Village of Spring Valley Village Board – Regular meeting minutes September 4, 2019



Call to Order: President Brunkhorst called the meeting to order at 6:19 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 Verges

Approval of Minutes: Motion (Jacobson/Falde) to approve August 7, July 9, July 17, July 23 minutes. Carried

Approval of Agenda: Motion (O'Connell/Huepfel) to approve agenda as posted revision. Carried.

Appearances: none

Action items:

- 1) Property on west side of W335 Oak Street parcel is platted as "undefined". Cedar Corporation surveyed the property at homeowner's expense. Motion (Huepfel/O'Connell) to approve survey and convey ownership to Chad and Dawn Hoyt, current residents. Vote: Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Falde, Huepfel, Jacobson, O'Connell, Vorlicek. Nays: none. Carried.
- 2) Motion (O'Connell/Huepfel) to approve resolution 9-4-19, Resolution Requesting Application for Exemption from County Library Tax Pierce County. Vote: Ayes: Vorlicek, O'Connell, Jacobson, Huepfel, Falde, Ducklow, Brunkhorst. Nays: none. Carried. Clerk will forward copy to County Clerk Feuerhelm.
- **Motion (Jacobson/Falde)** to approve final pay request No. 5 to Albrightson for Red Fox Run Development \$29,162.18. Carried.
- 4) Bids were received for North End Looping project. **Motion (Huepfel/O'Connell)** to approve Albrightson Excavating from Woodville as low bid at \$105,745.50. Work is not to begin until after September 22nd 2019. Vote: Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Falde, Huepfel, Jacobson, O'Connell, Vorlicek. Nays: none. Carried.
- A complaint was made to EPA after April burning at the compost site. That complaint funneled through to DNR and the Village was notified on August 30th. The village is required to have proper permitting before any more burning can be done at that site. The site is currently being managed, permitting will not be done at this time since burning is no longer planned at the site.
- Motion (Ducklow/Huepfel) to approve resolution 9-4-2019(a) Resolution Authorizing the Village of Spring Valley to Direct Charge for Public Fire Protection. Per WI §196.03(3) the village can pay Public Fire Protection (PFP) to the water utility either through tax levy or direct bill to utility users. The village has historically paid the utility via tax levy. Due to increased cost of running the village but stagnant tax levy and state aid the village has struggled each year to balance the budget so they have looked into moving a portion of the PFP to the water utility bills and off the tax levy. This will free up tax dollars for roads, plowing, and other services needed for the village. It is also a more equitable way to charge PFP; users now pay the cost of their own PFP. Previously no renters were contributing to the cost because they have no property tax bill. Many municipalities in Wisconsin have moved to this billing procedure. The process includes notification to utility customers from PSC and a Public Hearing. The village will be requesting from the PSC \$49,156, an amount equal to 50% of the current \$98,312 PFP, be moved off the tax levy and to a direct bill process. Vote: Ayes: Vorlicek, O'Connell, Jacobson, Huepfel, Falde, Ducklow, Brunkhorst. Nays: none. Carried. Clerk Emerson will continue the process with PSC.
- 7) Handy Andy Park Project donations to date are 5,597.29 + pledges. Property lines for a safe way to the park will be looked into.
- 8) Directive to SVHRC to auction off day care equipment. CNA classes will begin again and are needed in the area. Census today is 29.
- 9) Motion (O'Connell/Vorlicek) to approve Operator License for Mitchell Smith and Maverick Flanders. Carried.
- 10) Cedar will look at Glade Ave bridge to determine what damage was caused by previous accident. Guardrail will be installed by Adam Mattison per previous quote, PW will check to make sure weights are posted correctly, No Semi signs are here and being installed for Golf View Drive.
- 11) Motion (Ducklow/O'Connell) to approve pay requests (\$137,353.50) and Treasurer's Report.
- 12) October meeting set for Wednesday October 2nd at 6:15 p.m.

Police report – Potential wiring problem in the '14 squad, Flagship Ford is looking into it. Catalytic Converter needs replacement and is covered under recall. Looking for a rifle holder for squad. Van Effen not available for Dam Days. CJIS compliance will need to be worked into the budget under three phases and needs to be completed by next inspection date in 3 years. School Resource Officer program is beginning for 2019-2020 school year. Cleaning and organizing have been done in the office with much more to do. Meeting with Public Works for Dam Days coordination. '07 squad transmission has been ordered, Louie may or may not have it ready for Dam Days depending on delivery and scheduling.

Library – O'Connell showed percentages of reimbursements for Pierce, St. Croix, and Dunn Counties. Requests continue for 100 % reimbursement from Pierce County.

Motion (Vorlicek/O'Connell) 7:45 p.m. to go into closed session pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. For the purpose of reviewing employees hired in 2019.

Motion (Jacobson/Huepfel) 8:22 p.m. to go back into open session.

No action from closed session.

President's report – Vibrant would like to do a presentation for the community, the village can do this Wednesday October 2nd at 5:00 p.m. before the regular board meeting. Fire/Ambulance is looking into reserve accounts for charges to municipalities that remain uncollectible. Further clarification is needed from them before a decision could be made. Floors at fire hall need attention but there are no immediate plans for replacement. The fire hall needs to remain open in the front hall area for severe weather shelter for trailer court residents; office and training rooms remain locked when fire/ambulance personnel are not present.

Clerk's report – Clarification on Republican Eagle was made; they have the necessary paperwork filed with the Wisconsin Department of Administration to publish for the Village. Ashley Rezachek will now be covering Village board meetings. Property Executives Realty continues to work with builders on possible land purchase at the development. Mandatory training for CDBG-Eau Galle Rd funding will be September 19th in Rothchild.

Motion (Jacobson/Huepfel) to adjourn 8:51 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Luann Emerson, Clerk Marsha Brunkhorst, President