

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
January 16, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Michael Spinks, Dean Bruce and Jon Stantz

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, and Chief Marshal Foutch, and Sewer Supt. John Hodge.

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

There was no one present from the public to discuss the proposed dog park. Mike Spinks recapped where the Town was on this. Other than properties that were acquired from FEMA, the Town does not own anything else that doesn't have a structure on it. The properties acquired during the flood have restrictions, and nothing can be erected on the site without first getting an approval by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Richard Lorenz also discussed what Bloomington Parks are currently done. Mike Spinks made a suggestion that this discussion be tabled until the spring (around March). He also stated he wanted to make sure that there was some property that was useable before the idea of a park is pursued.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Cassandra Toth introduced the newest member of their team, Community & Economic Development Specialist, Kathy Mayer.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 17th.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that all meters are programmed. He also reported that he would be purchasing Taser cartridges for training. The total cost is \$1,410.91.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the purchase in that amount. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mike Spinks reported that Cook Inc. has delivered a check in the amount of \$25,000 to go towards the cost of communications with the County Zuercher system.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Jennifer Osborne was reported that there is a horse barn in the planning stages for the Fair Board to be located on Town property. She also asked if the fees could be waived for the permits to build. Mr. Lorenz pointed out that this would have to be approved by both Boards, and if the Town approves the waiver, she will have to still get approval from the county commissioners.

Jon Stantz made a motion to waive the building permits associated with the construction of the horse barn. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Jennie asked to waive the permit fees in conjunction with the inspection of the electrical hookup for the new downtown lights that are being installed.

Jon Stantz made a motion to waive the inspection fees associated with the lampposts inspection. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish was not present and there was no report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the plant and collections. He reported that the lift station went out at 5th Ave., it's up and running, but still need work. He has a quote from BBC Pump for repairs of in the amount \$1,762.00.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$1,762 for the repair. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Mike Spinks reported on the last meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz had nothing new to report. He reminded the Board to review the purchasing ordinance once again after he made some corrections. He also suggested to markup and changes and get it back to his office for corrections. They discussed the possibility of planning a work session to discuss the updated ordinances. The Board agreed to hold the session on March 15th at 6:00 p.m. to review ordinances.

Mike Spinks shared an email he received from Tami Snodgrass regarding a property at 227 Beem Street. A neighbor had been inquiring about the status of her complaint. The court heard the case a couple of months ago, the judge took it under advisement, but they have not made a decision yet. Mr. Lorenz said he has no way of knowing when this will be decided.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Nothing new to report on Demil. The next hearing is on February 8th.

Mike Spinks reported that they are still waiting on the installation of the lampposts. He will also meet with Lee Hess from Bloomington to get some advice on trees.

Jon Stantz reported that he met with INDOT and the Contractor for the Safe Routes to School project recently. They estimated that the project will take approximately four weeks to complete. The project includes sidewalks from Main to about the Stello corporation. There will be new sidewalks on both sides. They also requested that they be allowed to use the Municipal building for their project update meetings.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Dean Bruce asked about a drainage problem on Fletcher Street. Jon Stantz said it was related to some downspouts on a building nearby, and he will take care of it.

There were a couple of discussions regarding the traffic on the east end of Town on both Franklin and Morgan. Jon Stantz offered to talk to Greg Prince and Steve White to see if they could resolve some of the issues.

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/ MIKE SPINKS
Mike Spinks, President

/S/ JON STANTZ
Jon Stantz, Member

/S/ DEAN BRUCE
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

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