

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
February 2, 2015 at 7p.m
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Dean Bruce, Jon Stantz, and Cynthia Hyde

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Richard Lorenz, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge and Chief Marshal Richard Foutch.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the Minutes with one correction. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Judi Epps requested approval of an event registration on behalf of Spencer Pride to take place on June 6, 2015. The event is to take place on the Courthouse Lawn, and she is requesting to close Market Street and the parking lot north of the Courthouse. The street department is requested to provide barricades for the street and the parking lot. The hours are 8am to 5pm. There will be some setup on Friday night as well.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve the event request. It was seconded and passed.

Mike Harvey was present and wanted to thank Jon Stantz for his help with the parking problem at Valley Chevrolet. He also talked about the County donating timber to the Legion, whereby they may use some of the proceeds from the sale for constructing a Veteran's Park located on North Washington Street on property currently owned by the county. He is looking for any kind of help that the Town is interested in providing. This will take place in the future, but he wanted to make the Town aware of it. Also, he reported on repairing the Veteran's Memorial Wall and is hoping that the money received from the sale of the timber will cover the cost, with enough left over for the park development. He should know more about what the cost for repairs will be, later in February.

Cynthia Hyde reported that she received an anonymous letter regarding stray cats. Dean Bruce pointed out that it would be easier to address problems if the complaint was not made anonymously. Cynthia thought that the issues needed to be addressed by the Board. Discussion followed with no real recommendations. Dean Bruce reiterated that without a complaint being filled out with specific information, there is nothing that the Town can do.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MATTER OF REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Richard Lorenz reported that the first meeting went well. Dean Bruce reported that Mike Spinks was elected president, Wally DeFord, Vice President, and Ed Hines Secretary.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that Vehicle #6 has been transferred to Larry Parrish for his use. He also reported that the Spencer Police received positive publicity by offering the lobby to transact business for Craigslist.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Sheila Reeves presented a generator project proposal for installing a 24kw generator inside the EMT garage that will be capable of providing enough power for the entire building. Funding for this project will come from a \$10,000 Homeland Security grant, a \$5,000 appropriation from the Building Fund (pending Town Council approval), and a \$7,500 appropriation from Local Health Maintenance fund, pending approval the County Council on 2/9/2015. Total cost estimate from the selected vendor, White's Electrical, is \$19,550.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request for the \$5,000 appropriation for the Building fund. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported that he received a letter from INDOT Rail Office requesting consideration of alleys be closed at three locations. The locations are, the alley between Harrison and Washington Sts, between Main and Montgomery, and one at Sycamore Street. He disagreed with the first and last one, but thought between Main and Montgomery could be closed, with traffic going one way south, without a problem.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported that he received an invoice from Crosspoint for repair of the generator for approval.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the invoice for repair of the generator in the amount of \$2,622.92. The motion was seconded and passed.

Also presented for approval was the invoice from IDEM for the annual renewal of the permit in the amount of \$4,400.

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

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Richard Lorenz reported that the first meeting took place and he will get with Cynthia to build a chart of all members and their credentials, along with their terms, to see where we are with all appointees. Dean Bruce appointed John Hodge to replace Daniel Browning on the BZA board.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz had nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

The resolution for the Town elections was tabled until a later date.

Jon Stantz reported that an estimate received from INDOT for the next Safe Routes to School project was received in the amount of \$145,000. He also stated that the amount awarded was \$116,000. He has additional questions about our costs, which he will take up at the next meeting with INDOT.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve contract modification #1 between GRW and the Town of Spencer for the lighting project for an additional payment of \$8,000. The motion was seconded and approved.

Next, Jon Stantz presented a consulting contract between GRW and the Town of Spencer for the Safe Routes to School project, not to exceed \$53,500. The contract is for the engineering and overseeing the construction of the entire project.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the consulting contract not to exceed \$53,500. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dean Bruce reported that he was still working on the request for technical assistance from NALCAB.

Discussion regarding personnel policies that may need to be amended took place. It was determined that a work session would be required to address these. The Board suggested that the Superintendents review the Personnel Handbook and make some suggestions where changes may be needed.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Dean Bruce asked about the situation with Valley Chevrolet parking, and Jon explained it. He told them that he instructed that they cannot park in the yard, only the concrete pad and driveway. The situation produced comments regarding other residents who do the same thing. Jon suggested that a work session be held to follow up on these sorts of violations and how the ordinances can be better enforced.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

John Stantz motioned to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

Dean Bruce, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest: _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer