

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
November 18, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, and Street Superintendent Tony Floyd. Sewer Superintendent John Hodge and Chief Foutch were absent.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

Steve Withem spoke to the Board about reconfiguring the parking lot for the apartments located at West and Indiana. He requested that he be allowed to add off street parking, by opening up the lot to the street off Indiana. He also said, as part of the reconfiguration, he would add sidewalks and culvert. His plan is to start it next May. He would also like to add gravel where the concrete will be to allow access to the additional parking spots.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve a temporary agreement with Mr. Withem, that he be allowed to add gravel now, on the Indiana side where he plans to concrete it in May. It was seconded and passed.

There is a proposed BBP water project to replace a waterline on Cooper, as part of this project they will also replace sidewalks along the project area as well. BBP has not shared the details yet, so it will be updated later.

Mike Spinks reported that he heard from Marce King regarding the banners along Morgan. She suggested that the cost be split between the Town and the Chamber. The total cost is around \$2,500. She will be in at a later date with the specifics for this proposal.

Mike Spinks mentioned that the DNR would like to set up a meeting with the Board regarding a joint effort on River Road. That will happen in the next few weeks, according to Richard Lorenz.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Next meeting is November 20.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Discussions regarding the transfer of the department back to the Town continued. The change will take place at the beginning of 2020, and one of the main issues is the space that would be needed to run another department. A few options were considered, but it was agreed that this would have to be resolved in the very near future.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd reported on the Street Department. He reported that they got behind on the leaf pickup due to equipment breakdowns and the first winter storm. He requested that he be allowed to retain one of the temporary employees until December 13th. He said because of the change in the schedules, that it would not entail any significant additional expense, and it would allow them to get caught up.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve retaining the temporary employee until December 13. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Tony presented two bids for the storm water project off Hillside from K&R Construction and Arexco. Both were very similar in price, both companies have been used before by the Town. Arexco said they could start the project in the spring and K&R would start in four to six weeks. The Arexco, was slightly lower in cost, so the Board agreed to accept their bid for \$31,500.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the bid from Arexco for the project. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

The OCRA grant was submitted.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

The regular monthly meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, November 19 at 2:00 PM, followed by an Executive meeting at 3:00 PM.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz stated that they are working on the tax abatement along with Economic Development.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz said it is still ongoing and getting ready to pour another section this week.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk-Treasurer requested that they be allowed to update their Ricoh copy machine. The one they currently have will no longer be supported. There is an option to buy or lease, and she suggested the lease option, and the cost should remain very similar as to what she pays now on maintenance. The new copier will have color capabilities, which is very useful for scanning and distributing things such as maps. It also has additional capabilities for scanning and filing documents with multiple search fields. The lease is for \$72.20 per month, and the lease is for 5 years. The cost would be approximately \$866 per year.

Jon Stantz made a motion to move forward with the lease option of the Ricoh IMC2500. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for acceptance and were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

/s/ Mike Spinks
Mike Spinks, President

/s/ Dean Bruce
Dean Bruce, Member

/s/ Jon Stantz
Jon Stantz, Vice-President

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