

Village of Spring Valley  
Village Board – Regular meeting minutes  
April 2, 2020

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, Falde, Huepfel, Jacobson, O’Connell, Vorlicek

**Members Absent:**

**Staff present:** Clerk/Treasurer Emerson, Chief Verges

**Approval of Minutes: (none)**

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

**Appearances: (none)**

**Action items:**

- 1) Paul Seeling requested the Village name the Sun-Argus as their official newspaper at the Annual Meeting and believes they should be publishing their agendas and minutes as opposed to “publicized”. Emerson has already been in touch with Claire Silverman, legal advisor for the League of WI Municipalities. Emerson will be in touch with Attorney O’Sullivan
- 2) In response to COVID19 situation Public Works has started splitting shifts and working more hours on weekends to avoid employee contact. The Village Office has been closed to the public and does village business on-line, phone, and uses payment box for all payments and correspondence. If anyone is ordered to do a 14-day quarantine for themselves or family member they will continue to be paid.
- 3) **Motion (Jacobson/Huepfel) to reject mowing bids as presented. Vote: Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Falde, Huepfel, Jacobson, O’Connell, Vorlicek. Nays: none. Carried. Gausman was directed to negotiate or hire within budget.**
- 4) **Motion (Ducklow/O’Connell) to approve Ordinance designating Fire Inspection Duties as required by Spring Valley Area Fire Department. A number will be assigned in the 38(75-79) range. Vote: Ayes: Vorlicek, O’Connell, Jacobson, Huepfel, Falde, Ducklow, Brunkhorst. Nays: none. Carried.**
- 5) **Motion (Jacobson/Ducklow) to approve Operator’s license at Rusty Horse**
- 6) **PW updates:** North watermain loop done last fall. Restoration being done in spring. Approx \$27,637 in construction costs remain. Reservoir Project: tank bid \$354,770. Existing reservoir will be demolished. Eau Galle Road Project: Village was awarded \$1million dollar CDBG grant, total project estimate is \$1.5 million. Bridge resurfacing done in 2020, street/utility portion in 2021. STH 29 Watermain Project: being discussed as part of the state 29 project. There was a watermain break under Hwy 29 this spring, watermain was only 4.5’ deep and was old cast iron pipe. Van Buren Rd & Multi-Use Trail Project – still waiting to hear on the LRIP-D grant for this project which could tie together a walking route to school. Glade Ave Bridge- hydraulic summary is being prepared to evaluate replacing the bridge with a large culvert. Current LRIP open project would be replaced with this. The village will not be removing trees in any residents’ ROW.
- 7) **CBRF** not being done at this time, focus will be on admissions. Pantry project on hold due to COVID.
- 8) **Motion (Ducklow/O’Connell) to approve pay requests. Carried. No Treasurer’s report**
- 9) **Annual meeting set as Tuesday April 21, 2020. May meeting set for Wednesday May 6 2020 6:15 p.m.**

**Police report** – Hectic month with COVID19. Resources on both guidance and PPE are scarce. Contact is being kept with EMS for best practices. Mandatory trainings were attended. Dulcie Lilly will start as part-time officer. Office is closed to foot traffic; business can be conducted by phone.

**Motion (Ducklow/Falde) to go into closed session** pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. To review offer on lots. And 19.85(1)(b) considering dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee or person licensed by a board or commission or the investigation of charges against such person. For the purpose of employee review.

**Motion (Jacobson/Huepfel) to go back into open session**

**Motion (Jacobson/O’Connell) to reject offer on group of 10 lots. Vote: Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Falde, Huepfel, Jacobson, O’Connell, Vorlicek. Nays: none. Carried.**

**Clerk’s report** – Election preparation has been daunting, hopefully everything goes well.

**President’s report** – none

**Motion (O’Connell/Huepfel) to adjourn 9:20 p.m. Carried.**

Respectfully submitted

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Luann Emerson, Clerk

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Marsha Brunkhorst, President