

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
June 17, 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Also Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Street Superintendent Tony Floyd, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge and Marshal Rich 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

Matt Sward, with SIDC, reported to the Board his progress on preparing an OCRA grant application to address wastewater system improvements for 700,000, with \$307,500 coming from local match from the Sewer depreciation fund. Prior to tonight's meeting, a public hearing was to address any questions regarding this application. There were no questions.

Resolution 2019-13 Resolution Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment was presented for approval. Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next item on the agenda was the swearing in of new Reserve Officers. Present for the ceremony, were Reserves Brayton Wyatt, James Neuenfeldt, and Thomas Lovell. Also present were Chief Foutch, Sargent Tony Stevens, and Training Instructor, Officer Sips.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented information on the Gov.card for use by the Town to take miscellaneous payments at a one-time set up cost of \$495. It will allow another payment option for the customers who do not have checking accounts and cash at the time they wish to make payments. There is no charge to the Town after the setup for the use of this, but each customer will pay a convenience fee beginning at \$1.75. The fees are lower than what the Sewer Dept. is currently using, but there are no plans to change that at this time, because that is built into the software for the sewer.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There was nothing new to report. Jon Stantz reported that there would be a reduction in speed along 46 from the junction at 231, past Walmart, to Phillips Road. The speed along this section will be reduced by 10 miles per hour. This will take place in the next two months.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The June tax distribution for TIF #2 was \$18,069.92.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported they are still waiting on the radio for the new vehicle. Next, he recommended that Connor Felton, a Reserve, be moved to a full-time position to take the vacancy left by Hallam.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve Chief Foutch's recommendation to move Connor Felton to a full time position. The motion was 2nd and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning and Zoning meetings scheduled for June 25.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd gave an update on the recent storms, damage to trees, and storm water issues. He reported that a resident requested some help with installing a culvert. The Board agreed he should. There was another issue with an alley that is no longer maintained as one, but needs to

have a tree removed. The Board agreed that since it is still platted as an alley, it would be the Town's responsibility to take care of this.

Drew Flamion and Toby Church with Commonwealth Engineering, next addressed the Board about the overflow of storm water and what funds might be available. OCRA offers a grant for \$35,000, and USDA Study offers one for \$30,000. Both include some matching. If they can secure one of these, for a planning study they would be able to study the options. A storm water utility would be necessary to obtain funding. Matt Sward suggested that the Town establish a fee rate now. Commonwealth Engineers will work up a cost estimate for the cost of doing a study.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported that two pumps had to be replaced since the last meeting. The last quote he got was for \$3,850.90 for two pumps. He requested a new one, but has not received it yet. The new pumps are made of hardened iron now instead of cast iron and is expected to live longer.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

Dean met with the Parks Board on Saturday. He will get with Tony on specifics.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

A work session is scheduled for 1:00 pm at the Fire Department to discuss the hiring of a full-time chief, and the chain of command.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz sent out request for proposals for the sidewalk projects. He will be able to determine what is being done by the end of the month.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz said that the bids for the sidewalks are due on June 25. He also spoke to the Clerk-Treasurer at Greencastle and she told him the skate park is covered by their general liability insurance, and there has been no incidents report.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval and were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

/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