

Village of Spring Valley
Village Board – Monthly meeting minutes
January 26, 2021

APPROVED

Call to Order: President Brunkhorst called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. in Council Chambers

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

Members Absent: Olson

Staff present: Clerk/Treasurer Emerson, Chief Verges

Approval of Minutes: Motion (O'Connell/Ducklow) to approve January 6, 2021 minutes. Carried.

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

Appearances: Clerk Emerson read the resignation letter from Matt Huepfel. Matt stated his heart is not in it and he no longer has the desire to serve the residents of Spring Valley.

Action items:

- 1) **Motion (Ducklow/O'Connell)** to approve All-Croix Inspections contract renewal. Carried.
- 2) **Motion (Falde/Vorlicek)** to approve "Class A" Liquor License for Family Dollar contingent on passing state electrical plan inspection. Carried. Clerk will issue license when inspection is completed/passed
- 3) Potential ES replacement vehicle has come up for sale at a good price. Tabled. More information is needed from ES before a decision can be made on a second squad.
- 4) Resolution not needed. PTE will remain at PSC rate.
- 5) **Motion (O'Connell/Ducklow)** to approve Operator's licenses for Tara Eschenbach, Lucas Pretzer, Andrew Lawson. Carried.
- 6) **PW updates:** Gator was picked up and has been in use; plowing going well; stickers and all extras need to be taken off the 2nd squad before being sold on sealed bid, parked at sewer plant; DNR certification testing going well, both have taken several tests.
- 7) **SVHRC updates:** First round of shots administered, second round in Feb.; census remains steady.
- 8) **Motion (Ducklow/O'Connell)** to approve pay requests and Treasurer's report. Carried.
- 9) **Confirm March meeting date of Tuesday February 23rd at 6:15 p.m. due to scheduling conflicts.**

Library – Hasn't met since the last meeting. Curbside continues.

Police – Next month Companion Animal Control will give a presentation on the services they offer. 41 Incidences were reported for the month of January.

Municipal Development – Two more house plans were approved at the development from Oevering Homes. MD met with Dr. Haack from the Spring Valley School District about the two playgrounds in town and the possibility of those being conveyed to the Village when the elementary school moves. Regarding recent talk about a skating rink at Handy Andy Park, this would need to be a joint effort between citizens, the Village, and the possibly the Fire Department. No one of these groups has the resources to construct and maintain a skating rink on their own. If anyone from the community wishes to initiate the project, they can call the Village office and be put on a committee or board agenda to propose their plan.

Clerk's Report – Cathy Munkittrick from Rodli, Beskar law firm in River Falls has retired. She has helped with municipal law for the Village over the past couple of years, Rory will no longer be general municipal counsel for the Village but he will continue to be prosecuting attorney for ordinance violations. Two real estate agents were contacted about potentially listing the parcels owned by the Village in the Business Park. Clerk will pick one and list them. Current activity is PSC full rate case application, Audit, election. Leftover clinic furniture and supplies were looked at and some will be utilized at the Village hall.

President's Report - none

Motion (Ducklow/O'Connell) to adjourn 8:06 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Luann Emerson, Clerk

Marsha Brunkhorst, President