

Village of Spring Valley
Village Board – Monthly meeting minutes
January 6, 2021

APPROVED

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

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

Members Absent:

Staff present: Clerk/Treasurer Emerson, Chief Verges

Approval of Minutes: Motion (O'Connell/Olson) to approve November 30th and December 17th minutes. Carried.

Approval of Agenda: Adjusted to move Library report after appearances, before item 1, items 4 and 5 switched.

Motion (O'Connell/Huepfel) to approve agenda as adjusted. Carried.

Appearances: none

Library report: New Director Katie Schneider was present to introduce herself to the board and make the library report. She brings 14 years experience with her and is excited to get new programs started, including partnering with businesses and a book club. She will be doing library reports from now on.

Action items:

- 1) **Motion (Huepfel/O'Connell)** to approve increased P.I.G. fees as follows: 65-gallon cart \$13.08 per month. 95-gallon cart \$15.80 per month. Garbage stickers \$2.70 each. Carried.
- 2) The Village was approached by a resident interested in two residential lots still owned by the Village at the corner of Cardinal Drive and Westland Drive. The board may be interested in selling. Would have to do full advertise, not just post 3 places. Clerk will contact real estate agencies in the area to see about listing.
- 3) **Motion (Ducklow/Huepfel)** to approve operators licenses. Carried.
- 4) SVHRC updates: Census is still up; SV is the only long-term facility without 2020 COVID diagnosis of a resident. Discussion on purchase of a Gator for snow removal within the Village and could be used at SVHRC. PW will have it available for other uses. **Motion (Huepfel/Olson)** to purchase a new Gator. Vote: Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Falde, Huepfel, O'Connell, Olson, Vorlicek. Carried.
- 5) PW updates: Vorlicek inquired about the new meter project, it will be funded with other projects in the revenue bonding. Old squad will be put up for sale, will need wiring pulled. Verges will get estimate on cost of stripping the vehicle. Monday PW will meet with the school to discuss a recent grant award from LRIP-Disc. to help fund a safe path to school as a continuation of the current walking path.
- 6) **Motion (Ducklow/O'Connell)** to approve pay requests and Treasurer's report. Carried.
- 7) **Meeting dates set as follows: February meeting is Tuesday January 26th 6:15 p.m. March meeting is Tuesday February 23rd 6:15 p.m.**

Police – Chief has received a grant for PPE of \$1,111.00. Mandatory WIBRS training was attended by both Verges and Lilly. Lexipol training continues for Chief. 40 incidences were reported for the month. Accepted as presented.

Finance – Bonding, sale of lots water meters will all be discussed when rate increase is completed. A company did contact Emerson about reducing the total cost of the USDA loan; reduced cost will be looked into to see if there are any savings as interest rates on bonding are low right now

Clerk's Report – Salt Awareness Week; Brunkhorst is rerunning for President. Ducklow and Falde filed non-candidacy papers; Vorlicek and three others will be running for three Trustee positions. Audit starts week of February 8th; election deadlines approaching.

President's Report - none

Motion (O'Connell/Olson) to adjourn 7:37 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Luann Emerson, Clerk

Marsha Brunkhorst, President