

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
May 7th, 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 Deputy Marshal Austin Combs, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, and Sewer Superintendent John Hodge

**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**

First order of business was to approve Change Order #5 for the Downtown Streetscape. There is a decrease in contract price for \$29,194.41. The decrease is due to final quantity adjustments.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the change order. The motion was seconded and passed.**

The next item on the agenda was for approval of pay application #5 for the Downtown Streetscape project payable to Milestone Contractors for \$46,930. The entire amount will be paid from EDIT funds.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the payment of pay application #5. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Next on the agenda, the Board considered two options for a Firewall for the police interface with the County. The option for the firewall, without the monitoring of transactions for \$2,500 was recommended by AME. They said it will meet our needs, and if we should need monitoring services, it can be added later.

**Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the quotation for \$2,500 for the Firewall only. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Brad Arthur presented an event request for Brotherhood Scholarship Car & Tractor Show to be held at Cooper Park on July 21 from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. He is requesting barricades to close off entrances into the park.

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

Next on the Agenda is **Resolution No. 2018-04, A Joint Resolution Authorizing The Transfer of Title of A Vehicle Found to be Surplus.** This resolution is between the Town of Spencer and the Town of Worthington for transfer of a 2010 Dodge Charger, VIN# 2B3AA4CT1AH240557 for the sum of \$8,500.

**A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 2018-04 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Next item was a discussion of the interlocal agreement between the Town of Spencer and Owen County. Richard Lorenz is working on final amendments pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act as it pertains to each entity. Richard Lorenz pointed out that the purpose of this agreement is to combine the resources of two interactive law enforcement agencies in this jurisdiction.

Jack Noel requested a leak adjustment request on behalf of his mother's property on Franklin Street. He said they have been plagued with numerous leaks over approximately 15 months. Since most of the water did not pass through the sewer service, he does not feel he should be responsible for paying for the charges. The Town calculated an adjustment based on their

policy and applied it to the outstanding bill. After the leaks began, payments were made only sporadically. The current balance is \$1,911.30. After some consideration, the Board made an offer to make a one-time adjustment for \$500, providing Mr. Noel bring the bill back up current within two months **and make sure all leaks are fixed**. They also agreed this would be the last time this account will receive adjustment outside of policy.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to make a sewer adjustment for \$500 as stipulated. The motion was seconded and passed.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Don Bingham reported on what the OCED was currently working on.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

Austin Combs updated the Board on department matters.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

There was a question regarding a request for a fire pit. After the Fire Department looks at it for safety, Jenny Osborn will make a recommendation to the Board for approval.

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

Larry Parrish reported on department matters. His crew currently is working on street repairs, while trying not to interfere with the INDOT construction. Jon Stantz asked Larry if he would remove two black gum trees from 78 W. Wayne St.

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

John Hodge reported on the plant and collections maintenance. There was some discussion about what equipment he might need to upgrade his equipment. John said he would look into pricing a roto roter that would improve their efficiency and cost.

John asked for permission to replace the VOD meter. The cost to replace is \$2,572.99.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the purchase of a new meter for \$2,572.99. The motion was seconded and passed.**

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

A Planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May16th, 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Richard Lorenz commented that the sample sidewalk programs were an excellent starting point for putting together our own plan. The Clerk-Treasurer offered to update them with Spencer's information wherever possible, and provide copies to the Board to review for later discussion.

Mike Wood prepared a study in the Mayfair addition, that pointed out problems, not only during the construction period, but ongoing that will need to be addressed. Regarding the changes in speed limits and load limits, Lorenz said that temporary changes could be made, but it would be difficult to enforce and change consistently. Other discussions about speed signs, lack of sidewalks, and the presence of children all need to be taken into consideration long-term. There were some suggestions about controlling traffic by closing streets, but unless INDOT agrees, nothing can be done.

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

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

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were presented and approved.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

/S/ MIKE SPINKS \_\_\_\_\_

Mike Spinks, President

/S/ DEAN BRUCE \_\_\_\_\_

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

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

Jon Stantz, Member

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

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer