

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
June 15, 2020 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building and Via WebEx
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Michael Spinks, Dean Bruce (WebEx) and Jon Stantz.

Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Maureen Hayden and Bill Stockwell. Attorney Richard Lorenz, Mark Rogers, and Drew Flamion by Webex.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

Bill Stockwell asked Jon Stantz about the schedule for replacing sidewalks. He mentioned that his needed to be reframed. Jon said that would be done, and pouring concrete will begin later this week.

Drew Flamion spoke to the Board about the Infiltration and Inflow project. Notice for bids was published in the June 15 Evening World and will be again on June 22. All bids must be delivered to the Municipal Building by July 6 and will be publicly opened at the regular meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Next he discussed potential hot spots in the storm water capital improvement project that still need to be corrected. After some discussion, the decision was to have a public meeting to get input from the residents. If the Town proceeds with getting OCRA funds for this project, they will need to have a recommendation for rates. They will continue to work with LWG on a rate analysis. This will be revisited at an August meeting.

Next, Ordinance 2020-09 to Establish a Capital Asset Policy was presented for approval. Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Rogers spoke to the Board about the plans for the MyPath project which will include replacing sidewalks between Jefferson and Cooper. A Memorandum of Understanding was prepared explaining the roles and responsibilities between the two parties; OCCF and the Town of Spencer. They also acknowledge and agree that BBP and REMC fiber optic engineers have requested coordination during the construction for installation and/or repairs in the same area. Rundell Ernstberger will provide services as outlined in their contract with the Town.

Both OCCF and the Town agreed to meeting with REA representatives as soon as can practically be scheduled.

A motion was made by Jon Stantz to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by Dean Bruce, and all three members voted in favor of signing.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Don Bingham read a letter he received from Tim Lewis, President of World Arts, Inc. where he presented his CF-1s for personal property and real estate. He reported that he was behind in his projections in order to receive a tax abatement, and he asked the Board for an extension to correct it. The problems were unforeseeable and a result of the COVID-19 environment. In order for the Town to grant an extension, there must be a public hearing. The Board agreed to conduct the hearing. They will discuss the time for this, and get back to World Arts.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Richard Lorenz reported that the lease between the Town and Barbara Chambers will be completed this week.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nothing new to report. Chief Foutch said he may be able to return to administrative duties in another week or so.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

A Zoning Board meeting will be held via Webex on June 23.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Jon read a report on the Street Dept.'s maintenance and projects. Tony Floyd will be leaving on vacation beginning June 19 for two weeks. Roger Freeman will be in charge.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

Jon Stantz read a report for the Sewer update.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon reported that the fire department is running smoothly with the hiring of personnel. Response times are better and overall administration improved.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz made a report on various projects.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz gave an update on the sidewalk program.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 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