

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
July 2, 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 Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Chief Richard Foutch, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge and Street Superintendent Larry Parrish.

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

Chris Myers, with Area 10 updated the Board on the statistics for the Rural Transit for the past year and the first part of 2018. She stated they were on track to have the same number of trips as the prior year. She presented a budget that shows a shortfall of funds for the Owen County area of \$16,600. She said she continues to reach out to various organizations to solicit additional funds. She has also been in contact with Cook and Boston. Mike Spinks thanked her for her work, and said the Town will do what they can to support them.

Next up, Jack White with Emergency Management Services to present the 2018 Plan. He asked that the Board sign the acknowledgement that they received a copy. He will also provide a copy for the Street and Sewer Departments.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the Emergency plan with Owen County. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Pete Hodge spoke about parking issues mentioned at the prior meeting. There was discussion regarding who can park on residential streets, and who has control of that car. The question is, whether a business can use residential streets to queue up for repairs. Mr. Hodge pointed out, that the cars do not remain there after business hours. He repeatedly said he would like to be involved in a work session to resolve any issues surrounding his business. Mr. Lorenz suggested that work session be moved to later in the year when traffic patterns are back to normal.

Tammy Bingham, with the Tivoli Theater presented an event request for Halloween Happenings for October 26, from 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Their request was for the Haunted Hayride which originates in the Courthouse parking lot, travels south down Main Street, and travels across the bridge to the MyPath Trail. They will continue with a haunted trail walk, and return by the same route. They are planning on approximately three trips that evening. They received approval for their event request from the County, earlier today.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the event as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Don Bingham updated the Board on a conference he recently attended.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 18.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that the Zuercher program is up and running. He also commented on the traffic situation with the INDOT project.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Donna Dorsett approached the Board regarding brush and overgrowth in the alley between Main and Montgomery. A suggestion was made that the newspaper put a notice in the paper

reminding people at this time of the year, to make sure their vegetation is cut back from alleyways and sidewalks. The Board said they would look into it, and see what can be done.

Larry Parrish presented a rock salt quote for 2019 from Detroit Salt. He asked for approval to purchase, if necessary, 120 tons @ 94.09/ton for a total of \$11,397.60.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the quote as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported that there were several lines that needed to be jetted.

Mike Spinks made a motion to allow John to schedule service as needed. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Richard Lorenz reported they had a good productive meeting regarding re-zoning properties to be better aligned with the Town's plans.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz continues to work on ordinance amendments.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Sidewalk Program will be tabled until Jon Stantz is available to review and comment. If any changes are needed, the Board needs to provide comments to the Clerk-Treasurer so she can make revisions. The proposal is for next year's budget for \$50,000 from EDIT funds.

Mike Spinks had a proposed change to seal or replace the concrete in front of NAPA. There are a couple of options. Sealing would be at no cost to the Town, but replacement would cost \$12,000, and the cost would be split.

Dean Bruce made a motion to take option #2, where the Town splits the cost, and is responsible for \$6000. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mike Wood was present to discuss the truck traffic in the May addition. GPS is directing trucks and other traffic to take a route through the addition and exit on Crane. He is requesting that Crane be totally closed to traffic. In that way, traffic that heads down Indiana or North Streets would be turned back around via Maple to exit back to 231 and follow the detour. After further discussion, there was decision to close the Crane Street exit for the next two weeks to see if that helps alleviate the traffic problem.

Dean Bruce made a motion to close Crane until July 16. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz said he would have more information on the lighted signs for the July 16 meeting. He also discussed some of the issues they were experiencing with the SRTS program.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

/s/ Michael Spinks
Mike Spinks, President

/s/ Dean Bruce
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Absent
Jon Stantz, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer