

**Village of Spring Valley**  
**Village Board – Regular meeting**  
**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Call to Order:** President Marsha Brunkhorst called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Village Hall.

**Members Present:** Trustees: Mary Ducklow, Matt Huepfel, Dale Jacobson, Rich O’Connell, Andy Vorlicek

**Members Absent:** Nick Falde

**Staff present:** Clerk/Treasurer Luann Emerson, Chief John DuBois

**Support present:** Attorney Rory O’Sullivan

**Approval of Minutes: Motion (O’Connell/Jacobson) to approve minutes of Regular Board Meeting 9-2-2015, Finance Committee 9-22-2015. Carried.**

**Approval of Agenda: Motion (Jacobson/O’Connell) to approve the agenda. Carried.**

**Public Appearances –** Kim and Bill Lawler appeared to address her concerns over the clearing of the overgrowth on Van Buren. She initially asked the fire department to clear around the hydrants, but a large portion of Van Buren was cleared. The machine used for the clearing is destructive and tears up the shrubbery and grass. Brunkhorst explained that is a decision based on the cost of time with saws vs. having the county machine come in and clear. Stumps, logs, and cuttings were not initially cleared. Trustee Huepfel explained the reality of the situation is the overgrowth needed to be trimmed, PW did go back and clean up a lot of the debris left behind, and that an ongoing schedule of maintenance could be established to keep the growth down before it becomes a nuisance. It will be on the agenda for PW Committee in November. Kim Lawler also expressed concern about public access to board meetings and being able to reach board members if someone needs to. Clerk Emerson will add a contact phone number, email address, or other contact information to each of the board members names on the Spring Valley web site. In addition, Lawler asked about the high cost of local cable television in Spring Valley, and that seniors on a fixed income may find it unaffordable, and there is no competition to keep costs down. The board explained that there is a grandfathered “non-compete” agreement with the owners of the Spring Valley Telephone Company, who reside in Illinois, and that she could contact the phone company for further explanation.

**Discussion/Action items:**

1. **ACOE easement for portion of Overlook Road – Motion (Jacobson/Huepfel) to approve the Easement contingent on O’Sullivan getting the legal descriptions from the Pierce County Courthouse. Carried.**
2. **Motion (Ducklow/Jacobson) to approve Bowmar Appraisal 2016 contract. Carried.**
3. **SVHCC demolition update and site development –** Emerson will talk with PW Director Howe on securing basement window holes in the site. Trustee O’Connell reported: The county has park funds available but they will need control of that parcel of land. Whether or not they actually have to own it is unknown. It may have to go before the county board. They would install facilities, electrical, maintenance such as mowing, garbage collection, etc. Spring Valley would get any economic benefits without the upfront costs. Liability, naming, road surface, etc. would all be worked out. President Brunkhorst suggested that two people from the County Parks Committee come and talk to our board so we know what we’re dealing with and what time frame we’re on to secure county park funds. Eau Galle Camp Ground and Nugget Lake are very busy, we could take the overflow. O’Connell will see if they can appear at the November board meeting.
4. **Andy Vorlicek request to combine property –** Trustee Vorlicek appeared as a community member wanting the board to consider letting him combine three lots into two, taking down existing structures and rebuilding new. The board explained that there are current issues with the plan: ownership of the three lots, the new pole shed would be twice the size as what ordinance currently allows, the new pole shed would be on a lot with no dwelling which is not allowed by ordinance. They advised him to the Board of Appeals. O’Sullivan will check on the Village’s behalf if this is possible for appeal.

5. **Operator's licenses for approval** – Tyler Kemper, Amanda Wetzel, Kathryn Palmer. **Motion (Ducklow/O'Connell) to approve all three. Carried.**
6. **Pay Requests/Treasurer's Report** – General Fund \$109,807.74, Library \$6,224.34, Water \$16,299.12, Sewer \$24,934.61. **Motion (Huepfel/Vorlicek) to accept pay requests and Treasurer's report as presented. Carried.**

**Reports:**

**Police:** In September there were 57 traffic stops, 9 traffic citations, 4 driving complaints, two burglary incidences, and 38 other miscellaneous calls. COPS grant was not awarded to SV, budget has been submitted, new squad is in service with graphics but prisoner partition is still being worked on. Alex Getty has been hired as a PT officer, Dam Days went well. **Report was accepted as presented.**

**Finance: Budget is currently being worked on, some of which will be discussed in closed session, and will need to be approved at the next meeting so it can be published and submitted.**

**Administrator's Report: none**

**President's Report: Spring Valley Emergency Services report was reviewed**

**Motion (Ducklow/Huepfel) to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for discussion of compensation of public employees.**

**Motion (O'Connell/Jacobson) to go back into open session.**

**Next meeting date will be Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

**Motion (Huepfel/Ducklow) to adjourn 9:01 p.m. Carried.**

Submitted by Luann Emerson Clerk/Treasurer  
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