

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
September 5, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Cyr, Street Supt., Larry Parrish. Sewer Supt. Hodge and Chief Marshal Foutch were 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

Lois West requested an adjustment to a sewer bill that through default, she is now responsible for. The details of the bill were reviewed, and the Clerk-Treasurer offered to remove the late charges that had accumulated. She said she would recalculate and get back to the Board and Lois with the proposed adjustment.

Josh and Randy Dean, owners of Dean Trucking talked to the Board regarding issues with coming to and from their business on Hillside since the construction. They are unable to manage the turn at Hillside and West, so they have been traversing Hillside to 67/231. They never use this route during school hours, and their trucks are not loaded at the time they drive it. They do realize that it is not the official truck route, but feel it is the safest route for them. After some discussion, the Board agreed that they could continue to use this route during the construction period, but they must obey all traffic signs for stopping and speed limits.

Jon Stantz was presented with an Event request for the Tractor Club for next July. He asked that it be tabled until all Board members were present, and so he could get a little more information.

Jon Stantz brought up an email from Dean Bruce regarding the parade route for the Apple Butter Festival. It had been approved at the last meeting, but since then the Parks Board requested that they not stage it at Cooper Park. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Parade route not be altered.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks discussed an issue regarding Boston Scientific and their request for an assessment appeal. Dan Cyr agreed to look into this and set up a meeting with the Assessor's office to see what can be done about this on behalf of the Town.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mike Spinks reported that a replacement car had been located in the amount of \$30,767.25. Some discussion took place, and it was decided to delay the purchase of this vehicle until more information on what they currently have, and what else they could find as a replacement.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

The Community Crossings Grant was discussed. The latest information was that there was a greater response this year, and the announcement of who gets the grants has been delayed until the middle to the middle of September.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge is on vacation.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Dan Cyr discussed the agreement between the Town of Spencer and Demil. Jon Stantz was apprised of the agreement, prior to the hearing and approved. Dan Cyr also stated if he doesn't comply with the agreement, then he will be found in contempt of court.

Dan Cyr next discussed the amendment to the first TIF district. The amendment will remove the residential properties, because they add no value to the district, but can be detrimental if they lose their assessed values.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-06. A resolution of the Spencer Town Board Approving the Amended Declaratory Resolution, Economic Development Area and Economic Development Plan. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Dan Cyr asked Larry Parrish about the status of parking along Hillside. Larry said he would review the signage first to see what is currently in place, and see if additional signs are needed.

A decision on the change in the meter rates will need to be made, and an ordinance approved, prior to the purchase of the new meter heads. Also, there will be a change to parking permits at this time. This change will probably take place at the first of the year. Also, if there is a change to the penalty for driving violations, this ordinance will have to be changed prior to taking effect.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

No update on the INDOT project.

In regard to the Downtown Streetscape project, the west side of Main (Jefferson to Market) is 90% complete, and the east side will start in the next couple of days. There will be an update meeting on September 6th to discuss where they are in more detail. They have removed the tank, and are removing soil samples and are keeping all costs in a change order. There may be additional tanks along Main Street. Dan Cyr said that there might be some reimbursements available from IDEM, and he agreed to look into this further.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the MyPath organization owns the shelter house and a few more items such as benches and tables. They have decided to gift it back to the Town. At that time, the Town will have it covered by their insurance.

Jon Stantz reported that he received a letter from INDOT and the Safe Routes to School project has been awarded to OLCO, Inc. in the amount of \$185,452.85. He also stated that the Town had been billed for their portion which is \$37,090.41, which payment is required in advance.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

/S/ JON STANTZ
Jon Stantz, President

/S/ MICHAEL SPINKS
Michael Spinks, Member

ABSENT
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

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