

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
September 3, 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. Sewer Superintendent John Hodge was absent.

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

Mike Spinks reported that he received an email regarding a request for a stop sign to be placed at Lincoln and Indiana. A proposal to paint crosswalks, instead of adding another stop sign was suggested by the Street Superintendent. The Board was in agreement with this approach, rather than adding a stop sign every time someone requests it.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There was no economic report tonight.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Next meeting is September 18.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch gave his department report. He began by reading a letter of resignation from Tony Stevens, effective Monday, September 16.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the resignation. The motion was seconded and passed.

He next reported that the hiring process has begun, and applicants will be tested at Owen Valley High School.

Chief Foutch reported a property that may be abandoned and needs to be cleaned up. After we ascertain whom the owner of record is and send them a notice, the Town can take action to clean it up, and file a lien for the cost.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mike Spinks reported that the Commissioners voted to appoint Sam Robertson as the new Building Inspector.

Jon Stantz made a motion that in agreement with the County Commissioners, that Sam Robertson be appointed as the new Building Inspector. Motion was seconded and passed.

Richard Lorenz reported that he spoke to the County Attorney, and they will meet in October along with a representative from both bodies to go over the interlocal agreement and upgrade it.

Jon Stantz reported that property located at 1056 New Jersey was sold. He said that this should be monitored to see what the new owner proposes to do with it.

Mike Spinks asked Jenny Osborne about the house that was removed by Boston Scientific for their expansion project. John Hodge confirmed that the sewer was properly capped, but there were no permits issued. Jenny reported that the company who did the demo came in and filled out the permit request and paid the fees after the fact.

Richard Lorenz reported that the Planning Board met a week ago, and they recommended that the Town adopt the Ordinance to update the zoning of the Town properties. The Ordinance was presented to the Board for consideration. Dean Bruce asked for more time to review the ordinance before voting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd presented some estimates for new trashcans for Cooper Park. He also reported the new light at 5th and Hwy 67 is installed. The MyPath was installed. The Town's cost was around \$600 plus labor.

Next, Drew Flamion with Commonwealth Engineers spoke to the Board about the project he had been working on for the storm water project. He updated them on what he has done to date, and what he needs to do to complete the project. He presented a contract for general services for \$8,500. The contract will survey the work, lay out the plan, create a blueprint, and prepare the work order for construction, for bidding.

Jon Stantz made a motion to move forward with the project. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, the Clerk-Treasurer presented a request from the Soil and Water Office regarding the ROI they are submitting. Their plan is to replace the sidewalks from Jefferson to Cooper. They hope to receive anywhere from \$100,000 to \$250,000. They are requesting the Town's commitment of possibly 10%, which could be up to \$250,000. This is not the final commitment, but an informal commitment letter. They were also asking for help in estimating the cost to replace the sidewalks, and ADA ramps. Jon roughly estimated the cost to replace the sidewalks would be approximately \$90,000.

Jon Stantz made a motion that the Town commit up to \$25,000 for this project. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge was absent, and his department's report was read in to record. In it, he reported that he would need to purchase chemicals at an estimated cost of \$3,174 for the pilot test for phosphorus removal. (This is for GRW to use in engineering plans for chemical storage.)

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the estimated expenditure for \$3,174 for chemicals from Water Solutions to be used in the pilot test for phosphorus removal.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

Dean Bruce reported that the next meeting would be October 5 at 9:30 AM at the park.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Moving forward with organizing the department under the new Chief.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz said that the new zoning ordinance could be tabled until the next meeting, September 16. He also asked the Board to bring their packets back to the next meeting.

After review of the contract with Commonwealth, Mr. Lorenz said he saw no reason not to enter into the agreement.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the contract for \$8,500 with Commonwealth. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz reported that a Brazil concrete contractor, at a cost of \$5 per square foot, would provide the pouring and finishing of the sidewalks. The Town will provide, with the assistance of community corrections, will provide the demolition and removal of the old sidewalks, framing, and providing dirt and fill, at a cost of \$3 per square foot. He will begin calling 14 of the 17 applicants to see who will be participating. The other three, are larger, and outside the scope of this project. He said the total cost of this project would end up being in the \$25,000 range.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval and were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 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