

Minutes of Regular Session

Proceedings of the Village of Spring Green Board of Trustees meeting on February 22, 2017 at 7:02 pm, 154 N. Lexington Street, Spring Green Wisconsin.

1. **Call to order:** Gene Hausner, Village President called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Roll call of Village Board members:** Members present were Gene Hausner, Robin Reid, Joel Marcus, Norm Miller, Vern Demers and Michael Broh. Grace Timmerman was absent. Also present were Wendy Crary, Linda Schwanke, Mike Bisbach, Ruth Schreiner, Kevin Wilkins, Kris Stoddard, Greg Jewell, Dennis Phillips, Janice Crook, Pamela Chehade, Dave Riek, Eric Ferguson, Mary D'Alton, Cameron Vieth, Greg Wipperfurth and Jenny Pappas.
3. **Approve Minutes:** Demers moved and Broh seconded to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. **Review and approve agenda:** Miller moved and Reid seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
5. **Consent agenda:** Demers moved and Miller seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:
 - a. Approval of Financial Report
 - b. Approval of DisbursementsMotion carried.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Schreiner stated she and other business owners are concerned with the way plowing is done downtown on Lexington and Jefferson Streets. Schreiner stated there were two times this winter when snow was left piled in the middle of the street for an entire weekend. Schreiner stated she wants to understand why it is done the way it is and maybe discuss some options for changes. Schreiner passed out a letter written by Jeanne Horton regarding her thoughts on plowing and the alley adjacent to her property. Schreiner asked why the Public Works Department waits to plow the downtown area. Wipperfurth stated during a snow event, they come in at 2:00 am to start plowing. Schreiner stated the business area is not getting cleared out before the businesses open in the morning. Wipperfurth explained the process: Lexington/Jefferson is plowed first, followed by Albany Street (General Store), and the streets near the schools. After these areas are plowed, they move on to the residential areas. Wipperfurth stated this process takes until 8:00 am or 9:00 am and in addition to plowing there are water and sewer related tasks that need to be taken care of every day. Broh stated it sounds like the Public Works Department is short staffed when there is a snowfall. Reid stated it seems this happens every year and asked if the snow piles could be moved to a different location. Veith stated he did not believe the Public Works Department is out at 2:00 am and further stated Public Works should get up early and do the downtown first. Marcus stated he resides on Jefferson Street and confirmed the plows are out in the very early hours of the morning. Marcus stated the issue really is not the plowing; it is getting rid of the piles of snow. Marcus stated the Village could consider hiring private contractors. The board discussed hiring a contractor or part-time person to assist with the plowing and also discussed whether there was enough equipment for another person. Wilkins stated he spoke to a local contractor who would be willing to come in and clean out the entire downtown area. Broh stated the hiring of a contractor should be the responsibility of the Public Works Director. Broh moved and Miller seconded to authorize Greg Wipperfurth to hire additional staff to remove snow on the streets in the downtown. Motion carried. Broh moved and Miller seconded to authorize Greg Wipperfurth to hire a contractor to remove snow on the streets in the downtown. Motion carried.
 - b. The board discussed the pay rates for the lifeguards at the pool, starting wages

and the pay increase scale for returning guards. Crook stated lifeguarding does hold more responsibility than other jobs in the area as the guards are responsible for our youth. Crook noted the WSI Certified guards have to attend additional training, and families from many other municipalities come to Spring Green to attend swimming lessons. Broh moved and Demers seconded to increase WSI Certified employee wages by \$0.75 per hour. Motion carried.

- c. Jewell stated Cardinal is ready to move forward with their project; they will purchase an existing building, raze it and extend their current building. Jewell stated this will be a 100,000 square foot addition and will cost approximately \$10M. Jewell reviewed the proposed TID boundary map. Bisbach explained the TID process from the formation to the final approval. Bisbach stated this will be a mixed use TID - industrial, commercial and residential, is approximately 180 acres and 70% is zoned M-1. Bisbach reviewed the potential projects being included in the TID. Reid moved and Demers seconded to send letters to the taxing jurisdictions to form a Joint Review Board for TIF District No. 6. Motion carried. Miller moved and Reid seconded to appoint Vern Demers to the Joint Review Board as the Village representative. Motion carried.
- d. Bisbach gave an update on the E. Madison Street Project. Bisbach stated a public information meeting has been scheduled for February 23 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Community Library. Bisbach stated he has met with 80% of the affected property owners. No action taken.
- e. Bisbach stated the transfer of the LRIP state funds in the amount of \$18,811.13 were successfully transferred from the E. Madison Street project to the Varsity Avenue project. Bisbach stated it would be nice to piggy back Varsity Avenue with E. Madison to potentially obtain better pricing. No action taken.
- f. Miller moved and Reid seconded to approve Jewell Associates Engineers Work Order 2017-2 in the amount of \$9,650.00 for the Survey, Design and Construction Services for the Reconstruction of Varsity Avenue. Motion carried.

7. **Information Items:**

- a. Correspondence from Lamers Bus Company commending the plow truck employees.

8. **General Public Comment:** There was no general public comment.

9. **Adjourn:** Miller moved and Broh seconded to adjourn at 8:53 pm. Motion carried.