

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
November 16, 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 Rep Shelley Edwards, and Street Supt. Tony Floyd

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the previous minutes for November 3 was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS**

Mark Rogers, on behalf of MyPath, reported on the status of the Main Street Sidewalk project. At this time, we will not be moving forward with the project as originally planned due to a shortage of funds. The goal is to continue to look for additional funding, and possibly approach this project in the spring as a combination of charitable funded projects and the Town sidewalk project for the three blocks between Jefferson and Cooper. This would be in lieu of the Town's commitment of \$25,000 for the original project. Discussion of the change in the project took place, and Jon Stantz said he would talk to our current sidewalk contractor, to see what estimates he could come up with, and proceed from there. Mark Rogers will send Jon a set of plans to get started. The Board agreed that this was a good solution if the numbers come in right.

Next Greg Jones, with SIDC gave an update on the Wastewater/Storm Water Planning Grant. Resolution 2020-17 Authorizing Application Submission for approval. The grant has a local match for \$6,700, which will come from the Utility Depreciation Funds.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the resolution, and related documents. Dean Bruce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Next, Invoice 3 from SIDC for \$6,600 was presented for approval.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer notified the Board that there would be a public hearing before the next meeting for additional appropriations.

Dean Bruce gave an update on the SBERG Covid Grant program for \$250,000. To date, eight applications have been submitted, with three more applications sent for approval. There are additional 12-13 applications under review.

**IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No Report

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

The meeting for November 18 is canceled.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No report.

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

There was a question about the construction, and the time of completion of the project at the Probation Department. Josh Hogan will follow up and report to Dean.

Planning & Zoning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Jon Stantz reported that OCCS is taking a second look at the Bus Barn project.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Tony Floyd gave a report on the street department operations.

Dean Bruce reported that he had a conversation with Becky Brown, and she made a suggestion for getting help from the County Corrections people to clean up around the downtown area. She said there was no liability to the Town, and she agreed to supervise their work. Dean Bruce asked Tony to contact her to help her get started.

Tony Floyd reported there was a street light out by the Dragonfly and he will check on it. He will also begin putting up Christmas decorations.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Shelley Edwards reported on the sewer department collections and operations.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

Jon Stantz reported on the Fire Territory. He reported that the Territory is looking into virtual meetings.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT**

Dean reported that the Parks Board would begin to put up Christmas ribbons by the end of the month for the holidays.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Richard Lorenz asked for approval to hire a couple of appraisers to look at a piece of property the Town is considering purchasing.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to allow Richard to hire these appraisers; the motion was seconded by Jon Stantz and passed unanimously.**

Next, Richard gave an update on the vacation of Brookside Drive. The current proposal will shorten the vacation, not to include the area connecting to the Duling Insurance property.

He reported that Shelley Edwards has submitted information to complete the asset management plan that will be finalized by London Witte.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Jon Stantz gave a report on the Solid Waste District meeting scheduled for today with Clay County and Owen County Commissioners. Owen County was a no-show.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

A quarterly update between the Town of Spencer and AME is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18. One of the items for discussion will be improving virtual meetings.

The Clerk-Treasurer gave updated Fund Reports through today's date. She will provide Detail budget to actual reports later.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were approved by motion and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

A motion and a second to adjourn the meeting was made and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 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