

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
March 2, 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

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

Matt Sward with SIDC presented the contract for the grant administration of the sewer wastewater project for \$66,000. This is paid out of local funds.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the contract. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, he presented the contract for Commonwealth Engineers. The original contract for the preliminary engineering and testing for \$30,000 was approved on March 4, 2019 for smoke testing. The amendment for \$207,500 will cover preliminary and final engineering, bidding, construction, and follow-up and both are paid from local funds for \$237,500. This agrees with the amount in the OCRA Grant.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the amendment from Commonwealth Engineers for the sewer project. The motion was seconded and passed.

Matt will follow up with Commonwealth to make sure the original agreement has all signatures as well.

In regards to the Bicentennial committee for Spencer, suggestions were made to add possible names to get started. The Clerk-Treasurer made a list of these suggestions, and will make contact with the individuals to see if they have an interest. The preliminary date of the celebration is October 10 and the place of the celebration will be at Cooper Common.

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 said they would like to schedule a meeting with the Council on Monday, April 20, at 5:00 P.M. This will be the week following the regular quarterly meeting by the police department. This meeting will take place prior to the regular town council meeting. Richard Foutch will contact a PERF representative so the police can better understand their retirement plan.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report. Mike Sudol was present and shared some of his plans for 48 E. Market.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony reported on the street department maintenance. He also updated the board with a tentative date for beginning the storm water project on Hillside of around April 1.

Tony has reviewed the applications for the new position, and has culled it down to about four. Dean Bruce agreed to sit in on the interviews when they are scheduled.

Richard Lorenz said, upon further review of state statute, there is a provision that allows you to sell more than one item for less than \$5,000. Tony will check with a couple of interested parties on this to see if they will fit into this provision.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve acceptance of a bid for the two surplus dump trucks, for under \$5,000.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mike Sudol asked about the schedule for the sidewalk replacement program this year. Jon will keep him up to date as to when it will begin.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge gave a report on plant maintenance and collections. He presented an invoice from Straeffer Pump & Supply for a new motor for a pump for \$1,513.57.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the invoice. The motion was seconded and passed.

John reported that a pump was out, and presented an estimate from Xylem for \$2,095 for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the estimate for this amount. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

There will be a meeting on Saturday, March 7.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz reported the next meeting is March 9, and he reported everything is going very well.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported that he would like everyone to review the Tax Abatement ordinance revision.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Richard Foutch reported that the county passed an ordinance to allow 4-wheelers countywide. He asked how the town would address this. The consensus was to make no changes now.

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