Village of Spring Valley Emergency Services Committee minutes July 8, 2025

Call to Order: Huepfel called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Members Present: Huepfel, Jorgenson, Koch

Members Absent:

Others present: Administrator Emerson, Officer Lilly

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

Agenda items

- 1. Ordinances were reviewed for priority level enforcement due to being short staffed. Officer Lilly expressed her viewpoint that we shouldn't be picking and choosing which ordinances to enforce. Committee members stressed public safety should be number one priority and to cover what can be done from there. Several lawns have not been mowed for much of the summer and have gotten out of hand. Lilly will put hangers on doors, arrangements for mowing or citations will be issued after that. Junk in yards is addressed every summer; a few residents are habitual. Lilly would like to work with these people to help them as needed whether that's PW or a dumpster on site. Huepfel will get addresses to Emerson as to violations of both mowing and junk ordinances and PD/Admin will go from there.
- 2. Second full-time officer is no longer a want but a need. Budget will be evaluated closely this year. DOJ has a reimbursement program for FT tuition of potential candidates and other municipalities have offered to pay training officers a stipend to help them get by. Starting wage for new officer is \$28-\$30/hr + all equipment. Upgraded tasers will be in the upcoming budget. Budget meeting will be in August.
- 3. VC3 is starting to come together. PD has met with VC3 and has begun onboarding.
- 4. General updates: Working with WWH in Baldwin for OWI blood draws, looking for what price they can offer us. Lilly will start an outreach program for kids/those wearing helmets on bikes rewards offered for those using them. Lilly will be sending information to Board President and Trustees and department heads for an "Incident Management" training course. It is currently being offered as an evening course through SCC but Pierce will be offering a day-time training in September.

Motion (T. Koch/Jorgenson) to adjourn 6:53 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted Luann Emerson, Administrator