

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting

May 6, 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 Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Street Superintendent Tony Floyd, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge and Deputy Marshal Tony Stevens.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

The first order of business was to consider the vacation of Brookside Drive. Prior to the regular meeting a hearing was held to allow the public to comment on this request. The Duling's and Rick Hero asked for perpetual access easement to their properties. TBH, LLC has agreed to these conditions and their attorney is currently working on that document for to be recorded. Richard Lorenz recapped the vacation and the plans for the Boston Scientific expansion project. He noted that the Board could approve the application subject to these conditions incorporated into the final agreement and ordinance.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the application based on the final product meeting all required conditions. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Chris Myers, with Area 10 Agency on Aging gave an annual report on the Rural Transit program. She reported that approximately half the annual trips originate or terminate in Spencer. The local match deficit this year was \$11,609. Chris Myers also reported Owen County was contributing \$4,000 this year. The Board agreed that the Rural Transit system is important to our residents and needs to be supported. They will make a decision on what they contribute at budget time.

An Event request was submitted for ABATE of Indiana Memorial Ride. The event consists primarily of registration at Cooper Park beginning at 10:00 A.M., and a police escort out of town around noon.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next on the agenda was the Pigasus Project film project. They are asking for available parking on May 17 through May 20. They are working with several local businesses and the Clerk-Treasurer informed that the Town could not provide parking, and they would have to work with their contacts. There was a suggestion that parking at the library overflow lot may be available and that will be explored further. Right now, all the Town can offer is to allow the group to film here over the three-day period and notify the local services of their presence.

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

The next request was from Judith Epp on behalf of the Spencer Pride. She wanted to make a request once more for the closure of Market Street for the Spencer Pride Festival on June 1. After she presented additional information and reported she got permission from the other businesses on Market Street, the Board agreed with her request.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the revised event request with the closing of Franklin Street; the motion was seconded and passed.

Ordinance 2019-11 for additional appropriations was presented for signatures. The ordinance was approved at the last meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported that the next meeting is May 15.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch was out sick. Mike Spinks reported that they made a decision to buy their next new vehicle, a 2019 Dodge Charger, from John Jones Auto Group. They had the best price and the new car fully equipped cost \$45,521.10.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the purchase of the new vehicle. The motion was seconded and passed.

Second item for consideration was an estimate for repair to replace the steering rack on the Ford truck for \$2,120.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the repair of the truck. The motion was seconded and passed.

The next item up for discussion was the cost of insurance currently being deducted from a few officers' pay for their children. Mike Spinks said there needed to be further clarification about this. Richard Lorenz suggested that there be a work session to resolve this.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

A question regarding subdividing a piece of property for additional building came up. Mr. Lorenz discussed how the BZA and Planning Boards work and how do they interact with the Town Board.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd reported that he was approached by Don Feltner about installing a culvert. He will purchase all materials, but wants to make sure it is connected properly. There is an existing culvert but he wants to extend it. The Board agreed that the Street Department should do this.

Next, he discussed the removal of tree stumps. Over the past couple years, the number of stumps have multiplied. He estimated there are about twenty stumps, after the six he already removed. The Board agreed to up to \$1,500 this year for stump removal.

He reported that all the Bicentennial banners are now in place, with only one complaint, and one pole that could not be used because of an electrical wire. All the old light poles were removed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on maintenance and collections. He said another pump went out and he would probably have to get another one tomorrow. John presented an agreement for the phosphorous removal construction project from GRW for signature by the Board. He estimated the full cost of the project could be in the range of \$75,000, which starts in September and has to be completed in three years.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claim from GRW for \$720 for professional services through 4/20. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the agreement with GRW for design services for the phosphorous removal project. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve an invoice from Hach for a portable incubator for \$1,611.67.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the purchase of a new grinder pump for \$2,500. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Drew Flamion with Commonwealth Engineers presented a draft report on the smoke testing recently conducted. The testing showed there were 50 deficiencies with 43 of them being on private property. Several of the deficiencies were in in the flood properties in Prospect Park, that if corrected will reduce the inflow tremendously. The next step will be a work session on May 20 with Matt Sward to review the report and finalizing and submitting the grant application.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

Dean Bruce said they would meet on a semi-regular basis and will have more to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

They are still working on organization and hiring of a full-time chief.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Contracts to extend the end date on the Community Crossings grant were presented for signature.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve signing of the contracts. The motion was seconded and passed.

An executive session was set for 5:00 P.M., May 23 at the Attorney's office to discuss litigation or litigation that is pending. A work session will be set at a later date to discuss insurance issues.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz report that RFQs will be going out next week, and he hopes to start the selection process in the next 3-4 weeks. Jon also reported the Annual Trash Day was a HUGE success.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Naomi Dean asked if there was any progress on installing a 4-way stop on West and North. Jon Stantz said, not at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval and were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

/s/ Mike 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