

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
August 5, 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, and Chief 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

Resolution 2019-15 Establishing A Town Election Board to Conduct the 2019 Municipal Election was presented for approval by the Board.

A motion was made to pass Resolution 2019-15. It was seconded and passed.

Next, Drew Flamion with Commonwealth Engineers gave a report on the storm water issue along N. East Street. He shared his recommendation to relieve the water issue, and what services his engineering firm could provide. The suggestion by the Board is that Tony get some bids on the project, and the Town attorney would handle any easement work. Commonwealth will continue to work on the plan to get it to a project or bid stage.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow Commonwealth to move forward with the project as far as planning and engineering. The motion was seconded and passed.

Further discussion took place regarding long-term storm water project by securing OCRA funds and the decision to start a storm water fund.

Next, GRW Engineering invoice number 0052733 for \$2,850 for upgrades and design required for the wastewater plant was presented for approval.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the invoice as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, the Clerk-Treasurer presented an update on where she was on the budget process. She received input from the Dept. heads on what they would like to add in 2020 and incorporated that into the budget. She gave the total budgets to the Board for review. There will be a meeting with the DLGF representative on Tuesday, September 13 where the process will be reviewed and approved by them for submission.

Next, the Clerk-Treasurer reported that she would be requesting additional appropriations for \$83,533 from the LOIT Special Distribution Fund to offset the local match for the Community Crossings Grant. She also advised them that there would be a public hearing at 5:45 PM, on August 19, prior to the next regular meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Marce King presented the annual report and request for funds for 2020 to the Board. The amount requested from the Town increased from \$30,000 to \$35,000. The Town also committed an additional \$10,000 to the Strategic Plan. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that she included the increase for 2020 in her budget proposal.

Dean Bruce made a recommendation to increase the budget line for the Economic Development from \$30,000 to \$35,000.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch gave his department report. He discussed an issue regarding a resident that appears to be running a kennel, and the number of dogs exceed what the Town ordinance allows. Mr. Lorenz said he was putting together a memo to Chief Foutch that he should receive tomorrow.

Mike Spinks reported there are still complaints about speeders on 231 north of town. He also said Market and Main Street is another issue where people think there should be a 4-way stop because of the pedestrian traffic.

Jon Stantz made a motion for Richard Lorenz to amend the ordinance to add a 4-way at that stop. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Jenny Osborne presented the resume along with a recommendation to hire for the open Building Inspector position. She is asking the Board's approval on her recommendation. They also discussed some parameters to add to the permit applications.

Jon made a motion to accept the recommendation for building inspector. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd reported that he installed solar-powered flashing red lights at Main and Cooper. He also reported that they are getting ready to install the MyPath limestone sign at the MyPath trailhead. He also mentioned that he has had questions from residents regarding metal detectors on easements in front of homes. According to Mr. Lorenz, the municipality has total control over these easements. No ordinance is needed, this is common law trespassing. Dean Bruce made a motion that we do not allow metal detecting on tree plots. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the plant and collections. He also requested to change chemical vendors from Brenntag to Water Solutions.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow the change in vendors. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Next meeting is Monday, August 12

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported on various issues.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Mike Spinks reiterated that he would like to see another police officer hired full-time as soon as possible.

Mike Spinks made a motion to hire a new officer this year. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jon Stantz gave an update on his efforts to move forward on the sidewalk project. He talked to some additional contractors and he spoke to Sheriff Hobbs about a plan to make the project more affordable. He will have a further update at the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval and were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

/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