

TOWN OF SPENCER  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL  
APRIL 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Dean Bruce. All Council members were present along with the Clerk Treasurer and Town Attorney.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Department updates/reports:

Street: Superintendent Parrish reporting

- a) Asphalt bidding: 78,190 sq ft of paving: Rodgers \$60,000 per ton @ \$61.50 per ton in place; Wabash Valley \$72,705. Both would be within budgeted amount of \$80,000. Mr. Bruce moved to contract with Rodgers @ \$61.50 per ton and to stay within budget of \$80,000 and the motion passed.
- b) Tree plot: Mr. Stantz requested that the town do an inventory of all streets as to curbing, tree plot situation, and sidewalks. This information would be used in setting priorities.
- c) Newforth Parking situation: no response from Newforths but parking lot as previously laid out has been terminated.

Sewer: Superintendent Edwards reporting

- a) Darrin Wells of GRW reported: Progress meeting #12 was held on the sewer plant contract; March 27 is set as substantial completion date and issued to company; punch list was issued to company dated March 31 with completion due date of April 15; pay application #13 for \$134,676.50 was presented which would indicate a 99% completion and had been approved by GRW for payment. Mr. Bruce moved to pay the application and the motion was approved.
- b) Mr. Edwards reported: issue of sewer system in area of Babbs in awaiting final resolution; areas of planned future work to include: Lovers Lane/Fletcher Avenue/Garden Drive which is an area of old clay tile still in use and needing replacing and will require some hand digging due to location; another area is on Clay Street will require about 60 feet of work; needing to install a manhole in area of Chambers if possible (to reduce long distance between current manholes); and Lincoln Street pump station needing work.
- c) Requests for Sewer Bill Adjustments:  
10 South Main for \$241.86; 289 South West \$45.87---Mr. Stantz moved to allow these adjustments and the motion passed.  
140 Blue Heron Drive request for \$541.27 (owner requested due to being away from home while problem in bathroom—water did enter sewer system) Mr. Stantz moved to allow for abatement of \$300 of the bill as a special circumstances situation and the motion passed.
- d) In the matter of request for metered sewer billing: Mr. Lorenz requested more time to study the issue and this was granted.
- e) more bids have been received on matter of generator for Municipal Building

f) Matter of tap on fee for youth building: Mr. Richard Kelly requesting consideration of being responsible for old fee and not new fee: Mr. Lorenz requested time to check into details on letter issued by DNR concerning allowance of construction in area (questions on flood designation and action allowed.)

Police: Chief Smith reporting

- a) An update on variety of matters was presented
- b) Range Master Hendricks presented a report on purchase of replacement weapons from the Remington settlement: Proposed purchase of light system for weapons as the funds would allow for purchase of 3 units. The Council took no action since such a purchase is within the Department's allowance for expenditures.

Parks and Recreation:

Reported that an Arbor Day program is set for April 26

Unfinished Business:

Matter of town clean up program: plans currently set for a month long clean up period; to have 5 dumpsters available; month of June be designated "Clean up Spencer Month"; will attempt to assist residents as needed; Rule that once items placed in a dumpster they become the property of the Town.

New Business:

- a) Matter of Farmer's Market: Patty Stewart representing the Farmer's Market group: Market to be in the parking lot on north side of Court House (except for specific dates where a conflict exists then will be held elsewhere); dates: starting May 3 through October with hours to be 8am to noon. Various assistance was offered by the Town
- b) Matter of requests by Cook:
  - 1—a request will be formally presented requesting town abandon a portion of a street and an alley---matter to be on next meeting agenda
  - 2—will be requesting possibility a tax abatement of the Town; since Town has no policies nor has given before --several concerns were expressed. A work session was set for Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for work on tax abatement and related issues. The Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Corporation has offered to work with the issue and any applications if the Town wants them to do so.
- c) Town Code: final financial matters to be cleared up and then new code will be ready for release.

Claims: Mrs. Hyde moved to approve claims as presented and the motion passed.

Adjournment: Mr. Bruce moved to adjourn and the motion passed.

Adopted: April 21, 2008

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President

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Member

Attested: Linda Simmerman, Clerk/Treasurer