

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
December 2, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

A request for a handicapped parking space in front of her house was made on behalf of Debbie Turner. The Attorney addressed the issue from a legal standpoint. Even if Debbie was entitled to handicap parking, it was not enforceable to permit only her to use the spot on public streets. In other words, anyone with a handicap parking permit would be able to use it. The decision was made for Tony Floyd to look at parking on the property to see if there could be a spot designated for Debbie. Since she is not the owner of the property, a request may have to be made to the property owner.

Marce King presented designs for new banners to be placed on various light poles on Morgan and around the Square. The designs promote various destinations throughout Owen County. Marce said she presented them to the Owen County Chamber Board, and they agreed to foot half of the bill. The total cost is approximately \$2,600.00.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve payment of the other half of the cost, up to \$1,500.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

There was also a question about a couple of broken light poles and the Clerk-Treasurer said she would get with Jon Stantz to see who to contact about getting these repaired.

Kevin McKay approached the Board about a rumor that a veterinary building is planned for the parking lot behind their business on Morgan and Harrison. Some of their concerns were the possibility of odors, noise, and sanitation, among other things. Jill McKay asked about the change in zoning, which she was unaware. Richard Lorenz stated that all the issues they have will need to be addressed at the time the Planning Board meets to consider approval. At that time, the owner of the new business will have to provide answers for any concerns the adjacent property owners might have.

Todd Gardner, with BBP presented to the Board, a plan they have for upgrading water lines along Cooper, and heading north on Main Street to a connector near Jefferson. As part of the project, they agreed to replace sidewalks on the north side of Cooper.

Mark Rogers, on behalf of MyPath discussed the grant application for approximately \$185,000 for extending sidewalks between Jefferson and Cooper. The presentation will be made before an ROI committee. He explained that the project will install new, wider sidewalks, and they may meander a bit, to avoid removing too many trees, but they will remove what is recommended based on the condition of the tree. They will replace any trees they take down. They are also including new lighting and benches along this area to tie into the downtown décor. This project will connect the MyPath trailhead to the downtown to improve the walkability for the residents and visitors to Spencer. Mark and Todd agreed to continue conversations about their projects since they will be along the same area on Main Street, if MyPath gets the grant.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch requested approval to purchase ammo from Kiesler for \$1,852.72.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow the Chief to purchase the ammo from Kiesler as requested. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chief Foutch previously requested approval for repairs to Commission 5 for \$5,652.00. When Elite Auto replaced the engine, they found they were unable to use some of the old parts, so the actual cost was \$6,303.91. He requested approval for the difference of \$651.91.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the new invoice in the total amount of \$6303.91. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Jenny Osborne was present and was asked about the trailer sitting on the lot across the street from Community Chevrolet. She said she spoke to them about it, and they ran into some sort of issue. Jon Stantz suggested they be given until the end of January to remove it.

Some discussion took place about the transition of the Town Building Dept. back to the Town. Jenny and Cheryl Moke will meet on Wednesday to plan for this transition. Jenny also spoke about Taco Bell's construction, and their plans to replace sidewalks along Harrison, and remove and replace trees. The Board decided to prepare an approved list of trees from which they can select. Jon Stantz said he will prepare the list.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd reported that the Pentecostal Church is planning to make a parking lot across from the charge. To date, they have not presented a completed plan. Richard Lorenz commented on their request to reduce the speed by the church. His opinion was, after monitoring speeds, it did not warrant a change at this time. The only change allowed would be 30 to 25, without a traffic study.

Next up for discussion was the Community Crossings Grants for 2020. Tony submitted the proposed roads for the project, and the next step would be to advertise for bids.

Lastly, Tony asked if all the easements were in place for storm water project off Hillside. Richard Lorenz said he would verify that.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on plant and collections maintenance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Fire run fees will need to be advertised before the first of the year in order to start charging.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz asked that he be allowed to advertise the bid packet for the Community Crossings Grant for 2020.

Dean Bruce made a motion to publish the advertising of the bids. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

In regards to the sidewalk project, Jon Stantz said they completed and were billed for an additional 300 feet, and they will be completing 200 more in the next few days.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve an invoice from Mershon and Sons Concrete for \$5,840. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for acceptance and were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 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