

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
April 6, 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: Richard Lorenz (WebEx) and Marce King

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from March 16 were

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

Due to the COVID 19 guidelines, the following events are either cancelled, or rescheduled to a later date:

- Boston Scientific Family 5K Event – Rescheduled to a date TBD
- Spencer Pride Festival originally scheduled for June 6th – Rescheduled to October 17, 2020
- Arbor Day originally scheduled for Saturday, April 25th will reschedule, and will get the details by the next meeting.

Dean reported on a meeting he had with the Clerk-Treasurer and Jay Henson regarding the renewal of the employee health insurance. Jay has looked into a couple of other options, but there are no better at this time. The decision was to renew the present plan and continue to look at other options. The only change recommended was a change in the deductibles, because of the addition of the health clinic which reduces out of pocket expenses for the employees. At this time, the insurance renewal was tabled until the next meeting. Mike Spinks made a motion to table the decision to the next meeting. The motion was seconded, and all three members voted aye.

Next, discussion took place regarding the opening of the offices to the public. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the building is closed to the public entering, but all business will continue to be conducted by phone, email or appointment. Employees continue to work the same hours. Dean Bruce said the police, sewer, and street departments remain open and are functioning normally.

The Clerk-Treasurer made a suggestion that penalties for late payment not be added to the April billing. After some discussion, the Board agreed, and said they would look at this again in the next month.

Dean Bruce made a motion to suspend the late fee penalties for the April billing cycle. The motion was seconded, and all three members voted aye to approve.

Marce King, with the OCED office asked for permission to place yard signs along 46 to honor the graduating class of SOCS. Tentatively, they plan to install the signs the first week in May, and leave them up until June 1. The Board suggested she check with the property owners first, to see if they would agree with placing the signs on their property. She will get firm dates, and do some checking and report back to the Board.

She also reported that the new posts for the banners do not have the ball at the end that keeps the banner from sliding off. She wanted to call that to the attention of Tony Floyd, because something will need to be done to keep the banners in place.

Next, James Keesling at 859 W Indiana, requested no parking signs in front of his property because the Postman parks on his tree plot. Jon Stantz made a suggestion that he get pictures of the area, so an appropriate decision can be made.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mike Spinks gave a brief update on the police department.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Dean Bruce read the street department report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

Jon Stantz read the sewer department report.

John Hodge asked for board approval to hire a vector truck to clean out trash from the 5th Avenue lift station. He estimates the cost to be around \$3,500.00.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded and all three members voted aye to approve.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Jon Stantz asked about a variance for Beatty on N. East Street. Richard Lorenz said he will contact him about it.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported he had discussions with London Witte and Commonwealth Engineers in relation to the storm water and sewer projects. He will prepare a written report for these.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon reported that the Sidewalk project has slowed down a bit with the pandemic. He asked that the cutoff date of May 1st be published on the website.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve, seconded by Dean Bruce. All three board members voted aye.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved by all three members.

/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