

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
November 5, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.  
Municipal Building  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460

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

**Also, present** Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Interim Street Superintendent Tony Floyd, Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke and Sewer Superintendent 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**

Jeremy Johnson, with Allstate made a presentation to the Board about employee benefits. The Town Supervisors will check with their employees to see if there is an interest in hearing more about what they have to offer.

Pete Withem approached the Board about adopting the covenants for Thornridge by the Town of Spencer. His main issues are parking along the streets, and the speed limit. After some discussion, the Board said they would take some of the suggestions under consideration, but could not adopt the covenants of a neighborhood.

The Board discussed some drainage issues caused by new construction at 313 E. Hillside, as well as other locations. The consensus was to take a further look at it to see if there was anything that would alleviate the water accumulation, both for the short-term and for future construction. They requested that Jon Stantz head this investigation.

Ordinance 2018-14, which requires permits for Dumpsters occupying parking spaces, was presented to the Board.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the ordinance; the motion was seconded and passed.**

Ordinance 2018-15 To Amend Personnel Policy, add section 707 regarding reimbursement policy for training and equipment. Discussion took place regarding this proposed policy and it was determined that more definitive language regarding what training and equipment would be included, at what cost, and the length of the contract (example). The Board tabled this until the language was completed.

Next up, Ordinance 2018-16 regarding repair facilities and use of town streets was brought up for discussion. The Board decided that they would discuss this after their work session that would include the interested parties' input. The work session was set for Monday, December 3, 6:00 PM, prior to the regular meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No report.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Jenny Osborne presented a change of zoning for a property located on North Street from Commercial to R-1. The Planning Board unanimously approved it. There was also a request to waive the fee for this change, which the Planning Board also approved.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the zoning request, and the related fee. The motion was seconded and passed.**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foutch was absent. Austin Combs reported on police department matters.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to purchase and install a new radar system in the new vehicle from JTN for \$1,900.00. The motion was second and passed.**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Tony Floyd asked for permission to hire the candidate, Scott Barnett, for the open street department position.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to offer Scott Barnett the position. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Next, Tony reported that because of the shortage in street personnel, the employees be allowed to carry over their vacation overage to March 31, 2019, instead of forcing them to use or lose it. This is a one-time request, for the street department only.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to allow the street personnel to extend their time for three months to use up excess vacation time. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Tony next reported that he received two bids to repair cave-in to the storm sewer on Franklin behind the Mexican restaurant. Once was from Milestone for \$22,761.99 to remove and completely rebuild the area. Arexco bid \$12,500 to rebuild the box, as Milestone proposed, and \$4,500 to replace the lid only. They recommended that the replacement of the lid should be sufficient because the walls were still good, and the last time the lid was not steel-reinforced.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the bid from Arexco for the lid replacement for \$4,500. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Tony reported that he located two used 1998 International dump trucks that are snow ready. He said they are in very good condition. They are asking \$22,000 for each of them. Tony recommended that, if possible, the Town should purchase both of these. He said these are both better than anything he has now and his current truck inventory is in need of upgrades.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the request to purchase both these trucks for \$44,000 using EDIT funds. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Tony asked about the block on Fairview, north of Franklin to the Highway about paving. The Board stated that this section is part of the detour, so the State should be responsible. Jon Stantz will get in touch with Greg Prince to confirm. Jon also will follow up on the house at 117 N Washington Street that had their sidewalks ripped up because of a water line error. In addition, some line of sight issues need to be followed up on.

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

Jon Hodge reported on the plant. He also reported that he would be leaving on vacation and will not be at the next meeting.

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

Richard Lorenz will not be at the next meeting. He also clarified that Town ordinance tickets pertaining to property, parking and other "non-moving" violations are collectible by the Town. However, moving violations, like speeding, sign ordinances or anything when a car is moving or not collectible by the Town. These must be collected through the prosecutor's office.

***Note: This is still in discussion how procedures need to change here, but the tickets issued say to pay within 7 days at the Clerk's office. This is the major issue.***

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

Clerk-Treasurer presented reports for the Fund balances at October 31 to the Board.

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

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

Claims were presented and approved.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

/s/ Mike Spinks  
Mike Spinks, President

/s/ Dean Bruce  
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

ABSENT  
Jon Stantz, Member

Attest /s/ Cheryl Moke  
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer