

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
September 16, 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, Legal Representative Samantha Paul, Street Superintendent Tony Floyd and Chief Richard Foutch. Sewer Superintendent John Hodge was absent.

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

Ordinance 2019-18 To Amend The Official Zoning Maps and Ordinances was presented for approval to the Board.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the Ordinance it was seconded and passed.

Next, Resolution 2019-19 Authorizing Tony Stevens to Retain his Weapon Upon Retirement. Sergeant Stevens has served the Town of Spencer for 23 years.

Dean Bruce made a motion to pass the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Sharron Barger presented an event request for POW/MIA Ceremony to be held on the courthouse lawn on October 4 at 6:00 PM. She is requesting barricades to block Main Street between Market and Franklin.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the event request. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, GRW Engineering invoice number 0053212 for \$7,125 for upgrades and design required for the wastewater plant was presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the invoice as presented was made. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Clerk-Treasurer gave an update on the 2019 Town election. Early voting hours were announced. Along with a proposed budget in the amount of approximately \$1,661.

Rod Beatty had a question regarding the storm water drainage problem on East Street. Jon Stantz and Mike Spinks updated the project. Commonwealth Engineers will complete their study in the next couple of weeks.

Christina Wilbur asked questions regarding town ordinances regarding the number of dogs allowed in the Town limits. That number has not been defined in our ordinances, and will be referred to the Town Attorney for further review. A second issue is the noise ordinances. The police receive complaints from neighbors because of continuous barking. She said the problem is that her neighbor has chickens and other fowl that cause her dog to park. It would appear that these neighbors live outside the town limits, so the town has no jurisdiction over them, however, Ms. Wilbur will still be required to abide by the town ordinances. The Board suggested she attend the next meeting when the Attorney returns.

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 reported on the progress of hiring two new officers. There were 20 applicants, testing took place last weekend, and they are now down to five applicants. They will begin their background checking. After that, they will begin interviewing.

He reported that the County was going to allow ATVs and was curious about what Spencer would do. The Board decided to wait until the county puts their ordinance in force first.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report on the Building Department. There is a tentative meeting planned for September 24 for the Planning Department.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd thanked Commonwealth Engineers for their community service last Friday. He requested to be allowed to hire two temporary workers for leafing season.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the hiring of temporary labor for up to six weeks. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mike Spinks mentioned that there are two flowerbeds in front of the Building and Health Depts. on Franklin Street.

Lastly, Tony asked for the Board's approval to purchase the salt spreader box for winter. He looked at a couple vendors, and they were within twenty dollars. Michael Todd and Company, Inc., for \$4,761.57 was presented to the Board.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the request of \$4,761.57 for the spreader box. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

No Report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

The next meeting would be October 5 at 9:30 AM at the park.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Samantha Paul reported that they are still working on the vacation of Brookside. In addition, they will have another meeting in October for the interlocal agreement.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz reported on the progress of the sidewalk replacement project. They will be beginning the work next week. He will keep everyone informed as he moves forward.

Mike Sudol had some questions on the timing for his projects, which Jon discussed with him. He also thanked the Board for the work they did to get this project up and running.

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 7:10 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