

Village of Spring Valley
Village Board – Monthly meeting minutes
December 7, 2022

APPROVED

Call to Order: President Brunkhorst called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

Members Present: Brunkhorst, Erickson, Huepfel, Jorgenson, Lukes, O'Connell, Vorlicek

Members Absent:

Staff present: Clerk Emerson, Officer Lilly

Approval of Minutes: Motion (O'Connell/Lukes) to approve November 2, 7, 10, 21 2022 minutes. Carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion (Jorgenson/Erickson) to approve agenda. Carried.

Appearances: None

Library report: Christmas event was successful. Plans for next year are being made. Book Club membership has grown to 40+ exceeding initial expectations. Positive atmosphere at the library with increased circulation, school kids will start coming down again in the near future.

Action items:

1. Brunkhorst and Vorlicek attended the school board meeting on November 21 where the Van Buren/safe school crossing of Hwy 29 project was on the agenda. The Village has a project with \$450,000 grant funding already approved to extend the multi-purpose path north on Van Buren and south to the school with a safe crossing of Hwy 29. The grant would reduce costs significantly to both school and Village for their respective contributions. The school board chose not to move forward with funding in a verbal discussion which never came to a formal vote. Vorlicek asked Superintendent Groh if the School Board would provide a Resolution in support of the safe crossing of Hwy 29 with no financial commitment attached to it; the Village could then go to Pierce County and request ARPA funding. Vorlicek was told no, the School Board did an informal vote with a 5-2 vote against any type of support for the project. The grant was based on a scoring system where safety weighs heavily in favor of funding and by pulling the Hwy 29 crossing out, provides a substantial deviation from the original project. Without this piece the entire project could be rejected and although not a school issue, this also leaves everyone who walks Van Buren vulnerable. Cedar will check with the state to see if the project can move forward.
2. Other Public Works updates: First plow went well with new operators. Jeremy has testing coming up.
3. SVHRC updates: Census is 24-25. COVID, flu, RSV outbreak.
4. TID 2 account at FBB was funded \$1,000 to keep from going dormant. Motion (O'Connell/Lukes) to accept pay requests and Treasurer's report as presented. Carried.
5. **January board meeting** is January 4, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. Tentative February meeting Thursday January 26 at 6:15 p.m.

Emergency Services – 48 incidences. PCSO calls were reviewed for type of call within the Village. Yellow flashing lights above speed limit signs were purchased from Pierce County Highway well within our budget, solar powered. North 2nd/Cty B, Van Buren, and 20 MPH on McKay Ave is where they will be used. Eau Galle Rd will be looked at next for those same lights. New tires were put on the squad. There is no VIN for the squad yet, Ford dealership has 350 vehicles on order. Headlights are being looked at for upgrade on the current squad until the new one arrives. A grant may be available through the Fiscal Yr '20 Corona Virus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant; this would be additional funds over and above what we received previously. DARE graduation coming up December 19th. Increased radar enforcement on N. 2nd Street with the new road.

Clerk's report – Thank you received from Sorenson family for flowers and tree planting in memory of Dennis. Two building permits issued for decks. Two Operator's licenses to Don Haack, Amy Covington this month to go with picnic licenses. Three picnic licenses were issued for local businesses including the Chamber. Todd Gross has applied for a Reserve "Class B" Liquor License for his restaurant Kindred Table. The publication will be in the paper next week then go before full Board for approval in January. Employee Christmas Party lunch is December 13th at the Community Center catered by Cindy Hurtgen, the first in many years. Water fountain has been ordered and shipped. Servpro has been here to get us a quote on cleaning on the building and carpet cleaning. Tax bills went out

today. I am out next week Friday Dec 16 at noon through December 22nd. Christmas holidays December 23 – 26 so I won't be back until December 27th. I will be replying to DNR for the Urban Forestry Grant that was awarded, accepting the \$4500 grant with a Village match of \$4500. Planning will begin after that.

President's report – none.

Motion (O'Connell/Lukes) 6:16 p.m. 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. For the purpose of discussing Spring Valley Health Care Center.

Motion (Erickson/Lukes) to go back in to open session 6:44 p.m.

No action from closed session

Motion (O'Connell/Huepfel) to adjourn 6:45 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted



Luann Emerson, Clerk



Marsha Brunkhorst, President

