

## Minutes of Regular Session

Proceedings of the Village of Spring Green Board of Trustees meeting on March 8, 2017  
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, Robin Reid, Joel Marcus, Norm Miller, Vern Demers and Michael Broh. Grace Timmerman was absent. Also present were Wendy Crary, Linda Schwanke, Michelle Orcutt, Cyndie Rasmussen, Bridget Roberts, Carrie Portz, Michael Havlik and Jenny Pappas.
3. **Approve Minutes:** Demers moved and Miller seconded to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. **Review and approve agenda:** Reid moved and Demers seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Consent agenda:** Miller moved and Demers seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:
  - a. Approval of Disbursements
  - b. Approval of the following License for St. John's Funfest, North Park Ballfield Shelter, Spring Green, WI:
    - i. Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for 8/11/17 – 8/13/17
  - c. Approval of an Operator's License for John Christensen, 235 N. Albany St., Spring Green, WI
  - d. Approval of an Operator's License for Nancy Baenen, 216 E. Madison St., Spring Green, WIMotion carried.
6. **Old Business:**
  - a. Demers reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2017 Village Board meeting, specifically those in regards to snow removal. Demers stated he wants to clarify there were two separate motions made, and suggested the board be informed when the decision is made to obtain additional help with snow removal. Demers noted funds for additional help will need to be considered during the next budget cycle. Reid stated she feels there is a misunderstanding on the intent of the motions made at the February 22, 2017 meeting; boundaries need to be clarified. Reid discussed the snow events that occurred in December, 2016 along with all of the activities taking place within the Village at those times. Reid stated there should be clarification on when extra help should be hired. Broh stated we need to find a way to remove snow in a cost effective manner; my opinion is we do not spend enough on snow removal. The board clarified that Wipperfurth has the latitude to choose whether or not to hire extra help. Public Works has the primary responsibility for snow removal, but can hire extra help if needed. The board discussed not having a contractor to automatically remove snow from the downtown for every snow event. The board also discussed utilizing the extra help for removal of snow from the downtown only, as opposed to plowing and removal. Broh stated the goal is to not let Spring Green move to the highway; we do not want businesses in the downtown to feel unwelcome. Reid stated we need to be wise about using resources and keeping the downtown clean and safe. The board discussed more follow through in regards to the winter parking ordinance, specifically as it pertains to the downtown, suggesting towing cars if necessary. The consensus of the board was to have Hausner meet with Wipperfurth to go over all the points discussed. Reid suggested putting snow removal on an agenda in September to re-visit, discuss and plan for the next winter season along with discussing the impact to the budget. The board discussed their full support for Wipperfurth. No action taken.

7. **New Business:**
  - a. Broh moved and Miller seconded to approve a Proclamation honoring Carol Olson as presented. Motion carried.
  - b. Broh inquired about the non-existent term limit for the Village's representative to the Fire Board. Crary stated to her knowledge it has always been an indefinite term. Broh asked what would happen if the Village Board wanted to remove the appointee. Marcus stated it is most likely similar to contract law in that, either party could terminate the position at any time. Marcus stated it would be best to seek a legal opinion in regards to this matter. Broh moved and Reid seconded to appoint Greg Prem to the Fire Board contingent upon his agreement to present a report annually to the Village Board. Motion carried.
  - c. Miller moved and Broh seconded to approve Resolution R-1702, Opposition to Proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line as presented. Motion carried.
  - d. Crary reviewed the 2016 End of Year Financial Report noting all of the 2016 bills have been paid and journal entries have been made. Crary reviewed the expense accounts that were over budget which include: Wages – Parks & Pool General Fund, Capital Furniture & Fixtures – Library Fund and Professional Services – Zoning/Building Permit Fund. Broh moved and Miller seconded to approve the 2016 End of Year Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.
  - e. Reid moved and Marcus seconded to approve Resolution R-1703, 2016 Budget Amendment Resolution as presented. Motion carried.
8. **Information Items:**
  - a. 2016 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction – Public Library Annual Report.
  - b. Information from the Spring Green Area Chamber of Commerce regarding an 8 Pin Bowling Tournament to be held Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Spring Green Lanes.
9. **General Public Comment:** There was no general public comment.
10. **Adjourn:** Miller moved and Reid seconded to adjourn at 7:44 pm. Motion carried.