

Minutes of Regular Session

Proceedings of the Village of Spring Green Board of Trustees

November 15, 2017 – 7:00 pm

154 N. Lexington Street, Spring Green WI

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, LuEtta Miller, Vern Demers and Michael Broh. Also present: Wendy Crary, Linda Schwanke, Greg Wipperfurth, Diane Wipperfurth, Todd Mieden, Bob Churchill, Kevin Wilkins, Bonnie Bindl, Joe Bindl and Jenny Pappas.
3. **Approve Minutes:** Broh moved and Reid seconded to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. **Review and approve agenda:** N. Miller moved and L. Miller seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Consent agenda:** Marcus requested the removal of Item c from the consent agenda. Broh moved and Reid seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:
 - a. Approval of Financial Report
 - b. Approval of Disbursements
 - d. Approval of the following License for River Valley Players, 111 E. Jefferson St., Spring Green, WI:
 - i. Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for 12/7/17 – 12/10/17Motion carried.

Item 5c: Marcus stated he is a participant of the Spring Green Chamber Wine Walk and therefore will abstain from the motion to approve the license. Broh moved and L. Miller seconded to approve the following license for the Spring Green Area Chamber of Commerce, 208 N. Winsted, Spring Green, WI: Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for the Spring Green Country Christmas Wine Walk on 12/9/17. Motion carried. Marcus abstained.

6. **Old Business:**
 - a. Crary stated no changes have been made since the last meeting. Crary noted she received the Certified County Levy and she expects property taxes to go down by approximately \$30 - \$100 depending upon the assessed valuation. N. Miller moved and Demers seconded to approve the Village of Spring Green 2018 budget as presented. Motion carried.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. Crary explained the request submitted by the River Valley Area Community Garden to construct two sheds; the size of each shed will be less than 100 square feet. Crary noted no zoning permit would be necessary due to the size; however, the Community Gardens does need permission from the board as the garden is located on Village property. L. Miller moved and N. Miller seconded to approve the request submitted by the River Valley Area Community Garden to construct sheds on Village property as presented. Motion carried.
 - b. Wipperfurth stated in a department head meeting held last Wednesday, he was told he needs to call the Police Department when he plans to come in to plow. Wipperfurth stated he does not agree with this because it is not his responsibility. Wipperfurth stated he does not understand why this is getting thrown on him. Wipperfurth stated he would rescind his letter of resignation so long as he does not have to call the Police Department to do their job. Hausner stated he feels it is important for the Public Works

and Police Department to cooperate and communicate. Hausner stated it was decided that the Police Department will inform the Public Works Department who will be on duty at night. Broh stated he was confused; if it is snowing, the Public Works Department should not be responsible to inform the Police Department that it is snowing. Wilkins stated he just needs to know when Public Works is coming in to plow to ensure an officer is on until 3:00 am or so and to adjust shifts if necessary. Wilkins stated it is up to the Public Works Department to make the effort. Broh stated one department should not dictate the other; we just want lines of communication between departments to remain open. Marcus stated there is one big question that needs to be clarified. Instead of enforcing the ordinance only when it snows – it is the board’s job to have an ordinance in place and there should be ticketing and towing whether it snows or not. Broh asked if that means police staff has to be on duty from 2:00 am to 6:00 am every night. N. Miller stated we have already given the Police Department the authority to enforce the ordinance. The board discussed communication between departments, along with potentially raising the cost of parking tickets. Bonnie Bindl stated there is an ordinance on the books and it needs to be enforced. Wipperfurth officially withdrew his letter of resignation. No action taken.

8. **Information Items:**
 - a. River Valley Area Community Garden – 2017 Annual Report.
 - b. Correspondence from Geraldine Doherty regarding access to properties off Leone Road.
 - c. Correspondence from University of Wisconsin – Extension regarding an upcoming broadband internet survey.
9. **General Public Comment:** Bonnie Bindl stated some of the Village ordinances are not being implemented properly and the Madison Street property needs to be looked at again. Bonnie Bindl further stated the ordinances need to be enforced by the Chief and Police staff. Churchill agreed with raising rates for parking tickets and suggested considering scheduling changes within the Police Department.
10. At 7:42 p.m., Hausner moved and Reid seconded to convene into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(c) for “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.” Roll call vote ayes: Broh, Demers, L. Miller, N. Miller, Marcus, Reid, and Hausner. Motion carried.
11. Hausner moved and Reid seconded to reconvene into open session at 7:58 pm. Motion carried.
12. No action was taken regarding Village Employee Staff issues and changes.
13. **General Public Comment:** There was no general public comment.
14. **Adjourn:** N. Miller moved and Demers seconded to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Motion carried.