

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
January 17, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Jon Stantz, Dean Bruce, Michael Spinks

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer, Cheryl Moke, Officer Tony Stevens, Sewer Superintendent, John Hodge, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz and Gwen Tucker, Economic Development.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael Spinks made a motion to accept the previous minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

There were no public issues.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Gwen Tucker reported on the sewer expansion project and the meeting at Hoosier Energy regarding the intersection at 43 and 46.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Michael Spinks reported that he and the Clerk-Treasurer met with with the County Assessor and Auditor to verify the data reported. They were unable to move forward with confirming the values of the two TIF Districts, because of an employee being out until the middle of February.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Lorenz reported on matters he is working on.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported on the department. He said he will be meeting with INDOT next week about various street light issues. He reported that he ordered another load of salt.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge completed the annual report and forwarded to the board members. He reported that the generator he had fixed by Cummins Crosspoint turned out to be more than he previously reported.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the invoice in the amount of \$1,504.18. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dean Bruce asked if there were any plans for cure-in-place in 2017. John said he had a plan but nothing the size he had done in the past few years for 2017.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Mike Spinks is the liaison to these boards and stated there was nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Mike Spinks reported on the last meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz presented the Ordinance 2017-01 ORDINANCE FOR CREATING DISHONORED CHECK PROCESSING FEE. The ordinance states that the Town will up its fee, to \$25.00.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-01, it was seconded and passed.

Next Richard Lorenz presented an Agreement for Financial and Accounting Consultation Services. The agreement is for a period of one year, for up to 100 hours at a rate of \$50 per hour to be used at the Clerk-Treasurer's discretion, for various projects.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Lorenz next commented that he was working with a group of business people to form a group to help mentor potential new business owners in the downtown district. He felt this group would be of help to the new businesses, existing businesses, and the community at large, in a synergistic approach.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

On the 26th of January, there will be an OCRA Awards presentation with The Town of Spencer being one of the recipients. Mike Spinks, Steve Withem and Gwen Tucker will be in attendance.

In the matter of the 46 Project, there has been some recent activity in regard to utilities. Some discussions ensued, and the consensus was that the general population will still not know what to expect. Leandra Sullivan from the Evening World stated that she wanted to run a series of articles to make everyone aware. There was also some discussion about setting up another meeting with INDOT to get an update. Jon Stantz will contact them.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk Treasurer presented an invoice from HWC Engineering for work done on the Downtown Streetscape Grant Project in the amount of \$4,418.75.

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

The Clerk Treasurer shared the cost of the recent State Board of Accounts audit for 2013 and 2014. The total cost was approximately \$12,000.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

/S/ JON STANTZ

Jon Stantz, President

/S/ DEAN BRUCE

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

/S/ MICHAEL SPINKS

Michael Spinks, Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer