

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
June 3, 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

Colleen Minnemeyer presented the design for the sign MyPath is proposing to place at the trailhead at Cooper Park. It is fabricated by Bybee Stone and designed by Dorian Bybee. The Town will participate with installing this sign by putting in a concrete pad to support it. Richard Lorenz made a suggestion to add Spencer to the sign if it was not too late.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the placing of the sign at the trailhead, and the motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Jon reiterated that Don Bingham has requested that INDOT consider adding a turn light to be installed at the corner of Morgan at Main.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that he should have the new vehicle in approximately six weeks.

He also reported that Officer Hallam turned in his resignation and will leave at the end of this week. He reported that Sheriff Hobbs asked about purchasing the K-9 vehicle. Chief Foutch said that he would get an appraisal for the vehicle plus equipment and offer him a price. He asked if Officer Hallam would be replaced and he said he had a reserve that he felt would be able to move into that position.

Foutch reported that they have been working on keeping properties mowed and clear of trash. In addition, he said that they would be starting a pre-basic class next week. He also mentioned that he would like to have some signage to indicate where the police station is.

Lastly, Chief Foutch asked about using the Town police cars for training purposes up at the State training facility. Officer Bonebrake is one of the trainers, and he feels it is better if the officers use their own vehicles. Mike Spinks suggested he speak to the insurance company to see what their thoughts were on this and work with Mike. The training takes place on June 17, which is the date of the next regular meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The building at the fairgrounds is working directly with DNR.

Mr. Lorenz said he would hold a meeting for both boards to describe what their roles are as members.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd had a question regarding the replacement of street signs along Morgan. Jon Stantz checked with INDOT, and they do not replace these. Tony was instructed to replace the signs.

Tony reported that he finished the Community Crossings grant paving projects today. He said the project went very smooth. He also reported that the light at 5th Avenue and Hwy 67 would soon be installed. Duke came out today and raised their lines so it could be completed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge had to replace a grinder pump last week and now needs to get another replacement pump for approximately \$2,500.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow Jon to buy the pump. The motion was seconded and passed.

He also reported that he needed to replace a new control panel out on Parks Drive. He can order a new one, and have it installed for \$1,188.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the cost to replace. The motion was seconded and passed.

Richard Lorenz spoke about the properties that were identified during the smoke testing. He is working on a letter to send to notify them of this, and suggestions on what can be done.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

No report this meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Still working on hiring a full time Chief.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Nothing else 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

There will be a work session to work on the roles and responsibilities of the police department on June 15 at 10 AM. This session is open to the public.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval and were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

/s/ Mike Spinks

Mike Spinks, President

/s/ Jon Stantz

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Absent

Dean Bruce, Member

Attest /s/ Cheryl Moke

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer