

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
May 1, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.  
Municipal Building  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460

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

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**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES**

Nancy Lorenz made a presentation on behalf of Rural Transit. She talked about the funding for running the service, and the shortfall they are facing. She requested the Town make a line item in the 2018 budget, as a sustaining item, because they are facing a projected deficit of \$39,587. Jon Stantz said they would take this under advisement, and get back to her.

Next on the agenda, a representative from the Sports Complex requested permission to reschedule the Little League parade to Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> due to a rain-out for the original date. Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the change, and it was seconded and approved.

Todd Williams, with Hoosier S.T.A.R.T spoke about a state benefit plan available for additional retirement savings. This program can be started by passing a resolution, and it can start with employee contribution only, and if the Town decides to contribute that can be added at a later date. Because the plan is available to all State employees, it is cost effective. He included a sample resolution, that if the town adopts, employees can enroll in the program at any time. There is no requirement to have a certain percentage of participants to begin.

Next, Randy Patterson spoke to the Council about the Demil property. He has property that borders on one side, and he says it is a mess. He made a proposal to the Board, that if they were to move forward with cleaning it up, he has a son-in-law who is willing to do this, without charge. Mr. Lorenz said presently, the property is privately owned, and it would take a court action to take any steps. He said that the Town is prepared to take action this month to move it along. Mike Sudol also inquired about the property, and asked if Demil was violating any town ordinances. Lorenz said he was looking at State statute in this case. Mike Sudol also said he contacted the owner today, and he mentioned that he was planning on coming here in the next six to eight weeks. Both Randy Patterson and Mike Sudol offered their assistance to moving forward on this issue.

Cory Whitesell brought the tabulations for the two bids received for the downtown project. Both bids were well over the budget. The low bid was from CDI in the amount of \$1,061,268, but that left a \$200,000 gap. He had an alternate bid that took out tree grates, the metal bench, a portion of the brick pavers, and parking meters, and it would reduce the gap by about \$100,000 but still be short. He said there were several mathematical errors, which also caused him concern. CDI is a good contractor, but this isn't there area.

Options for moving forward, are 1) award it to the lowest bidder with the alternatives. 2) Come up with some additional alternatives such as leaving out the limestone, but it would possibly put it into a rebid situation. 3) Another option could be to have Duke do the lighting, and pay for it over time. 4) Last option is to rebid the project (if the construction time could be expanded, they might get more bidders).

The information Cory shared was taken under advisement for further discussion. There was also some discussion about the timing of the construction time if they were to reopen bids. The Board agreed to have a work session on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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

Jenny Osborne presented a recommendation to the Board for subdividing property owned by Mike Sudol for developing three homes. All these homes will be sold as private residences. **Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the plan as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.**

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Lorenz reported that the project for improving the intersection at 43 and 46 was moving forward and the next step will be scoring.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the DLGF was in contact, and recognizes that the County Auditor's office still has an issue with reporting the correct base year. There were some suggestions on how this could be fixed, and she forwarded that on to the courthouse.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foutch reported that the replacement police vehicle (2014 Dodge Interceptor) is available to them, pending approval for \$27,500.

**Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the purchase. Motion was seconded and passed.**

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Larry Parrish reported that Master Seal came and did a demonstration of their rubberized crack seal. If the Street Dept. buys the material, the company will bring their truck and apply the material. This process is longer lasting, and is a much better. He requested that he be allowed to purchase a skid (2,200 lbs. @ \$1.00/lb.) and to start using.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to allow the purchase of the skid. The motion was seconded and passed.**

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

John Hodge reported that he hauled sludge using Young Trucking last week. He also requested that he be allowed to purchase another sludge bag. Additionally, a grinder pump went out on Parks Street, and he had to replace it a cost of \$2,350. He would also like to order a spare pump, with the proper cord, for \$2,425 for the next time a pump goes out.

**Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the purchase of the bag, and the purchase of the two pumps. The request was seconded and passed.**

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

The new truck will be picked up tomorrow.

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

Mr. Lorenz reminded the Board that the grant program for funding local roads and streets was coming up again. Mike Spinks and Cheryl will attend an upcoming meeting, and complete the process for the Town.

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

Jon Stantz reviewed the Town's plans for cleanup day to take place on May 20<sup>th</sup>. He will get a flyer made up for distribution in the next couple of days. He also reported that the Bauer Tire cleanup is still ongoing.

Cheryl Moke asked about the layers for the ELEVATE proposal. She agreed to go forward with gathering the information and maps.

### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

The Clerk-Treasurer shared a report that shows the expenses for the General Fund, compared to the budget. She also shared a Fund Report she is working, and although it's close, she is still checking all the figures for accuracy.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were presented and approved.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

/S/ JON STANTZ \_\_\_\_\_

Jon Stantz, President

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Dean Bruce, Vice President

/S/ MICHAEL SPINKS \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Spinks, Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE \_\_\_\_\_

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer