

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
May 15, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Dan Cyr. Street Superintendent Larry Parrish was absent.

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

Brad Arthur presented an event on behalf of Brotherhood Scholarship Car Show for approval. The event is to be held on 8/12/2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Cooper Park. He also requested barricades to be used at the entrance to the parking lot.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event request. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, the Board considered the re-appointment of Steve Cradick to the OVFT Board.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the re-appointment. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, the Board considered the bids for the Downtown Streetscape Project. Two bids were received, both came in higher than estimated. CDI offered to remove an item, but it still remained over budget. After consideration, and discussions with the Engineer and the Grant Administrator a decision to extend the time of the project, and make certain items alternates in the bidding process was proposed.

Jon Stantz made a motion to reject both bids for the project, and to proceed with rebidding the project with a list of alternates. The time for completing the project will also extend into 2018 to add flexibility to the contractors.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Via email, Gwen Tucker brought up the following three items for discussion:

1. Regarding the downtown streetscape project, the Chamber and Spencer Main Street are willing to champion the tree project on Main Street between Market and Jefferson. When you are ready for us to move forward and start advertising and collecting donations, please let me know. I will need to know the cost per tree, timeline, etc.
2. EDC Roundtable is this Wednesday, (5/17) at 10am in the IGA Building. Dr. Briggs will be giving an update on the school corporation and representatives from USDA Rural Development will be on hand to present. All are welcome.
3. We are in the process of starting a county-wide economic development strategy plan. In anticipation of applying for funding through OCRA, the first step is an income study. When speaking with Mike Spinks, we have discussed the possibility of doing a joint study to include the Town of Spencer as well as possibly the Town of Gosport. The income study is required by OCRA. Is there any interest in the council joining efforts with the EDC to conduct the income study and possibly move forward with a joint Economic Development Strategy plan? If so, I will approach Gosport with a similar proposal. Income study will cost approximately \$2,000 and will be good for 4 years. Therefore, the study can be used for future grant requests.

Dean Bruce said he would suggest that we get together with Matt Sward to see where we are, but he thought it would be a good idea to partner with the County to proceed with the study. Jon Stantz said he would contact Gwen tomorrow.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report. He mentioned that the reserves were concentrating on enforcing town ordinances on weekends, and following up on complaints.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the maintenance and operations of the sewer plant and collection system. Because of the inflow into the system during the recent rains, he discussed finding where the leaks are over the next couple of weeks, and do rehab to stop it.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Dan Cyr presented the tax abatement documents for Cook, Inc. to the Board for signatures. **Dean Bruce made a motion to the Client Statement of Benefits for Tax Abatement from Cook, Inc. The motion was seconded and passed.**

In regard to the Demil property, Jon Stantz asked if the attorney could send a letter, along with pictures to the owner regarding the violations. Dan Cyr commented that they were moving ahead with a law suit against him.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz gave an update on the Cleanup Day. It will be on May 20th, rain or shine. Information has been shared via the Evening World, Facebook, and various postings around town.

In regard to SRTS, an invoice from GRW was presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve invoice No. 0047364 in the amount of \$2,290 for the design phase of the Safe Routes to School Project. The motion was seconded and passed.

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 7:59 p.m.

/S/ JON STANTZ

Jon Stantz, President

/S/ DEAN BRUCE

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

ABSENT

Michael Spinks, Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer