

Minutes of Regular Session

Proceedings of the Village of Spring Green Board of Trustees

February 28, 2018 – 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, Joel Marcus, Norm Miller, LuEtta Miller, Vern Demers and Michael Broh. Robin Reid was absent. Also present: Wendy Crary, Linda Schwanke, Greg Wipperfurth, Calvin Boldebeck, Jerome Lund, Ben Muhr, Steve Dauster, Bob Churchill, Ed Lilla, Mary Prem and Jenny Pappas.
3. **Approve Minutes:** N. Miller moved and Demers seconded to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. **Review and approve agenda:** Demers moved and L. Miller seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. L. Miller presented the rates for pool passes/lessons she obtained from several municipalities. L. Miller stated Spring Green's rates are either equal to or higher than the other municipalities contacted. L. Miller stated she supports a raise for the lifeguards, but does not support a raise in the rates for passes and lessons. Broh stated there is an approximate gap of \$4K and asked if this gap could be made up in ways other than raising rates. Broh stated if we are going to spend another \$3-\$4K in the budget, we need to discuss how to make up for it. Marcus stated wages need to be increased to stay competitive in the labor market. The board discussed the pass and lesson rates. The consensus of the Board was to leave the rates the same as last year. No action taken.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Marcus moved and N. Miller seconded to approve Disbursements as presented. Motion carried.
 - b. Steve Dauster of Midwest Meter stated the current water meter reading equipment the Village utilizes is from 2006. Dauster stated the equipment is no longer supported, and the CONNECT software was discontinued 7-8 years ago. Wipperfurth stated the public works department is having issues with the hand held reading unit; it does not hold a charge for very long. Dauster explained two upgrade options: 1) purchase a new handheld unit for approximately \$8K and utilize the old CONNECT software, or 2) purchase new Beacon software and eliminate the need for a handheld reader. Meters would be read via a purchased tablet. This option would cost approximately \$12K. Dauster noted the new Beacon software is cloud based so it is continually being updated. This option would entail an increased yearly maintenance fee as well. Broh moved and Demers seconded to approve up to \$11,710 for Badger Beacon utility meter reading software along with increased yearly maintenance fee from Midwest Meter. Motion carried.
 - c. Broh moved and L. Miller seconded to approve a burn request for the River Valley Middle School submitted by Heather Meixelsperger as presented. Motion carried.
 - d. Crary stated Heather Meixelsperger submitted a request to raise six chickens next to the River Valley Middle School. Crary stated the current ordinance allows for the keeping of chickens in the R-1 & R-2 Districts and the school is located in the S-1 District. Meixelsperger is asking to amend the ordinance to include S-1 for the keeping of chickens. The consensus of the board was to amend the ordinance; this item will be placed on the March 14, 2018 agenda. No action taken.

- e. N. Miller moved and Marcus seconded to approve a Certified Survey Map (CSM) submitted by Alliant Energy to combine parcels #182-0738, #182-0739 & #182-0740 together to form a 2.598 acre parcel, Lots 7, 8 & 9 located on Prairie Drive, Village of Spring Green as presented. Motion carried.
 - f. Demers moved and N. Miller seconded to approve a Certified Survey Map (CSM) submitted by Marty & Terry Prem to combine parcels #032-0933 & #032-0934 together to form a 1.91 acre parcel, E5016 & E5028 USH 14, Town of Spring Green with the condition that a review of the final CSM is conducted. Motion carried.
 - g. Crary stated the US Cellular monopole is still going to be constructed. US Cellular wants to leave some of the technology on the water tower for a period of time. The amendment allows US Cellular to leave some of the technology on the water tower and pay \$500 less per month in tower rent; tower rent of \$1,201.51 will be paid monthly for the new monopole. Crary stated Allan Peckham has reviewed the amendment and does not have any issues. Broh moved and L. Miller seconded to approve US Cellular Proposed Amendments as presented. Motion carried.
 - h. Pappas stated she was approached by Brandon Harris – Business Account Sales Executive for US Cellular a few weeks ago. A meeting was held last week with Harris, the department heads and fire chief Lin Gunderson to discuss potential cost savings with US Cellular for cell phone service. Harris stated the Village can save money by moving all of the Village lines to the new State of Wisconsin contract pricing with US Cellular which will result in the following:
 - ✓ Break up accounts so the Fire Department, Public Works Department and Police Department will all receive their own bill
 - ✓ Eliminate the retail installment plans currently in place; moving forward all devices would receive State of Wisconsin subsidized pricing
 - ✓ Save Money: proposed savings will be 50% for the Fire Department, 49% for the Public Works Department and 27% for the Police Department
 N. Miller moved and Broh seconded to migrate Village Employee cellular service to the State of Wisconsin contract pricing as presented. Motion carried.
 - i. Broh moved and Demers seconded to approve Village of Spring Green 2017 End-of-Year Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.
 - j. Demers moved and N. Miller seconded to approve Resolution R-1801, 2017 Budget Amendment Resolution as presented. Motion carried.
7. **Information Items:**
- a. Information from Sauk County Emergency Management regarding Free Active Shooter Training.
8. **General Public Comment:** Calvin Boldebuck – Field Representative for Senator Mark Pocan introduced himself and stated their office is working on federal grants for rural broadband and they would be happy to submit letters of support. Boldebuck stated the Village can call their office if assistance is needed with any federal agency. Churchill stated he is glad the Village Board is based on honesty and fairness.
9. **Adjourn:** N. Miller moved and Demers seconded to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Motion carried.