continue to contact Richard Treloar.

Fred Dorsett next spoke about cars driving through the strip of property that runs through the parking lot at the Christian Church. He said they are tearing up the property, and making the lot muddy. Jon Stantz said the town will see what they can do.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

No meeting scheduled for March. The next one will be April 20th.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Tony Stevens presented information for a sign that displayed speeds. An idea was to use this on Main Street to slow down the traffic. It also can be used in multiple places. The cost of this sign is \$2,500.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to purchase the radar sign from Elan City in the amount of \$2,500 to monitor speed. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Meeting with Commissioners is scheduled for the 28th of March.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish discussed a proposed street cut at the corner of Hillside and Park. The cut will go through the ADA corner, and Larry suggested that the cut be allowed if the owner fixed the corner to be in compliance with ADA. The Board agreed with his recommendation and Larry said he will contact MacMorran to advise him of the requirement.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported that he had to replace a grinder pump last week and would like approval for the invoice in the amount of \$2,350.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the invoice in the amount of \$2,350. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, John reported that he heard back from Jay Ferguson with Insituform Technologies and received a proposal to reline a 1,600 foot area of three sewer lines crossing North Street for \$66,179.20.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the proposal from Insituform for the rehab of the three lines in the amount of \$66,179,20. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Lorenz addressed an issue on some property on West Street. He will continue to work on it.

Larry Parrish asked if the Street Department should pick up where they left off last year as far as mowing vacant properties. The Board agreed they should.

Jon Stantz asked about the property located outside the sidewalk at Main and Morgan. Larry Parrish responded that the State owned that property. The issue was about parking in that area. Larry said the Town ordinance is that there should be no blocking of sidewalks. Lorenz suggested that the ordinance is the way to handle this, but the citation should be issued to the owner of the vehicle.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Brown Forman received approval for a permit from Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that she purchased a new printer from Jim Gordon and a three year maintenance contract for \$750.00.

Dean Bruce reported that he and Cynthia attended an OCRA conference explaining programs available from OCRA.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

/S/ JON STANTZ

Jon Stantz, President

/S/ DEAN BRUCE

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

/S/ CYNTHIA HYDE

Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer