

**Village of Spring Valley
Emergency Services Committee minutes
September 15, 2021**

Call to Order: Erickson called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. at the Village Hall.

Members Present: Erickson, Ducklow, Vorlicek

Members Absent:

Others present: Clerk Emerson, Chief Verges

Approval of previous meeting minutes: Motion (Ducklow/Vorlicek) to approve 9/15/21 minutes. Carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion (Vorlicek/Ducklow) to approve the agenda. Carried

1. 2022 budget: Chief has submitted a budget of \$148,302.24, an increase of \$21,349.13 over 2021, most of it in wages/benefits. Phase 3 of the computer maintenance project has not yet been budgeted because at this time vehicles are most important and we would pass a state security audit. ES committee agrees that a vehicle is priority. Chief is directed to come up with costs as firm as possible by the next meeting with options to lease, purchase outright, or purchase with financing/payments. Emerson will contact CLA about the 2020 audit adjustment for clarification on squad Capital Improvement balance. Erickson will meet with Chief to look into costs. The 2014 would be sold to help offset cost. Officer Lilly will remain at the village, Chief will look into clerical help for the department. Erickson will also meet with school Superintendent Groh about the School Resource Officer so we can pick up that program again. Effective immediately registration fees will be as follows: \$10 if village resident, \$25 for out of village registration. Chief touched base with Brunkhorst yesterday about Dam Days parade help; PS does not have the staff to monitor the top of Doug Blegen Drive; south side of A Butchery Shoppe will be open to Sabin Ave to help with excess traffic in town. Chief can have numbers together by October 1 so Emerson can have them ready for the board meeting on October 6 and possibly in the budget. Ducklow asked Chief where she could cut her budget, Chief will continue to look for possibilities. Ducklow suggested that if a new vehicle is purchased Squad Outlay could be cut from 2022 budget.
2. Emerson relayed information from Finance Committee that if they could have a portion of ARPA funds, what would be on their list, what does that department need that could be covered by ARPA funds but they wouldn't have the budget for. Finance needs to start prioritizing village needs with guidance from individual committees.
3. Storm sirens are still an issue. If the electricity goes out, the siren at the treatment plant is on a generator but with a delay so the siren will not start up again on its own. Vorlicek will talk to PW about batteries on the sirens.

ES will meet again on Tuesday October 5 in closed session for wage review.

Motion (Ducklow/Vorlicek) to adjourn 9:38 a.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted _____