

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



Call to Order: President T. Koch called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. in Council Chambers

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

Members Absent:

Staff: Clerk Emerson

Approval of Minutes: Motion (Jorgenson/Lukes) to approve November 1 2023 Board minutes. Carried.

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

Public Hearing rezoning at Silver Fox 181-01201-0600

Appearances: Josh Miller from Cedar Corporation gave a brief presentation on housing needs within a municipality and how they may differ from one region to another. Village of Spring Valley could use their own market analysis to determine local needs. Josh will be back to a CDA or MD meeting to further this project.

Library Monthly Report (none)

Action items:

- 1) **Motion (Huepfel/O'Connell)** to rezone 181-01201-0600 from split Ag/Institutional to full Agriculture. Vote: Ayes: T. Koch, Erickson, Huepfel, Jorgenson, P. Koch, Lukes, O'Connell. Nays: none. Absent: none. Carried.
- 2) **Motion (Huepfel/Jorgenson)** to approve as presented election workers for the 2024-2025 election cycle. Carried.
- 3) **Motion (Erickson/O'Connell)** to approve Delta Dental as new dental ins. carrier replacing Companion Life TDA. Carried.
- 4) **Motion (O'Connell/Jorgenson)** to approve ETF for Short Term Disability and Life Ins. replacing Principal. Carried.
- 5) The skilled nursing facility and Valley Villas still share legal structure; they have been operating under the same EIN, TIN, and NPI (Medicare) numbers as Valley Villas. This has become a problem for banking, auditors, and other legal actions. Spring Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center should be operating independently. **Motion (O'Connell/Jorgenson)** to approve Spring Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center moving forward with hiring a law firm who specializes in separating entities for EIN purposes without disruption to Medicare/Medicaid. SVHRC will pay for the service, approximate cost \$25,000. Carried.
- 6) **SVHRC update** Referrals are up, census remains at 39/40 which is good. Revenue is increasing as all services are billed and reimbursement rates go up. A marketing print ad campaign has started, exterior lighting repairs are done, security camera quotes still being obtained, the basement has been cleaned out, water sewer will be divided at the Village Administrator's office based on historical data, rent will go to the Village as this is a separate business venture not associated with running a nursing home.
- 7) Pay requests and Treasurers Report approved as presented.
- 8) **Next Board meeting January 3, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. confirmed.**

ES/police monthly update: part time employee hiring is being worked on.

Public Works – location of refuse area being relocated to facilitate burning; Water Quality Trade Agreements are moving forward for treatment plant permitting; Cedar did a presentation of the Van Buren project to bring everyone up to speed.

Personnel – Performance reviews were done

MD – Still looking for land to build on and how that will be financed. Urban Forestry grant should be complete, all trees are planted and most that are being removed have been done.

Clerk's report: Nomination papers have been distributed to incumbents; Ruth will be out a few more weeks and Amy O'Keefe is filling in some of those hours; employee Christmas Party is December 9th; looking at a kayak rental kiosk with a rental company and ACOE; I volunteered to be the LRIP regional rep so we could continue to get LRIP grant money; Chamber of Commerce has a page in the Chippewa Valley Visitors Guide that will be coming out Spring 2024. 2 building permits were issued. Operator's licenses were issued to Kara Bemis and Amanda Maher.

President's Report: We're staying really busy, the projects are coming to light, we're going to have a busy spring, I want to thank Luann, Brad, and Dulcie for helping me clean the lower level of the nursing home. We saved roughly \$3000 doing it ourselves. We did the walk-through with Lindsey on Sunday, she's excited, we're waiting for the lease to be mailed back, it's a green light for her.

Motion (Jorgenson/Lukes) to adjourn 7:22 p.m. Carried

Respectfully submitted

Theresa Koch, President

Luann Emerson, Administrator