

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
April 4, 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 Chief Foutch

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

Andrea Oedling spoke to the Board about plans for the MyPath project meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 5th. In addition to their plans for the trailhead, and the river section of the trail, they would like to have updates from the town on the sidewalks that will affect the trail. They plan on having a table where representatives from the Town will be able to answer questions from the public. Andrea Oedling reported that they will begin fundraising soon, and asking for donations to the project. She asked for cost specifics on the sidewalks for purposes of raising additional money. Larry Parrish reported that to replace a block, would cost approximately \$75,000.

Ryan White, with the State Police, spoke to the Town Board about the work with Chief Foutch on the most recent case he was working on that involved a missing child. He said Foutch proved himself as an officer and a leader by his hard work on the case. The Board acknowledged the recognition for Chief Foutch and the State Police.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported that at the next meeting on April 20th, he will have Tom Pitman, with Barnes & Thornburg to speak to the Board about the TIF process.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch discussed an upcoming meeting he will be involved in, with the Fair Board concerning use of the Town's property for parking. He said he will offer them some suggestions that will help them control this better. They will meet on May 2nd, and Richard Lorenz will attend this meeting as well.

He also presented a revised Ride-Along Agreement prepared by the Town Attorney for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the Ride Along Application and Waiver as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Cynthia Hyde reported that she and Jon Stantz interviewed a candidate for the part time Building Inspector's position, and they recommend that he be hired. The recommended candidate is Josh Lanham. The Commissioners approved the hiring this morning.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve the hire of Josh Lanham for the job. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish stated that the ADA work for this year is planned for the corners around the library. The street and alley work is being planned for Washington Street, around the armory, and taking into consideration the alleys. He is also looking into the alley by The Evening World.

Chief Foutch talked about truck traffic on 5th Avenue. Tri-State Timber said they were granted permission to use this, when there was work being done on the bridge. Larry Parrish said the roads are not made for fully loaded trucks, and he does not care that it be used for empty trucks. He suggested that a sign be used to direct the truck traffic. Richard Lorenz said he has a contact now with Brown Forman, and that the appropriate limits should be studied before meeting with them to resolve.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported the #2 mixer needs to be rebuilt. He got an estimate in the range of \$1,350 to \$1,500.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve this rebuild not to exceed \$1,500. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, John reported that there was a back up on Vandalia and he had to jet it out. He stated there was a lot of clothing blocking it that quite possibly came from the jail.

He presented two quotes for a jetter. The one John is recommending is a 600 gallon capacity and is at a discounted price of \$46,000 right now. John said having a jetter on hand will allow him to take a more proactive maintenance approach, as opposed to just using it when there is a problem. Jon Stantz asked to take these under advisement until the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

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

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Richard Lorenz suggested that the zoning be changed for the area that includes the Demil property from manufacturing to commercial. He said he will be in contact with the owner, and probably make a suggestion to the Town Board about this change in the near future.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz mentioned there was still an issue over the flow of traffic in and out of the strip mall where the Pizza Hut is located.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk-Treasurer presented appropriation reports and bank reconciliations for the first quarter of 2016. She also suggested that she and Jon Stantz schedule quarterly meetings to go over the financial reports in more detail. Jon agreed to do this.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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