

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
January 6, 2020 6:00 P.M.  
Municipal Building  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460

*Prior to Roll Call, the Clerk-Treasurer swore in the Council members for the new election period of 2020-2023.*

**Board Members present:** Michael Spinks, Dean Bruce and Jon Stantz.

Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Street Superintendent Tony Floyd, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge and Chief Foutch.

The first order of business was to elect officers for 2020. Michael Spinks remains as president. Dean Bruce was elected vice president, and Jon Stantz, member.

Next, the Board Appointments were reviewed, and a few changes were made. Jon requested that he represent the Town on the Owen Valley Fire Territory Board, and Dean asked to be on the OCEDC as the Ex Officio member. Both were approved unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS**

Jill McKay asked if there were any new developments on the property behind her store. At this time, she was told that no applications have been received.

Tony Neff spoke about the Spencer bi-centennial which will be celebrated this year. He gave a short history of the formation of Spencer back in 1819-1920. He inquired whether the Town would be recognizing this. The Town agreed that they would do something, possibly in Cooper Park to allow the community to celebrate. A committee will be formed to consider the options. Tony Neff will help organize.

Next, the Board reviewed the termination of Interlocal Agreement with the County for the Building Dept. After reviewing, the Board agreed to the final figure as calculated by the County Auditor.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the furnace at the municipal building went out. She got a quote from Bates Mechanical, and recommended Option 2, Bryant Legacy, for \$7,225. If accepted, they would be able to install tomorrow.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the quote. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Ron Shrope, who lives on Main Street, talked to the Board about his trees, and the possibility of them being removed during the MyPath project. He was told that both the Town and MyPath do not intend to remove any trees unless it was necessary. They have engineers, and tree specialists participating on the project to make sure they can preserve the natural environment as much as possible.

**IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Nothing to report.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Next meeting will be January 15, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foutch reported on his department. He will be having a personnel meeting on January 13, at 5:00 PM. Connor Felton is enrolled in the police academy to begin on May 11.

He also shared 2019 statistics for his department.

**IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

The active files from the Building Dept. have been transferred to the Clerk-Treasurer. Josh Hogan has been working as the Building Inspector on several different projects since the first of the year. An agreement is currently being reviewed by the Board and by Josh Hogan. Cheryl and Josh are working together to set up appointments for inspections, and so far, it's working well.

The Planning and Zoning presented a recommendation to the Board that two properties, owned by Mike Sudol, located at 168 S Harrison and 279 E Jefferson be approved for subdividing, to make six new separate properties.

**Dean made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded and passed.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Tony Floyd gave a report on the Street Dept. Discussion took place regarding the Community Crossing Grant. The deadline for bids was today, and none was received by the deadline. The attorney said that this would need to be retooled, and possibly, it will change to accepting quotes.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

John Hodge reported on plant maintenance and collections.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

Nothing new to report.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Richard Lorenz said he got the appraisals back on the property behind the Art Guild and the mid-point was \$10,570, which is the required start point for bidding. He will get a public notice in the paper on January 17 accepting bids until February 3, 4:00 pm.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the public notice for selling the property. The motion was seconded and passed.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

In regards to the sidewalk replacement project, Jon Stantz reported he had two more sections to complete, and then will take it up April 1 for the beginning of next year. He said we could begin taking new applications in February.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

Jon Stantz made a comment about abandoned vehicles parked on the street. He also would like to look at options about rental properties regarding use, fitness for occupancy, trash containment, parking requirements, etc. Richard Lorenz said he would look into what other municipalities have in place.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were presented for acceptance and were approved.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

/s/ Mike Spinks  
Mike Spinks, President

/s/ Jon Stantz  
Jon Stantz, Member

/s/ Dean Bruce  
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Attest /s/ Cheryl Moke  
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer