

Village of Spring Valley
Village Board – Monthly meeting minutes
September 6, 2023

APPROVED

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

Members Present: T. Koch, Erickson, Huepfel, Jorgenson, P. Koch, O'Connell

Members Absent: Lukes

Staff: Clerk Emerson

Approval of Minutes: **Motion (O'Connell/Jorgenson)** to approve August 2nd Board minutes. Carried.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion (O'Connell/Jorgenson)** to approve agenda as presented. Carried.

Appearances: **Mindy Campbell** appeared to discuss options for street closings. When the street closes before noon on Saturdays the downtown businesses are affected greatly. People coming to town assume the businesses are closed. A few "regulars" at another area business will use the alley entrance but business is definitely affected. Small businesses depend on Saturday business, can we reach a compromise? The board reviewed the history of the Street closing permits and the guidelines originally established; the possibility of moving to no closings or no closings before 1:00 p.m. were suggested. Directed back to Ordinance committee for review.

Library Monthly Report Summer reading programs including Teen Book Club, Sensory Mondays, Craft Tuesdays, scavenger hunt, Painting on the Patio were reviewed and were greatly attended. Door counts for June, July, and August were all over 2000. The library continues to grow.

Action items:

- 1) **Motion (Huepfel/P. Koch)** to approve amended Ordinance 50-180 Winter Parking. Vote: Ayes: T. Koch, Erickson, Huepfel, Jorgenson, P. Koch, O'Connell. Nays: none. Absent: Lukes. Carried
- 2) **Motion (Huepfel/Erickson)** to approve amended Ordinance 22-161, 167 Food Trucks. Vote: Ayes: O'Connell, P. Koch, Jorgenson, Huepfel, Erickson, T. Koch. Nays: none. Absent: Lukes. Carried
- 3) **Motion (Huepfel/O'Connell)** to approve amended Ordinance 38-157 Unlawful dumping. Vote: Ayes: T. Koch, Erickson, Huepfel, Jorgenson, P. Koch, O'Connell. Nays: none. Absent: Lukes. Carried
- 4) **Motion (Jorgenson/P. Koch)** to approve borrowing \$96,964 from Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, i.e. Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin for dump truck and equipment/one-arm swing mower for Public Works. This is presented to the Village Board in the Resolution to Borrow Funds and Levy Tax. Vote: Ayes: O'Connell, P. Koch, Jorgenson, Huepfel, Erickson, T. Koch. Nays: none. Absent: Lukes. Carried
- 5) **Motion (Huepfel/O'Connell)** to increase Community Center rental fees as follows: half day 4 hours \$100.00, full day over 4 hours \$200.00, hourly set-up/tear down \$25/hour. Bona fide organizations monthly meeting rate will remain the same, security deposit will remain the same. Increases effective 1/1/2024. Carried.
- 6) **Motion (Jorgenson/P. Koch)** to approve the 7 CDA members of newly established Community Development Authority per state statute: Theresa Koch, Ruth Lukes, Keviin Olson, Corey Bauer, Dee Dee Mattison, Nathan Pelz. One member has withdrawn as they are moving out of the area. A replacement will be approved in the near future. Carried.
- 7) Village Board salary increase was deferred back to Finance.
- 8) SVHRC updates: Kathy Karr introduced Megan Corcoran as regional Director of Operations for HDG who will be taking over from the consultants. Census is at 39 residents and they now have a wait list so they can avoid empty beds; they are running at a profit, CMP for \$20k was reduced to \$13k; hiring is going well and outnumbers the terms for June, July, and August; Maintenance position has been filled; the Village Board approved \$1200-1500 nursing home spending for Chromebooks to streamline some census and staffing procedures.
- 9) **Motion (O'Connell/Erickson)** to approve pay requests and Treasurer's report as presented. Carried.
- 10) **October 4th, 2023 6:15 p.m. Board meeting date and time confirmed.**
ES/police monthly update: There were 62 incidences in the month of August. Flooring has been installed in all offices and main area of PD; squad camera will be installed in November; working on budget with Luann; numerous theft cases within the Village; cameras in Village hall installed; Dam Days preparation – extra personnel secured for the entire weekend.
PW: grants to do the Glade Ave project are still being investigated; Lead Service Lines funding is being sought for 24 properties that need to be corrected; quotes for shop doors are in and the project will be done end of 2023 and first part of 2024. 2nd meter lower-level nursing home will not be possible due to complications with the original installation of the laterals. Burning permit is being looked in to for the refuse pile; no word yet on ARPA funding from the county for Van Buren project.

Finance: Jorgenson reported that the budget process has begun and all departments will be meeting to get their budgets together. Lower-level nursing home will be rented out within the next couple months, working with the prospective tenant on details.

Ordinance: Drones and junk in yards have been discussed and will continue to be.

Clerk's report: 1 operator's license and 2 building permits were issued this month; DOA has issued updated population numbers and we are not at 1418; Dragonfly & Damsel owner will be moving in December, she's hoping to sell the business locally; Oevinger Homes has gone out of business, someone has purchased them, updates to come.

President's Report: Exciting things happening with the new businesses opening up, and Dam Days coming up, hoping everyone is staying safe and healthy, ice-skating rink is being prepped for the winter and since two wonderful girls sent letters asking for a bigger ice rink, Public Works will be expanding last year's rink. Thank you everyone for all your hard work!

Motion (Huepfel/Jorgenson) to adjourn 7:37 p.m. Carried

Respectfully submitted

Theresa Koch, President

Luann Emerson, Clerk