

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
April 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, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

David Ralston, with ELEVATE made a presentation to the Board about BIVVY, a new application for mapping the Town assets. After the presentation, the Board agreed to discuss further what they might want to include, and requested a proposal from Mr. Ralston.

An event request was presented for the Owen Valley Sports Complex annual period to be held on April 29th starting at 9 a.m. This year's parade route will begin and end at the complex. They are asking for a street closure along Hyden Road, and some traffic assistance from the police. **Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request from the Owen Valley Sports Complex for their annual parade. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Next, Rick Hero came before the Board to request an adjustment for a sewer leak. The leak occurred within a 12-month period since the last request for an adjustment. According to the Town ordinance, an adjustment can only be requested once in a 12-month period. The Board considered his request, but denied it because of the ordinance.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

An update on the reporting requirements from Gateway, and the information provided by the Auditor's office was discussed. The Clerk-Treasurer will continue to work with Gateway and the Auditor's office to get the correct information for filing by the 17th of April.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch was absent. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that she spoke with Progressive and they were informed that the K-9 vehicle was totaled. The value for the totaled vehicle was \$8,215.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported that he had a request from Thornridge to reduce the speed limit to 20 miles per hour. Mr. Lorenz stated that no speed limit can be reduced below 30 mph, without a study on the entire town.

Next Larry reported that Duke Energy did an energy audit for his department. The report showed that if he changed lighting, he could realize a 38% savings. The cost of the project will be \$3,786.44, which would be recovered in savings over the next 3 years.

Mike Spinks made a motion to allow Larry to pursue this project. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jon Stantz reported that he spoke to Andrea Oeding about paying half the cost to pave the lot for the MyPath trailhead. She asked for 30 days in order to get funding.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on maintenance at the plant and collections. He requested that he be allowed to order another dewatering bag for about \$1,550.00. He also made a request to be allowed to contact Fluid Systems to come down and clean the 5th Street lift station.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow John Hodge to purchase the ne dewatering bag, and also to have Fluid Systems to clean the 5th Street pumping station. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Michael Spinks reported that the Fire Territory will take care of the surplus equipment and resolution. Mr. Lorenz reminded the board that this needed to be a joint resolution, and he would coordinate this.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Mike Spinks reported that a preliminary meeting was held with a property owner who wished to subdivide a lot among three owners. The property owner has some parameters to work on before this can be presented for approval.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz asked for an update on the Bauer property, and the meters for the downtown project. He also suggested that he get together with a board member to look at some lots that may be suitable for a parking lot. Mike Spinks agreed to go with him. Further discussion about parking meters took place, and the board agreed to meet on Tuesday, April 11th at 5 p.m. to continue the discussion about meters.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz gave an update from Corey Whitesell on the Downtown project.

He also updated the Board on the 46 project. A construction meeting will be scheduled at the high school in the next couple of weeks.

Clean up Day update: Will take place on May 20th, 2,000 bags will be ordered for distribution to residents. Sam Hobbs will provide work-release help for pickup. There will be a notification place on the next sewer bill. Also, on the same day, C.A.R.S. will be offering an electronics cleanup at the former Pells building.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the Town would have to return to the employee contribution for health insurance. It is a requirement by the federal government. There would be additional requirements if the Town were to continue to be not in compliance. She will look into the minimum contribution required. Also, a representative from S.T.A.R.T. will be at a future meeting to describe a retirement plan offered to by the State in addition to PERF.

Jon Stantz talked about creating a program for interns for the Town. There is a program being proposed by the Spencer Owen Community Schools, that he felt we could benefit from this program.

The Clerk-Treasurer said that Mike Spinks and she will look into applying for the Community Crossings Grant.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

/S/ JON STANTZ

Jon Stantz, President

/S/ BRUCE DEAN

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

/S/ MICHAEL SPINKS

Michael Spinks, Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer