

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
October 16, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Dean Bruce and Michael Spinks. Jon Stantz was absent.

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Street Supt., Larry Parrish. Sewer Supt. Hodge. Chief Marshal Foutch was absent.

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

The first order of business is to adopt the 2018 Budget. Ordinance 2017-15 was presented by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2018. The motion was seconded and passed.

Don Kivett provided his observations on the Demil cleanup. He reported they brought in excavation equipment, but beyond piling the rubbish, there has been no progress made. He also reported that he had a yard sign "Raccoon Crossing" that had been stolen. Richard Lorenz reported he stopped in his office, and had a number of excuses for not working on the cleanup.

Rhonda Farmer spoke to the Board about the need to have a dog park in town. She was advised to work on a plan and a budget and request to be on the agenda at a later date to present to the Board.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The next meeting date has been moved to October 25th. Nothing else to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported that he sold the surplus car to Brothers Auto and received \$2,350. He then purchased a 2012 engine from them for \$3,220. He also got Sims Auto to agree to install the engine for around \$1,000. Total cost should come in at \$1,870. It also has a one year warranty.

Mike Spinks made a motion to go ahead with the installation of the new engine, not to exceed \$2,000. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported his seasonal workers started. He spoke to Milestone about doing their annual paving, but hasn't heard back yet on one they could start.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported that the manhole at Washington and Morgan will need to be repaired by INDOT since it was already part of the budget. He also reported that he would like to have permission to update all the blowers in the plant. This would allow him to use high-efficiency filter. These are more efficient and last longer. He would like to do this next spring and received a quote for \$5,722.70 that he would like to lock in.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the change out of the blowers in the spring of 2018 for the amount of \$5,722.70. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that Jon Stantz asked Jennifer Osborne to make a list of unpaved parking lots in the Town. These will need to be paved to be up to code.

The Attorney reported that an informal meeting between the Building Dept. and a representative of the Town will be set up to address some ongoing projects.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported that they are working on reviewing the ordinances that were passed at the last meeting, and getting them in a summary format for publishing. They will be completed and published in the near future.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

In regard to the Downtown Streetscape project, Mike Spinks provided a schedule and reported they are ahead of schedule by about a week. The issue with creating an ADA entry at the Economic Development office is still being worked on. Jon Stantz had presented a possible solution to the engineer and he is studying it.

The INDOT project is on schedule. They are still planning on completing the area west of Main Street by December 1st.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

 Absent
Jon Stantz, President

/S/ DEAN BRUCE
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

/S/ MICHAEL SPINKS
Michael Spinks, Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer