

Village of Spring Valley
Village Board – Monthly meeting minutes
August 4, 2021

APPROVED

Call to Order: President Brunkhorst called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. in Council Chambers

Members Present: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Erickson, Lukes

Members Absent: O'Connell, Olson, Vorlicek

Staff present: Clerk/Treasurer Emerson, Chief Verges, Cedar rep

Approval of Minutes: Motion (Ducklow/Lukes) to approve 7/7, 7/21 minutes. Carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion (Erickson/Ducklow) to approve agenda, Library report after item #1. Carried.

Appearances: none

Action items:

1) **Motion (Lukes/Ducklow) to approve Resolution 8-4-21 to Declare a State of Emergency Due to July 28 and 29 storm.** Vote: Ayes: Brunkhorst, Ducklow, Erickson, Lukes. Nays: none. Absent: O'Connell, Olson, Vorlicek. Carried. Chief Verges presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Officer Lilly for going above and beyond the normal scope of her position by staying overnight and into the next day during the storm.

Library report: 280 participants in summer programs. Book Club 20 participants, Trivia 12 participants, bingo 8 participants, Lock-in party August 20th for MS group that met their reading challenge, Hero Day is August 21st, Magic Show Dam Days September 18th at the library.

2) **No action – Damage claim will not be paid.**

3) The rate increase will double the Public Fire Protection payment from the General Fund to the Water Utility. Residents will all be notified of the Public Hearing on August 26th at 3:00 p.m. If the request is granted, the water bill for an average residential customer with a 5/8" or 3/4" meter who uses 9000 gallons of water per quarter will increase from \$77.55 to \$136.80, or 76%, including the Public Fire Protection charge.

4) **Motion (Erickson/Lukes) to approve Operator's Licenses as submitted. Carried.**

5) **SVHRC update:** non-Admissions were reviewed.

6) Eau Galle Rd is ready to start and notices have been handed out to those who live there; pipes are ben on CC roof, PW will have to look at them; boiler inspection for clinic building is due and requested by EMC; there are trees in Burkhardt creek so we'll need to find out how much of the are is state ROW. PW did and continues to do a great job with storm clean up working through the night on July 28 and 29 to keep streets open, then clearing downed trees and brush through the weekend.

7) **Motion (Ducklow/Lukes) to approve pay requests and Treasurer's report. Carried.**

8) **September meeting date Wednesday September 1st, 6:15 p.m.**

Police – torque converter/front sway bar replaced. Officer Lilly worked over 24 hours on July 28-29 to assist with storm damage. She worked non-stop, helping with accidents and assisting community members and first responders as needed.

Finance – Met with Ehlers and Associates to move forward with the bonding process.

Municipal Development – Looking at development possibilities. Will meet again next week.

CDA – survey, purchase agreement, sale of TID 2 lot completed. Waiting for closing.

Clerk's report – the board will move forward with Clerk Emerson approving operator's licenses/ordinance; inquiry made about purchasing the lot south of the clinic for a business, at this time the village will hold on for potential future use with clinic. Alternate suggestions included Ford garage and vet building, MAI properties.

President's report – Will be attending Chief Executive's conference later in August.

Motion (Ducklow/Lukes) 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 reviewing assessments owed against specific properties in Spring Valley.

Motion (Ducklow/Lukes) to go back into open session.

No action from closed session

Motion (Lukes/Erickson) to adjourn 8:13 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Luann Emerson, Clerk

Marsha Brunkhorst, President