

Village of Spring Valley  
Village Board – Regular meeting minutes  
December 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

APPROVED

**Call to Order:** President Brunkhorst called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. in Council Chambers Village Hall.

**Members Present:** Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Huepfel, Jacobson, Falde, O'Connell

**Members Absent:** Vorlicek

**Staff present:** Clerk/Treasurer Emerson, Chief DuBois, Cedar Corp, PW Director Howe

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2019 BUDGET:** There were no appearances or inquiries about the budget. Meeting resumed 6:25 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes: Motion (O'Connell/Huepfel) to approve November 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. Carried**

**Approval of Agenda: Motion (Jacobson/O'Connell) to approve agenda with closed session. Carried.**

**Appearances:** none

- 1) **Motion (Huepfel/O'Connell) to approve the 2019 General Budget at \$796,704. Carried.**
- 2) **Motion (Jacobson/Huepfel) to set the levy and mil rate as follows: Pierce County for local General Fund at \$392,068, mil rate .006575029. St. Croix County for local General Fund at \$7,307, mil rate .005881501. Carried.**
- 3) **Motion (Huepfel/O'Connell) to approve 2.8% cost of living increase for P.I.G. effective 1/1/2019. 65 gallon from \$12 to \$12.34, 95 gallon from \$14.50 to \$14.91, sticker price from \$2.40 to \$2.50. Carried.**
- 4) **Motion (Jacobson/O'Connell) to approve all election workers as presented. Brunkhorst abstained. Carried.**
- 5) **Motion (O'Connell/Jacobson) to approve Albrightson Pay Request No. 4 for finishing work at Red Fox Run Development \$16,512.56. Vote: Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Huepfel, Jacobson, Falde, O'Connell. Nays: none. Carried.**
- 6) **Motion (Huepfel/Ducklow) to approve Springlake Contracting Inc. Pay Request No. 2 for well house construction \$84,163.35. Vote: Ayes: O'Connell, Falde, Jacobson, Huepfel, Ducklow, Brunkhorst. Nays: none. Carried.**
- 7) **Pay requests and Treasurer's Report: Accepted as presented**
- 8) **January 2019 meeting date set for Wednesday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 6:15 p.m. Due to winter schedules the following dates were also set: February meeting will be Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup> 6:15 p.m. March meeting will be Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> 6:15 p.m.**

**Police report:** 1 citation was issued for traffic and ordinance violations. 2 crash reports. Officer Bryan is off training and doing very well and fitting in well with the community. Holiday parade Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. – events before and after. Shop with a Cop event Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> in Ellsworth, SV officers attending. FT job will be posted to begin the process.

**League of WI Municipalities:** O'Connell reported: Reviewing long term plan, tracking end dates and monetary distribution of TID funds, growth and future building needs in the region, citizen participation in local government were some of the sessions O'Connell attended at the conference.

**Library:** The Library Board was able to come up with a balanced budget. St. Croix County is providing 2 mobile hot spots to be checked out for 2-week increments. BP kit check-out is going well, sponsored by Vibrant Health.

**Municipal Development:** Lots will be listed with Property Executives Realty, agent Laura Krueschke effective 1/1/2019, pricing modified to reflect break-even for village. Anyone the village has already been working with will be offered current pricing until that time. **Motion (Duckow/Jacobson) to approve price change for lots effective 1/1/2019 and officially sign a listing contract with Property Executives Realty. Vote: Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Huepfel, Jacobson, Falde, O'Connell. Nays: none. Carried.**

**Public Works:** Chamber had electrical problems with the Christmas lights at Handy Andy Park, the village is not aware of what type of problem there was or what was fixed, Howe will touch base with Chamber President. Summer mowing will be discussed at a later date.

**Clerk:** Third election proposed by state government for March 2020 will not go to vote. Clerks throughout the state at both county and municipal level were very much against this, being logistically near impossible, in addition to the

added financial cost. Sarah Kolar (Arneson) provided new American Flags for downtown. The new copier for the village office is in and networked to Luann and Kathie.

**President:** Robby Jaeger restitution hearing was November 28<sup>th</sup>. Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Emerson attended. The judge awarded the village everything that was asked for including \$16,137.29 in fuel, \$3,825 legal fees for personnel file review, \$1296 for clerical costs. \$8500 has been paid back to date, \$12,758.29 remains to be paid. \$6,000 of this balance is due to VSV within 60 days of this determination, the balance due over the remainder of his probation. If restitution is not made according to this determination his probation could be revoked and the deferred judgement on the felony will come up again.

**Motion (Jacobson/O'Connell) to go into closed session**

**Motion (Jacobson/O'Connell) to go into closed session pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85 (1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.**

**Motion (O'Connell/Jacobson) to go back into open session**

**No action from closed session**

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