

## Minutes of Regular Session

Proceedings of the Village of Spring Green Board of Trustees meeting on February 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm, 154 N. Lexington Street, Spring Green Wisconsin.

1. **Call to order:** Gene Hausner, Village President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Roll call of Village Board members:** Members present were Gene Hausner, Joel Marcus, Norm Miller, Vern Demers and Michael Broh. Robin Reid and Greg Prem were absent. Also present were Wendy Crary, Linda Schwanke, Andy Kurek, Bob Churchill, Noah McVay, Ed Lilla and Jenny Pappas.
3. **Approve Minutes:** Demers moved and Miller seconded to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.
4. **Review and approve agenda:** Broh moved and Demers seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Consent agenda:** Marcus moved and Demers seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:
  - a. Approval of Financial Report
  - b. Approval of DisbursementsMotion carried.
6. **Old Business:**
  - a. Second reading of Village Ordinance Chapter 356, Transient Merchants. No action taken.
7. **New Business:**
  - a. Noah McVay stated he spoke with Chad Kannenberg in regards to the Spring Street Community Garden location. McVay stated the Spring Street location will not work as Kannenberg told him it would be in his best interest to pass on the idea. McVay proposed an alternate location; a Village parcel located on North Westmor. McVay went on to describe a typical lease agreement and noted they would have 14, four-hundred square foot plots operating. McVay stated nine of the plots are rented and the remainder of the plots are used to grow food for area food pantries. Demers stated he went and looked at the community garden at the school and it was a mess. Demers stated he was not sure this would be acceptable in a residential neighborhood. McVay explained why the current garden wound up in the state it is in and noted the site is not the most ideal for growing. McVay noted the current site is next to agricultural land which magnifies the weed growth. Broh asked how much of the proposed location would be utilized. McVay responded enough for the 14 plots as described earlier. The board discussed weed maintenance and aesthetics and incorporating these items into a lease agreement. Miller suggested starting with a one-year lease term opposed to a five-year term to see how things go, and then a one to two year term after that if all is satisfactory. Broh agreed with a one-year probationary period. Marcus stated he supports the community garden concept, but prior to signing any agreements two things should be accomplished: 1) discuss the concept with

surrounding property owners and listen to any concerns and 2) review of the lease agreement by the Village Attorney and assure the proper liability parameters are in place. Broh stated he would also like to see as part of the lease that the goods grown at the community garden will not be sold. Lilla arrived at 7:25 pm. The board discussed the requested revisions to the lease agreement and asked McVay to come back to the next board meeting with a revised lease agreement. A suggestion was made to McVay to check with other community gardens in regards to how liability issues are covered. No action taken.

- b. Demers stated the tennis courts at North Park are past the stage of just turning our heads; the courts either need to be fixed or removed. Demers stated at one point, the Lions Club and other organizations were willing to pitch in to repair the courts. Marcus stated the courts are in such bad shape, they cannot just be repaired - they would have to be completely torn out and replaced. Crary stated there are funds in Capital Projects and additional funds have been budgeted here over the last several years. Crary stated the initial intention for these funds was for a new park shelter. Broh stated if this is a safety issue it should be fixed. Marcus stated the tennis courts could at least be removed for now. Lilla recommended the board seek input from civic groups about the park shelter first. Broh stated he was interested in what the constituents want; we need feedback. No action taken.
- c. Kurek stated he contacted several area municipalities in regards to a Solicitor's License Permit fee and they ranged from \$25 - \$250. Demers moved and Broh seconded to set the Solicitor's License Application fee to \$100.00 and to approve the updated Application form. Motion carried.
- d. Broh moved and Miller seconded to approve the Kennedy Road Recycling Center/Burn Area - Attachment A revisions as presented. Motion carried.
- e. Miller moved and Marcus seconded to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for the Sauk County 911 Emergency System as presented. Motion carried.

8. **General Public Comment:** Churchill asked what the difference between a Solicitor and Transient Merchant is. Crary explained the terms Solicitor and Transient Merchant are interchangeable. Crary explained under state law the Village cannot prohibit Transient Merchants; therefore, the Transient Merchant Ordinance is in place to provide regulations that must be followed when engaging in this activity. Churchill stated it is good to know the ball park shelter is the one up for replacement at some time in the future.

9. **Adjourn:** N. Miller moved and Demers seconded to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Motion carried.