

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
December 21, 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 (joined at 6:25 pm).

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the previous minutes for November 16 was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

There was a request for approval of CF-1 for Boston Scientific, Inc. It was sent to the County Auditor prior to being signed by the Town Board. The corporation complied with the agreement for the tax abatement. The form was signed by the Town Board President and attested by Clerk-Treasurer.

Next, item on the agenda was a Request for Loan Appraisal. That item was tabled until there was further discussion.

Next up, were approval for two appraisal invoices. One for First Appraisal for \$3,500, and the second one from Figg Appraisal Group for \$3,400.

Mike Spinks made two motions to approve the two invoices. The motions were seconded by Dean Bruce, and passed by a vote of 2-0.

Ordinance 2020-19, Salary Ordinance for 2021 was presented for approval. The ordinance states that the elected officials' pay will remain the same as it is, and all employees will receive pay 0% to 3% that can be established at any time throughout 2021.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Dean Bruce seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.

The Schedule of Holidays, Regular Town Council Meetings and Pay Date Schedules for 2021 were presented. One change was made to the Schedule of Holidays by the addition of Veteran's Day to the Holidays Schedule.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the Schedule of Holidays as corrected, seconded by Mike Spinks, and the motion passed 2-0.

Mike Spinks gave a short report on the Economic Development and the Redevelopment Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch requested approval for a repair to a police vehicle in the amount of \$1,247.00.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the repair, seconded by Dean Bruce, and passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd presented a list of streets he was proposing for the Community Crossings Grant for approval. It includes Thornridge, Garden Park Addition, East Street, and several miscellaneous streets.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the list, Dean Bruce seconded and the motion passed 2-0.

Next, Tony reported that Roger Freeman would be stepping down as the Assistant Superintendent because he plans to retire in 2021. He recommends that Scott Barnett be his replacement and asked for the Board's approval. Tony also mentioned that Superintendents traditionally make 5% more than their previous position. Roger Freeman will be at the top of the pay scale for his position.

Mike Spinks made a motion, seconded by Jon Stantz to approve the replacement. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

Jon Stantz read the Sewer Dept. report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz gave a report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz proposed an Executive Meeting for Thursday, December 31 at 4:00 P.M.

He also reported that Ed Reuter is continuing on the Park project, but the storm water rates are on hold. He also said he would be holding a Team Meeting on Wednesday with representatives from Autovest to discuss how they are moving forward. He would like at least one Town representative there as well.

Lastly, he discussed the funds that will become available because of the Boston Scientific tax abatement agreement. The Town Board felt that the Redevelopment Commission could handle the new fund for Economic Development and make recommendations for their use to the Town

Council. A fund, separate from the funds already established for the Redevelopment will be set up to receive this money.

Dean Bruce made a motion to establish the fund and to include it under the oversight of the Redevelopment Commission. Mike Spinks seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Dean Bruce gave a final update on the COVID-19 Grant. A total of \$250,000 with a \$50,000 Town matching fund was distributed to small businesses.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Discussion resumed regarding the increase in wages for 2021. After discussion, the Board agreed to a 2% increase to begin with the first pay of 2021.

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

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 7:13 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