

Village of Spring Valley
Village Board – Regular meeting minutes
April 8th 2019 6:15 p.m.



Call to Order: President Brunkhorst called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. in Council Chambers Village Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Staff present: Clerk/Treasurer Emerson, Chief DuBois, Cedar Corp, Attorney O'Sullivan

Approval of Minutes: Motion (Jacobson/Huepfel) to approve Feb 26 and Feb 27 minutes. Carried

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

Cedar Corporation led the public hearing. All items were explained with a few questions from the attendees. Public Hearing was as follows:

Citizen Participation Hearing regarding its proposed application for Community Development Block Grant – Public Facilities Program (CDBG-PF) funds.

1. Identified total potential funds as 2/3 grant with 1/3 village commitment on a \$1.5 million project.
2. Eligible CDBG activities were reviewed as what can and cannot be done with the grant money
3. Presentation of identified community development needs include Eau Galle Rd, north looping
4. Identification of any community development needs by public – (none)
5. Presentation of activities proposed for CDBG application, including potential residential displacement: a mutually - agreed upon plan would be developed where needed for residents who front the project.
6. Citizen input regarding proposed and other CDBG activities: various questions pertaining to timelines, village ability to pay their portion, support of the suggested road improvement project.

Appearances: No appearances other than what is already on the agenda.

Action items:

- 1) Burning situation in Business Park (residents from the area were present). Several residents from the neighborhood adjacent to the Village Refuse attended the meeting to state their disapproval with the burning of the refuse pile. Thick smoke laid over homes and was pulled inside through heating systems. One resident commented on her home being closest and in the immediate area of the pile, making breathing for them and their pets difficult. Notices were put on doors of all residents in the area stating the pile would be burned the week of April 1-5 and to plan accordingly, however, no one realized the extent of the problem this year. Trustee Vorlicek, as Chairman of the Public Works Committee, addressed them and explained the years of debris that had piled up; residents also need to be more responsible with what gets placed there (i.e. carcasses, furniture, plastic debris). The village does not have enough staff to monitor the sight. Burning has only taken place in the past every 2-3 years and the burned remnants need to be hauled away when the burning is done. A more responsible approach from both village and residents may have prevented this. Vorlicek then went on to lay out the plan going forward: Signs are going to be placed at the refuse designating areas for brush, yard waste, dry and wet branches, etc. The burning will take place at least once per year, dry, and be monitored and extinguished as needed. President Brunkhorst stated that when that spot was designated as refuse deposit for village residents none of those homes were built.
- 2) Aubart/Gregory property: Per Attorney O'Sullivan, Aubart/Gregory/VSV properties at Hwy 29 and McKay Ave have had discrepancies over the years. Attorney O'Sullivan stated the quickest and most cost-effective way to solve this is to have an Assessor's Plat done. **Motion (Jacobson/Huepfel) to begin the process of obtaining an Assessor's Plat with costs being paid by the Village and assessed back to the property owners. Vote: Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Falde, Huepfel, Jacobson, O'Connell, Vorlicek. Carried. All parties involved were in agreement on this process.**
- 3) **Motion (Vorlicek/Huepfel) to reverse the denial and grant Schmitz an Operator's License. Carried.**
- 4) The board will consider a resolution at the Annual Meeting on April 16th as to whether or not the grant application should proceed with the Eau Galle Rd project. President Brunkhorst expressed her concern that the north end water looping project also be considered if the village is going to approve the Eau Galle Rd project. Cedar was given a directive to start gathering costs for both the Eau Galle Rd project and the north end looping project. The full board was in agreement with both projects.
- 5) **Motion (O'Connell/Huepfel) to approve Mineral Services pay ap Well #4 \$12,599.57 contingent on paperwork turned in to Cedar. Ayes: Vorlicek, O'Connell, Jacobson, Huepfel, Falde, Ducklow, Brunkhorst. Nays: none. Carried.**
- 6) **Motion (O'Connell/Huepfel) to approve NEO Electrical pay ap Electrical components Well #4 \$1,423.10. Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Falde, Huepfel, Jacobson, O'Connell, Vorlicek. Nays: none. Carried.**

- 7) **Motion (O'Connell/Huepfel)** to approve Springlake pay ap Wellhouse #4 \$40,872.80 contingent on paperwork turned in to Cedar. Ayes: Vorlicek, O'Connell, Jacobson, Huepfel, Falde, Ducklow, Brunkhorst. Nays: none. Carried.
- 8) **Motion (O'Connell/Ducklow)** to approve Operator's Licenses Jessica Peterson, Kaetlyn Friese. Carried.
- 9) PW updates: DOT projects on Hwy 29 pushed back to 2022. Well #4 is online and went live last week. Ehlers provided information on taking the Private Fire Protection costs off the tax bills and putting them on the water utility bills. This expense is currently \$96K and assessed to property owners through general property tax as part of the Village General Fund budget. Many communities are moving this expense to be a direct charge on the water utility bills.
- 10) **Motion (Falde/Ducklow)** to approve Pay requests/Treasurer's report. Carried.
- 11) Annual meeting Tuesday April 16th 2019 6:00 p.m.
- 12) Set Open Book date Tuesday May 7th 2019 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- 13) Set Board of Review date Tuesday May 14th 2019 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Bowmar will have to be consulted on alternate dates. BOR committee is not available on this day.
- 14) May monthly board meeting Thursday May 2nd 6:15 p.m.

Reports

- Police – Spring ordinance enforcement is starting; pets on leashes, pick up after pets, junk in yards, etc. Officer Bryan attended school training at UWRF and said it was very informative.

Committees that met during the month – Action may be taken on committee proposals

- **Library - With the passing of the referendum the library circulation is anticipated to go down slightly; hopefully funding from the counties will not be affected.**

Clerk's Report: Emerson anticipated a larger turnout for the election but the village still had 52 % participation. This was the only election for 2019. PSC is coming out with new verbiage to appear on water bills so municipalities using card-type invoice may need to switch to full paper. The village switched over a year ago and includes a newsletter with the bills; it has been well received.

President's Report none

Motion (O'Connell/Jacobson) to adjourn 8:25 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted Luann Emerson
 President Marsha Brunkhorst