

TOWN OF SPENCER
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL
MAY 5, 2008 7pm Municipal Building

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Clerk Treasurer's Report: Reported on several financial matters including current status and report from DLGF as to reduction in funding for road and streets.

Department updates/reports:

Street—Supt. Parrish reporting:

- a) Paving is completed with approximately \$11,000 left in the fund. Requested use of approximately \$5,500 to crack-seal part of Hillside Avenue. Mr. Stantz moved to approve request for use of approximately \$5,500 for crack-seal of Hillside Avenue and the motion passed.
- b) Matter of clean up program: estimated cost of dumpsters from Hoosier is setting of 40 yd unit @ \$340 per unit for rental plus \$75 delivery and a charge of \$47.54 per ton over 2 ton. There was a request for obtaining more information on this matter.
- c) Matter of request from INDOT to alter previous plans as to west side project concerning Franklin Street: INDOT requested Council approve change to making west end of Franklin a dead end street with INDOT changing plan such that there would be no intersection of Franklin with 46/67/231. Mr. Bruce moved to respond to INDOT that the town is not in favor of change from original plan and the motion passed.
- d) Discussion was held on matter of storm sewers with no decisions made.

Sewer—Supt. Edwards reporting:

- a) GRW representative Darrin Wells presented update on progress of Thineman on completion of punch list on sewer plant: intend to be completed by Wednesday the 7th. The project is currently in the liquidated damage phase. Thineman had not presented a bill and no recommendation was made on the matter.
- b) Possible Open House for new/renovated Town Facilities---matter to be further considered.
- c) Matter of requiring ground fault receptacles in the sewer department garage: matter to be reviewed with building commissioner on exact number that would be required to be converted and to seek alternatives including bids to get the work completed.
- d) Matter of Skid Row tap on: Council by consensus authorized Mr. Edwards to conduct a dye test to determine if a blockage exists.

Police: Chief Smith reporting:

- a) Department personnel completed active shooter training. Requested sending 2 officers to attend active shooter conference and become certified trainers. Estimated cost of \$1,000. Mr. Stantz moved to approve request that Officers Sips and Hendricks be authorized to attend the training and that Officer Sips be approved for further training to be certified as a general trainer and the motion passed.
- b) Mr. Bruce moved that the town adopt a policy to equitably distribute week end duty assignments among members of the department and this to apply to any department requiring week end work. The motion passed.
- c) Issue of use of a bay for parking fire truck by Territory to be on the agenda for the next meeting. Also, the issue of number and distribution of keys to the area if permission to use is authorized.

Building: Council requested Commission attend meetings on a regular basis and to submit reports on activities.

Parks/Recreation: Report presented on Arbor Day program.

Unfinished Business:

Matter of Tax Abatement by the Town:

Mr. Bruce moved to adopt Ordinance 2008-2: An Ordinance establishing entire Town of Spencer as a Revitalization Zone. The motion passed.

Mr. Bruce moved to adopt Ordinance 2008-3: An Ordinance establishing policies concerning consideration and allowance of tax abatements and the manner of reviewing and acting on requests. It established that the Owen County Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Corporation shall assist the town in reviewing applications and shall receive the fees charged for such applications and review. The motion passed.

Matter of possible Tax Abatement for Cook expansion project: public hearing set for 6:30pm on March 19. Hearing on recommendation by CCEDC that Cook receive a 10 year tax abatement. CCEDC to provide written report on recommendation.

The matter of possible financial support of CCEDC by the Town is to be on the first meeting in June.

New Business:

Report presented concerning meeting recently held on the flood plain. Further information and input is being sought from several sources.

Claims: Mr. Stantz moved to approve claims as presented

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

Adopted: May 19, 2008

President

Member

Member

Attested:

Linda Simmerman, Clerk Treasurer