

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
February 18, 2020 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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 Marshal Foutch.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

Toby Church, with Commonwealth Engineering discussed the upcoming wastewater grant with OCRA. It now involves a second project with McCormick's Creek State Park. The Board's concern is that the second project may interfere with OCRA's requirement. Discussion took place, explaining how these two programs will be integrated. A meeting will take place on Thursday with OCRA, and other key players with the second project involving the state park, to discuss and make sure that there is no problems with combining these two. The contracts with Commonwealth Engineering will be signed at the next meeting, after the discussions take place with all parties. The release of funds from the State will need to be signed immediately.

Next, Marce King presented some items from the Owen County Economic Development Strategy Plan. The first item she presented was the new banners to for display on the light poles supporting the Quality of Life and Workforce Attraction Plan. Next, she discussed plans for REMC to bring in fiber to Owen County through a grant. The deadline for submitting the grant is March 6, and she is requesting that individuals write letters in support of bringing fiber into the county. Marce said showing that the county supports this project would go a long way in bringing it here.

One of the projects the Chamber has been working on is a public restroom now that the courthouse has closed its restrooms to the public during downtown events. She shared with the Board their rendition of what they are planning to build on the backlot behind the old Chambers building behind Market and Main. The restroom will be available throughout the summer months. Barbara Chambers has agreed to lease the land to the Town in order to build the restroom facilities, and Marce would like some agreement from the Town before she proceeds. She shared the design plans for the facility as well.

Mike Spinks made a motion to allow Marce to move forward on the project. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Next meeting will be March 18, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported updated the Board on the police department. He requested that two additional Tasers be added to the contract signed last year. The additional cost will be an additional \$622.74. He reported on his last department meeting, and reported that they would meet on a quarterly basis. Dean Bruce mentioned today's meeting with the department was informative and he would like to continue having regular meetings with the department.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the additional purchase of the Tasers. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony brought in information to advertise the two dump trucks for sale of surplus. Next, he reported that he had a request from the Spencer Elementary School to remove the concrete on

the west side of the school, and let it return to green space. Richard Lorenz said that a letter should be written to transfer the responsibility of the sidewalk area to the schools. He agreed to write it.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow the school to move forward to return the sidewalk to greenspace in the area indicated. The motion was seconded and passed.

Tony requested that he be allowed to move forward with the job opening advertisement so that he could fill it as soon as possible.

Richard Lorenz said he sent out the right away applications to the residents for the storm water project on East Street.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge gave a report on plant maintenance and collections.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz said that they approved a contract with Volunteers, Inc. for firefighters. He also reported that they have had improved response times with the employment of full-time fire fighters.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard modified a Resolution that the Clerk-Treasurer provided as a sample to comment on HB-1165. With the Board's approval, he will send it to the chair of the committee as well as our state senator.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve resolution 2020-03 A Resolution Articulating the Sense of the Town Council Regarding its Opposition to House Bill 1165. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

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