

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
April 1, 6:00 P.M.  
Municipal Building  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Also, present, Tiffany Chapman, Street Superintendent Tony Floyd, Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge and Chief Marshal Richard Foutch.

**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**

Rob White and Colleen Minnemyer presented a few new banner designs to incorporate new sponsors. He reported they now had ten sponsors for the banners. Rob also confirmed with the Town board that the three lampposts between Market and Jefferson would be reserved for the MyPath organization. The Board agreed with whatever the Mainstreet group suggested. The placement and timing of the approved banners would be left entirely to that group. Banners should be up before May 1 in the downtown area. Banner changes will only occur once every three months.

Andrea White presented an event request for the Farm to Table event. The date for the event is September 7, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. They are requesting the closure of Main Street between the employee parking lot at the Courthouse on the north side and Market St intersection on the south side. The event is limited to two hundred tickets.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer mentioned that an Owen Valley Service Learning group wanted to volunteer to do a cleaning project in Cooper Park. The representative did not show up at the meeting, but Tony Floyd reported that he was ready with a list of tasks if they contact us again.

Matt Sward with SIDC reported on the wastewater rehab grant application. Toby Church, with Commonwealth Engineers explained that they have the project pretty well defined, but they have agreed that smoke testing would further define it. If the Town agrees to this, the areas affected will have to be notified so let them know about the possibility of seeing smoke. The engineers are asking for approval by the board to do this testing, and they estimate the cost somewhere between \$12,000 and \$15,000 for time and expenses.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to allow Commonwealth Engineers to perform the smoke testing at a cost of up to \$15,000. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Matt Sward will like to have a work session with the council on May 20 at 5:30 p.m. at which time he will go over the report, and finalize the budget.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that she would be requesting additional appropriations for the EDIT fund. At budget time, they did not know what their needs would be or if they would receive the Community Crossings Grant, now that they have that information, she is asking for an appropriations of \$250,000 to cover the local match of \$117,000 plus and additional \$62,000 for professional services not previously appropriated. This will leave a cushion of approximately \$70,000 that can be used if needed, for additional equipment purchases.

Mr. Stockwell addressed the Board about additional logging and heavy equipment truck traffic on local streets. He would like to have the Board look into this to see if they have permits for heavy loads, or additional truck traffic. The consensus was that more information would be needed to see what exactly is happening. Mr. Stockwell agreed to ask Brett with Tri State about what the future activities will be.

Glenn Byerly expressed his appreciation to the Town for responding promptly to his request at the last meeting about removing a tree.

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

No report.

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

Mike Spinks reported that reports have been received from Umbaugh and Cheryl will look at them for the April 15 report date.

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

Richard Foutch gave a report on the police department. Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for April 27. He is still working on locating a new vehicle.

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

Jenny Osborne reported that The Veterans Group is planning to build a new shelter in the Veteran's Park. They asked for, and received a waiver of fees from the County Commissioners. They would like the same from the Town.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to waive the fees; the motion was seconded and passed.**

Richard Lorenz discussed a meeting with the Fair Board regarding the horse barn. They discussed the remedies needed to come into compliance with the DNR as far as the elevation. The next step is to determine the cost to do this. Dave Davies, the Fair Board president will get this estimate and forward it to Richard.

Jon Stantz asked Dave Davies if there could be a location to set dumpster on April 13. Dave said that they could use a place further down the road, south of the arena.

Tony Floyd also mentioned that Dave requested the Street Department to remove some concrete blocks for them. The Board agreed to do this.

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

Tony Floyd reported on the Street Dept. operations. He also said he got some spinners to place on top of stop signs. He will place them at various places to see if they help.

Mike Spinks mentioned that the gardens in the Downtown area need to be maintained.

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

John Hodge reported on plant operations and collection maintenance.

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

Richard Lorenz reported on the recent planning meeting. They are reviewing the updated zoning maps.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for April 8.

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

Richard reviewed the current wastewater project and how it relates to the proposal to take over McCormick's Creek State Park sewer needs.

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

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

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

Claims were presented for approval.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

/s/ Michael Spinks  
Mike Spinks, President

/s/ Jon Stantz  
Jon Stantz, Vice-President

/s/ Dean Bruce  
Dean Bruce, Member

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