

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
January 3, 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, Chief Richard Foutch, Sewer Superintendent, John Hodge, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Town Attorneys Richard Lorenz and Dan Cyr Also present, Jennie Osborne, Building Department and Gwen Tucker, Economic Development.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Dean Bruce nominated to retain Jon Stantz as president of the Board. The nomination was seconded and passed. Next, Jon Stantz nominated Dean Bruce as Vice President, this was also seconded and passed.

The next order of business was to appoint Board Appointments. A copy of these appointments is attached to the minutes for the record.

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

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Michael Spinks reported they have completed the process for the 2nd TIF district. He also reported that he and the Clerk-Treasurer would meet with the County Assessor and Auditor to verify the data reported.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported on an electrical repair to the lighting system in the garage. Cassidy Electric was able to come right over and repair the faulty wiring. He presented a quote from Neal Tires to replace the two back tires on the backhoe in the amount of \$1,083.

Jon Stantz made a motion to replace the tires from Neal Tire. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge had to leave the meeting to see about an emergency maintenance. Jon Stantz read his report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reviewed a contract with Smart Bill for the utility billing service. The Board discussed the terms of the contract, and decided that a 5-year term was preferable.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the terms of the agreement for a term of 5 years. The motion was seconded and passed.

The next discussion was about the NSF charges. Currently, the charges are \$6.00, but the Clerk-Treasurer recommended they be raised to \$25.00.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request to increase the NSF charges from \$6.00 to \$25.00.

Mr. Lorenz presented a response from the Town Board to the interview of Richard Treloar, of Demil Inc. in the Evening World.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the response, and ask the Evening World to publish it in the same manner that the original article was published. The motion was seconded and passed. The response was delivered to Michael Stanley.

Next, Mr. Lorenz asked that the Board to retain Hickam & Lorenz as their legal counsel for 2017.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the retention of Hickam & Lorenz. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Clerk-Treasurer requested the Board to agree to a draft contract with Official Payments for credit card payments by customers. This company will be replacing Payment Services Network, because they are a partner of the new software company, and will have access to the account balances. Currently, the Town is required to upload balances to PSN in order to make them available to the customer. After the software change, the Town will not be able to do this. Also, the ability for the customer to access his/her own payment history will be possible with the new company. There are no charges to the Town.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve contracting the services of Official Payments contingent upon the cancellation with the current vendor. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 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