Village of Spring Valley Village Board – Regular meeting minutes October 7, 2020 6:15 p.m.



Call to Order: President Brunkhorst called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. in Council Chambers Village Hall. **Members Present:** Brunkhorst, Jacobson, O'Connell, Olson

Members Absent: Falde, Huepfel

Staff present: Clerk/Treasurer Emerson, Chief Verges

Approval of Minutes: Motion (Ducklow/O'Connell) to approve September 2, 2020 minutes. Carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion (Jacobson/Olson) to approve agenda. Carried.

Appearances: Trustee Jacobson we recognized for 20 years of service to the Village Board and presented with a plaque. Action items:

- 1) Motion (O'Connell/Olson) to approve pay ap #4 Great Plains Structures reservoir \$40,166.15. Carried.
- 2) Motion (Ducklow/Jacobson) to approve Medica renewal with no change in premiums. Carried.
- 3) Motion (Jacobson/O'Connell) to approve EMC General Insurance renewal with the addition of Work Comp phone-in program enrollment. Ducklow abstains. Carried.
- 4) Not much change to water/sewer budgets. PILO remains \$19,000 lower than audit per PSC option. Budget for nursing home payment and partial revenue recovery. State DOT funding went down \$7630. PW will keep track of plowing at SVHRC so billing can be done for revenue recovery. 2nd squad tabled for committee review.
- 5) Motion (Ducklow/O'Connell) to approve operators licenses as presented. Penny, Sandve, Emerson, Sesseman. Carried.
- 6) PW updates: Reservoir is full, tests came back good and DNR will be doing final inspection next week, then go live. Pressure reducing valve needs to be reset, final restoration needs to be done as well. SCADA controls are done. Waiting form pumps to come in at the sewer plant, sensors are being priced as well. Auditors have stated the need to look at sewer rates. Rates have not been evaluated since the plant was put in and are based on running a new plant. Maintenance and repairs to a 10-year old plant can no longer be maintained at the current rates. Eau Galle Rd bridge patching is being questioned. Cedar explained that current repairs/patching should hold better than previous attempts due to current updated products.
- 7) SVHCC updates: Asphalt Maintenance step work discussion about payment from Village or SVHRC with capital reserve funds. Census down to 21.
- 8) Bremer bank will be renewing the interim financing and increasing by \$250,000 to complete the reservoir project. Brunkhorst and Emerson will sign papers on October 16th. Motion (O'Connell/Olson) to approve pay requests and Treasurer's report. Carried.
- 9) Next regular board meeting Wednesday November 4, 2020 6:15 p.m.

Library – The library remains closed to foot traffic. School has started asking for books and materials so circulation has increased. Budget looks good. Director Rebecca Dodge has submitted her resignation; she will work until December 18th. The library board is considering all possibilities for a replacement plan. Current PT staff can carry through the first of the year. **Police** – New laptops are installed and working well. Lexipol work continues. Officer wage and benefit comparisons with Neighboring communities was submitted. Royalty will hand out glow sticks on the north McKay Ave bridge, Village hours suggested as 5-7 p.m. Homeowners can turn lights out if they do not want to participate. **Finance -** Worked on all department budgets.

Motion (O'Connell/Olson) to go into closed session pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conduction other specified public business. For the purpose of discussing SVHRC. And 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 setting employee wages.

Motion (O'Connell/Olson) to go back into open session No action from closed session. Motion (Olson/Jacobson) to adjourn 8:36 p.m. Carried.

Luann Emerson, Clerk

Respectfully submitted

Marsha Brunkhorst, President