

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
October 5, 2020 6:00 P.M.  
Municipal Building and Via WebEx  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460

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

**Also, Present** Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Richard Lorenz (via WEBEX), Sewer Supt. John Hodge, and Street Supt. Tony Floyd.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.  
The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS**

RFQs for the Wastewater/Storm Water Planning Grant were opened. Two were received; one from Commonwealth Engineering and one from Shrewsbury. The RFQ's will be turned over to a committee to evaluate their credentials followed by interviews. A recommendation will be made at a later meeting.

An invoice from SIDC for \$13,200 for work performed concerning the I & I project was presented for approval.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the invoice, seconded by Jon Stantz. The motion passed unanimously.**

Next on the agenda, Dean Bruce updated the Board on the COVID-19 OCRA Grant for Small Businesses. He explained that the grant was for small businesses in Spencer and the six-mile fringe surrounding it. It is available to for-profit businesses with low to moderate income employees. Dean has formed a committee to review the applications to ensure they meet the criteria. The information for the businesses can be pooled, so that the criteria can be averaged over all of them. The grant amount is for up to \$10,000 per business and it can be used for continued operations, salaries, inventory and any other eligible business expenses. He reported the program went live this morning and he has already received a couple of applications.

Next, the Clerk-Treasurer presented CARES Fund Resolution 2020-16. This allows the Town of Spencer to seek reimbursement of public health and public safety payroll through federal CARES Act funding. By passing this resolution, the Town is enabled to apply for that reimbursement in total, and then free up money for other expenses that was previously allocated to the payroll. The amount of the allotted CARES fund for Spencer is \$72,933.00.

**Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Next, the Board discussed alternatives to celebrating Halloween this year due to COVID-19. Jon Stantz discussed an option whereby an event, sponsored by the Town, can be held at the Owen Community School Corp school track. Superintendent Briggs agreed to this event, and Spencer Police and Owen County Sheriff's will be participating. Richard Lorenz reported that the Governor of Indiana was not recommending door-to-door or other events like trunk or treat. Jon Stantz said he would communicate this plan to various outlets so the Town is aware that they do not support door-to-door. The time for this event is 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve this event. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No report.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Mike reiterated that they are still looking at two projects. One for the archway over Main Street, and the other is rehabilitating the alley behind McKay's.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foutch reported on the police department. He asked for permission to increase the number of Reserves on the force.

**Mike Spinks made a motion to allow the Chief to begin the recruitment process. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

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

Nothing new for the Building Department.

Richard said nothing is being considered for the month of October but there could be something in November. He is working to get a meeting with the Autovest property.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Tony Floyd gave an update on the operations of the Street Dept. He asked the Board to approve the hire of one temporary leafer for approximately six weeks.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Jon Stantz. The motion was unanimously passed.**

The next Community Crossings grant application is due October 23. Tony asked if he could skip that application, and apply for the next one in January/February 2021. The Board agreed.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

John Hodge reported on sewer operations and collections.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT**

No report, however, the Board will be looking for a new board member. Mr. Shrope who attended, was asked if he might be interested. The requirements for that position will need to be confirmed, and then information will be provided to Mr. Shrope or his wife to see if one of them is interested and meets the requirements.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

Jon Stantz reported on the Fire Territory operations.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Richard Lorenz summarized several matters he is currently working on; online maps that include all our streets, MyPath sidewalk project delay, and creating a timeline for all projects.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

Jon Stantz reported that he had a couple of conversations with Dr. Briggs and others about putting a crosswalk across Highway 46.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were presented for approval. A motion and a second to approve was made, and unanimously approved.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 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