

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
July 1, 2019, 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

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

Robert White, with the County BZA approached the council regarding expenses related to a safety study done for the gun range. The Commissioners suggested that this study be paid from the building fund, which is a shared fund with the Town for permits, and permit related expenses. Both the Council President and the Town Attorney explained that the expenses he would like to be considered, did not fall under the inter-local agreement.

Next, Mike Spinks presented the Amendment to Agreement for Establishment of a Fire Territory and an Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment for the Town of Spencer and Washington Township. The amendment allows the Fire Territory Board to hire a full time fire chief at their sole discretion. Richard Lorenz said that it was his recommendation to move forward with these changes at this time, and if further tweaking were necessary in the future, it would be dealt with at that time.

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

Dean made a motion to approve the Ordinance Authorizing Amendment to Agreement for Establishment of a Fire Territory for the Town of Spencer and Washington Township.

Next, up, Melinda Beatty asked for an update on what, if anything, has been done regarding the drainage issues since the last attended a meeting in March. Mike Spinks informed them that they have assigned the task to Commonwealth Engineers. They were working on a cost estimate to do a study. They have just completed one for the wastewater and were to get back to them this month. Tony agreed to give them a call tomorrow to get an estimated start date. The idea of a storm water fee was brought up again. Matt Sward had suggested the Town establish one in order to apply for a grant. This is something that will need to be examined soon.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch gave a department update.

Mike Spinks suggested that they look into hiring another officer by the first of the year. The Clerk-Treasurer will add this to the 2020 budget.

Richard Lorenz reported that he is working on the applications for the IDACS system.

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 wanted to confirm that he would be able to add an additional person by the busy time (summer) next year. The Clerk-Treasurer said she would add it to the budget and like the police, the Board can determine what funds were available.

He also mentioned that he added a couple of led flashing lights to stop signs on Main and Cooper.

Tony is ordering yellow curb paint, and would like to order the longer lasting paint for a cost of \$2,428.50 plus shipping for 55 gallons.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the purchase of the 55 gallons of yellow paint. It was seconded and passed.

Mike Spinks reminded Tony that some of the downtown trees need trimming and watering.

There was a request by a resident on Hillside to put a stop sign between Stello and 46. She said they sped through that area. Chief Foutch said he spoke to her about this, and there really was no place to put a sign. They agreed to move the traffic counter/radar sign to that area to gather statistics.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported that he got an estimate for repairs to the 43 lift stations. Parts and labor will total approximately \$4,635.90.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

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

There was a suggestion to post the meter times at the end of each corner so people will know when they are enforced.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the meters enforcement time to be Monday thru Friday, 8AM to 4PM, except for holidays when they are free. Weekends are free also. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz received three bids for the sidewalk project:

Milestone	\$170,700
Weddle Brothers	\$116,400
Jerry Benton	(\$19.50 per square foot)

The Board will take the bids under advisement.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval and were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 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