

**Village of Spring Valley**  
**Village Board – Regular meeting**  
**April 6, 2016**

**Call to Order:** President Brunkhorst called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers Village Hall.

**Members Present:** Mary Ducklow, Matt Huepfel, Dale Jacobson, Rich O’Connell, Andy Vorlicek

**Members Absent:** Nick Falde

**Staff present:** Clerk/Treasurer Luann Emerson, Chief John DuBois, PW Director Tim Howe

**Support present:** Attorney Rory O’Sullivan, Cedar Corporation

**Approval of Minutes: Motion (Jacobson/O’Connell) to approve all minutes as presented. Carried.**

**Approval of Agenda:** Item #1 removed from agenda, closed session removed from agenda. **Motion (O’Connell/Huepfel) to approve agenda as adjusted. Carried.**

**Public Appearances –** Paula Lugar appeared to inform the Board about the petition for which she has been acquiring signatures. The petition circulating in the Village of Spring Valley, along with communities across the country, supports passage of an amendment to the United States Constitution stating: 1. Only human beings – not corporations, unions, nonprofits or other artificial entities – are endowed with constitutional rights, and 2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech. The timeframe for the process was also presented to the board.

**Discussion/Action items:**

- 1. Cedar Corporation water project –** Trustee Vorlicek recapped the Public Works committee presentation. Cedar Corporation gave two options for the major deficiencies needed to be corrected in order to be compliant with DNR. Option 1 – new storage, new well, water main loop: total project estimate \$1.53 million, CDBG grant \$500K, village obligation \$1.03 million. Option 2 – new storage, water main loop: \$1.11 million, CDBG grant \$500K, village obligation \$613K. **Motion (Vorlicek/Jacobson) to accept Option 2 - CDBG 2016 – Construction 2017.** Discussion on moving forward and strength of the CDBG grant application. Cedar said the village has a strong application. **Roll call vote – Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Huepfel, Jacobson, O’Connell, Vorlicek. Nays: none. Absent: Falde. Carried.**
- 2. CDA applications for TID grant approval:** Zimmerman Apartments requesting \$20,000 on a project estimated at \$75, 816: **Motion (Jacobson/Huepfel) to approve \$20,000 grant. Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Huepfel, Jacobson, O’Connell, Vorlicek. Nays: none. Absent: Falde. Carried.** Donna Huppert building currently occupied by MBC Sports requesting \$3,850 on a \$7,000 project: **Motion (Jacobson/Huepfel) to approve \$3,850 grant. Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Huepfel, Jacobson, O’Connell, Vorlicek. Nays: none. Absent: Falde. Carried.** Other CDA information: setting up two new committees so that downtown façade loans can be made. These concern regional and microloan programs. The public hearing and resolution will be completed at the May meeting.
- 3. Public Works updates –** Several sidewalks in Spring Valley need to be repaired with possibility of TID money being used for the downtown business sections. Grade needs to be decided on the site of the old nursing home. Bids were reviewed for raising the foundation at the SW corner of the municipal building. The village will still need to repair the crack and fix the cause of the sinking foundation. Alley, curb, gutter will also need repair. The building foundation expense is not TID eligible but the alley repair is. **Motion (Jacobson/O’Connell) to accept \$5,520 bid from Atlas Foundation Company, LLC. Carried.**
- 4. Trout pond feeding, upkeep, maintenance –** There is an algae problem that is being worked on by volunteers. The village will look into an aerator with funding from a private donation and the Park Fund. Further discussion on PW feeding and mowing will be discussed at the May meeting.
- 5. Operator’s License – Motion (Ducklow/Jacobson) to approve Jamie Ford. Carried.**
- 6. Pay Requests/Treasurer’s Report –** \$34,540.40 General Fund, \$5,683.02 Library, \$94,090.15 TID #2, \$10,468.92 TID #3, \$18,848.85 Water Utility, \$21,748.08 Sewer Utility. **Accepted as presented.**
- 7. Next meeting date set for Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 6:30 p.m.**

**Reports:**

**Police:** March: 11 traffic citations. Stabbing incident resulting in felony charges and eviction of tenant, new policy manual finalized, nuisance property ordinance is ready for committee, officer support at Trump Rally costs reimbursed by City of Eau Claire, property clean up and vehicles at residences will be addressed soon.

**Accepted as presented.**

**Library:** Level of books in and out continue to increase, updating employee manual has begun, a separate association, "Friends of the Library", is organizing in the area.

**Clerk:** Link to SVSSP and any other organization or event can be put on village website, updates to board members' contact on web site, Kindergarten teacher will be putting up bird feeders at Handy Andy park as a learning tool and will remove them when summer school is done, add announcement to the newsletter about the historical display in the hall of the Municipal building. Lions Club will also be using a section of the new display cases.

**President:** none

**Additional information, no action:**

93<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District Representative Warren Petryk held a Town Meeting on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>. Trustees Vorlicek, Jacobson, and Falde attended along with School Superintendent Dr. Donald Haack, and Chief DuBois. Discussion centered on big government organizations such as DNR, ACOE, and FEMA. Representative Petryk will talk to the Army National Guard to see if they can do the dredging project at Mines Creek.

Web site in general needs to be updated.

Congratulations to Village Attorney Rory O'Sullivan on becoming a U.S. Citizen!

**Motion (O'Connell/Vorlicek) to adjourn. Carried.**

**Submitted by Luann Emerson, Clerk**

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