

Village of Spring Valley  
Village Board – Monthly meeting minutes  
February 23, 2021

APPROVED

**Call to Order:** President pro tem Ducklow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers  
**Members Present:** Ducklow, Falde, O'Connell, Olson. Brunkhorst and Vorlicek arriving before 6:10 p.m.  
**Members Absent:**  
**Staff present:** Clerk/Treasurer Emerson, Chief Verges

Lynn McIntyre from Cedar Corporation led the Public Hearing as follows:

**PUBLIC HEARING/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION HEARING**

1. Eligible CDBG activities.
2. Discuss CDBG-PF project and progress to date.
3. Citizen input regarding the progress of the project and other CDBG activities.
4. Identification of any community development needs by the public.

6:10 p.m. Close public hearing

**Approval of Minutes: Motion (Ducklow/O'Connell) to approve January 26, 2021 minutes. Carried.**

**Approval of Agenda: Motion (O'Connell/Olson) to approve updated agenda. Carried.**

**Appearances:** Companion Animal Control & Western Wisconsin Animal Services were present to outline their program and answer any questions. A proposed contract was reviewed as well as previous costs incurred by the Village. Chief Verges and Clerk Emerson also informed about the numerous calls, animal drop offs, complaints, and overnight stays of animals in the past and how these events are very time-consuming but not a recordable cost to the Animal Control expense account. Base cost to the Village would be \$480.00 for a 1-year contract billed as \$40/month.

**Action items:**

- 1) **Motion (Falde/Ducklow)** to approve a contract with Companion Animal Control & WW Animal Services for 1 year then reassess usage, fees, etc. Voice vote: 5 Aye. O'Connell Nay. Motion carried 5/6
- 2) **Makenzie Fedors and Aleah Hamilton approved as presented to Spring Valley Library Board.**
- 3) The Village of Spring Valley LRIP-S grant acceptance letter for the Van Buren/Hwy 29 project is due by March 31, 2021 if we are going to proceed; the project includes a route to cross Hwy 29 safely and get people to and from the school campus. There is, however, hesitation from some School Board members on financing a plan to cross Hwy 29 where the current speed limit is 50 mph. A meeting was held with WISDOT, school representatives, and Village representatives to see if something could be done. A letter is being composed to send to WISDOT requesting a reduction in speed limit. The project does not have stand-alone pieces so if the school board does not approve funding for the school piece then the Village will accept the grant. A decision will need to be made within the next couple weeks.
- 4) **Motion (Ducklow/Falde)** to approve mileage rate increase to \$ .50/mile when employees use their own vehicles for Village business retroactive to January 1, 2021. Carried. This item was discussed in December 2020 but formal action was not taken at that time.
- 5) **Motion (O'Connell/Olson)** to approve Operators Licenses for Family Dollar: Taalina Ranis, M. Auchampach, E. Auchampach, N. Harshman, J. Arriola, S. Brittenbach, K. Raschick, C. Hayes. The Spillway: B. Mikla.  
**Motion (Falde/Ducklow)** to approve appeal for K. Friese Operator License at The Spillway. Carried.
- 6) **PW update:** Gator in service; portable generator may not be powerful enough to support all utilities if the power should go out, Hayes is looking into this; sealed bids were opened for the 2007 squad: 1 bid for \$1200.  
**Motion (Vorlicek/Falde)** to reject the bid. Carried.
- 7) **Care center update: census** is 28. Cash resources are available but expenses currently exceed revenue
- 8) **Motion (O'Connell/Vorlicek)** to approve pay requests and Treasurer's report. Carried.
- 9) **April meeting date Thursday April 8, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.**

**Library** – Open by appointment; New story board presentation along the bike path is being developed; Weekly visits to the school continue; Schneider is mentoring a CVTC student graduating in Library Science.

**Police** – Equipment has been taken out of the 2007 squad; GM has a municipal lease program over 4 years and ownership would be to the Village at the end of the lease period; LEXIPOL was updated to coincide with state mandated Use of Force terminology; ES and President Brunkhorst developed a parking agreement to combat parking issues in the alley between the Village Hall/playground and businesses as parking violations continue

and snow removal/summer clean up become increasingly more difficult; main squad has been out for repairs for several hours during February.

**CDA:** Another business is looking for a small parcel in Westland Meadows Business Park. 1-1.25 acres is being considered. It was conveyed that the TID ends in 2022 so the Village will not be able to offer incentives beyond that. Emerson will check with Cedar Corporation to see if it would be better to split an already small piece of property or shave off the needed acre from a much larger parcel and will be in touch with the prospective business.

**Motion (O'Connell/Ducklow) to go into closed session pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. For the purpose of employee reviews.**

**Motion (Ducklow/Olson) to return to open session**

**No action from closed session**

**Clerk's Report –**

**President's Report - none**

**Motion (Ducklow/Olson) to adjourn 8:55 p.m. Carried.**

Respectfully submitted

Luann Emerson, Clerk

Marsha Brunkhorst, President