

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
September 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.

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

The first order of business was opening bids for the MyPath Trails sidewalk project. Cecil Penland from Rundell Ernstberger Associates opened at read them. They are as follows:

Morphey Construction	Base	\$328,507	Total	\$398,000
Neidhigh Construction	Base	280,000	Total	356,400
E&B Paving	Base	261,300	Total	373,300
Milestone	Base	307,510	Total	372,456

The Board took these under consideration while they are reviewed for completeness.

The next item before the Board was approval of Ordinance 2020-15 For Appropriations and Tax Rates.

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

An event registration was presented for approval on behalf of the VFW and American Legion for Veteran's Day on November 11 at 11:00 A.M. She is requesting approval to have a moment of silence in front of the Doughboy Statue. She stated that participants will remain in their cars. John Stantz made a motion to approve the event request, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion was unanimously passed.

Next on the agenda, Mike Harvey and Bill Grandi wanted an update on the status of the construction trailer at Valley Chevrolet. Richard Lorenz reported he received new drawings from their engineer and they now intend to make the trailer a permanent structure. They still need to submit a site plan to the Planning Commission, which will give the neighbors an opportunity to see the plan, and respond to it. Richard further stated there is no active permit at this time.

Riddle Tractor Sales requested permission to close Short Street between Morgan and Franklin on Saturday, October 3rd, beginning at 8:00 a.m. for a Sales Auction. Tony Floyd will verify the exact location of the closing.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request to close the Short Street, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion was passed unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Don Bingham will remain at the OCED on a temporary basis.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported that the Commission met and gave a preliminary approval to look into two potential projects. The first is an arched sign over Main Street, south of Morgan. The second is the replacement of the alley behind McKay's.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mike Spinks gave a brief report from the department.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Dean gave a report. He reported on the trailer that is on the lot at 1141 New Jersey. No plans have been submitted nor permit has been applied for yet. The town will continue to monitor it.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd gave an update on the operations of the Street Dept. Jon Stantz reported that he spoke to INDOT again, regarding the manholes along Morgan. Jon should be getting a response back within a week.

Tony said he received a request from the Fair Board to use the small bucket truck to trim some trees. He also said two of his employees volunteered to operate the truck for this job. Some discussion took place, and the consensus was if they had insurance on their property, and there would not be any liability to the town, they would agree.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the use of the bucket truck, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed unanimously.

Tony Floyd reported that he looked over the streets in Lewis Addition, and all appeared to be in fair to good condition. However, the streets have dead ends, and have no outlet or turn around room. Because of this, they would be difficult to maintain. The consensus from the Board was that it would not be feasible for the Town to take these streets into their inventory. They agreed to table it for the time being.

Lastly, Tony requested to buy a storage shed to store the lawn mowers. He got a price from Raber on a 12X20 shed for \$2,849.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on sewer operations and collections. He requested permission to purchase nine air filters for a total of \$1,622.70.

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

He also requested to purchase stainless steel chain to pull pumps. The cost for 100 feet is \$1,497.80.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

Dean reported they had their first meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz reported on the Fire Territory operations.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPARTMENT

Dean reported that they are still looking at ways to use the greenspace. They are also looking into creating and placing a commemorative sign for Millie Ranard.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz summarized several matters he is currently working on.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz updated the sidewalk program.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz asked about the status of Halloween. He offered to look into it further.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 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