

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
March 6, 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, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz

**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**

Representatives from the American Legion asked question about the schedule for the Downtown Streetscape. They inquired about their ramp and flagpole and said both would be returned as is.

Sam Hobbs, Owen County Sheriff, commented on the closing of the recycling center. He offered his assistance, with inmates is we needed it, for the Town Cleanup Day. He said he had equipment that could be used as well.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Nothing to report.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foutch reported that the K-9 vehicle had been in an accident earlier today. He will report back when he gets an estimate on the repairs.

He reported on the resident on south West Street who is continuously in violation for his property being a nuisance due to accumulated rubbish and junk. Chief Foutch recommended that the ordinances be worked on so that they are clearer and easier to enforce. Next, he gave a year-to-date report on his case load. He reported it is up over the prior year.

Lastly, he reported that he met with some Cook executives where they discussed a list of items that the they might purchase for the department. A second meeting will be set up at a later date, and Michael Spinks will attend it along with Chief Foutch.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Larry Parrish reported that he got an estimate for paving the MyPath parking lot. The estimate was for \$25,200. MyPath asked if this was something the Town could pay for. It was not included in the asphalt budget, so if the Town picked up the costs, it would come from the EDIT fund. Mike Spinks made a suggestion that maybe the Town share the cost instead of footing the entire bill. Jon Stantz said he would call Andrea Oeding and discuss it with her. Larry also mentioned was waiting for confirmation that the lot could be paved, and was not in the floodway.

Next he reported that Community Gas wanted to make cuts along the sidewalks to move lines on Hillside in the area that would be included in the Safe Routes to School project later this year. Jon reported the letting the SRTS project would not occur until August 9<sup>th</sup>, and the project would probably not take place until later in the fall, or the Spring of 2018.

Larry will go back and discuss with them, but the consensus was, the sidewalks could not be cut up for six months.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Nothing to report.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING**

Nothing to report.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

Mike Spinks, currently the liaison to the Board, offered to take fill the vacancy recently created by the resignation of Marty workman. He would assume that position without pay, since he was also a Town Board member. Jon Stantz made a motion to appoint Michael Spinks for the vacant Board seat. The motion passed 2-0, with Michael Spinks abstaining.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Richard Lorenz presented a bond for the sewer department that will cover any construction work performed anywhere. This is a new requirement by the State.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the new bond for the sewer department. It was seconded and passed.**

Richard Lorenz suggested again, a joint meeting with all interested parties regarding MyPath and the continuing operating costs. A discussion of who is responsible for what should take place to make sure there is a full understanding.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

In regards to the 46 Project, a meeting will be planned towards the end of March to update everyone. Jon Stantz said that INDOT did not want to have the meeting until after the awarding of the contract which should be around March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Richard Lorenz said that meeting might be a good time to talk to them about the intersection at 43 and 46.

Richard Lorenz asked if anyone had heard back about the Demil property. He suggested that the next Planning Commission meeting, should be used to change the zoning on the Demil property.

A work session will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to discuss parking meters and parking in general.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

Jon Stantz talked about the Town Cleanup Day. He talked about providing trash bags to the Town residents and having it picked up, using the offer made by Sam Hobbs. He will check into the cost of bags and organizing the project.

Mike Spinks asked about the Comcast contract for receiving franchise fees. He would like to review the contract. The Clerk-Treasurer said she would request a copy.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were presented and approved.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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