

Minutes of Regular Session
Proceedings of the Village of Spring Green Board of Trustees
March 24, 2021 – 7:00 pm
Meeting held via Zoom & Teleconference due to COVID-19 Health Emergency

1. **Call to order:** Gene Hausner, Village President called the board meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Roll call of Village Board members:** Members present via Zoom & Teleconference were LuEtta Miller, Michael Broh, Jane Hauser, Norm Miller, Joel Marcus, Robin Reid, and Gene Hausner. Also, present via Zoom & Teleconference: Wendy Crary, John Meyerhoffer, Jeff Johnson, Jeff Freil, Barbara Pratt, Andrew Kurek, Linda Thering, Stephen Fisk, Todd Deibert - Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc, Deb Miller, Linda Schwanke, Greg Prem, Dan Feick, Barbara Morford, Valley Sentinel, Arron Holverson, Ed Lilla, Dana Olkkonen, Anonymous, Mike Hogan, Greg Wipperfurth, Shawn Kuhse, Damian Barta, and Vikki Stingley.
3. **Approve Minutes:** Motion by L. Miller to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting with an amendment to line item 6. a. sentence: "The consensus of the Village Board was no." to read instead "The consensus of Village Board was not to add it to the next agenda." Seconded by Marcus. Voice vote. Motion carried
4. **Review and approve agenda:** Motion by Broh to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by N. Miller. Voice vote. Motion carried.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. A very brief discussion about Covid-19 concerns led to a motion by Broh to continue Zoom & Teleconference Village Board Meetings through April. Seconded by N. Miller. Voice vote. Motion carried.
 - b. After very lengthy discussion about the request for an ATV route, the focus shifted to questions about the ordinance. Broh pointed out that the ordinance was an agenda item to be heard later. It was decided that maybe the ordinance should be reviewed before approval of an ATV route. Motion by Hauser to table line item 6. b. "Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed ATV/UTV Ordinance for the Village of Spring Green "until discussion of the proposed ATV/UTV Ordinance. Seconded by Reid. Voice vote. Motion carried.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Hauser asked for a breakdown of the snow removal done by J & J Total Lawn Care LLC invoice compared to Public Works'. Crary said it would be very hard to give a comparison tonight. Broh suggested that the New Board could review this at budget time. Motion by Hauser to approve the disbursements as presented. Seconded by Broh. Voice vote. Motion carried.
 - b. Hausner started the discussion that there have been a number of concerns brought to the attention of the Village Board concerning the ATV/UTV route. He asked Police Sergeant Andy Kurek to answer questions from the Board. Kurek explained that municipal ordinance can be more restrictive than the state ordinance but not less. That is why the Village has 11 more restrictions than state ordinance on operating ATVs on the designated route. Barbara Pratt asked to speak expressing a need for the ordinance to have a sunset clause. She also stated that she felt this was a way to see if the ATV/UTV route has benefited the businesses. "That's what I've been told is the reason for the route in the village." Broh rebutted the remark as a misconception. It would be great if it helped the

businesses but this is not the reason; this is their choice of recreation. Hauser stated that she would also like to see the time of operation be changed to a half hour after sunrise and a half hour after sunset. L. Miller shared that she had contacted Sauk County Law Enforcement about ATV traffic violations, stating there have not been many reports or issues. L. Miller added it would also be better to keep the ordinance consistent with Sauk County's ATV Ordinance. Reid and N. Miller agreed. N. Miller then spoke up that he felt that there has been a lot of misunderstanding about ATV's. He said that Harley's are a lot noisier; "are we going to ban them from the village too". Jeff Freel of River Runners Club stated, "ATVs are actually quieter than lawn mowers". Reid added that she also has heard from a lot of residents who have a lot of misunderstandings about ATVs. She stressed that these concerns will be addressed in the ordinance. Ed Lilla said, "I don't accept that the village residents are ignorant about noise." He continued by restating that noise is a legitimate concern. Barbara Morford reinforced Lilla's comment about noise; adding she lived in Alaska and used an ATV to get groceries; but they're really off-road recreational vehicles. There were several more comments about the ordinance needing to be a trial for one year with contingencies on who and how the route should be used. John Meyerhoffer stated that he felt residents should be required to submit an application to the police department on how they would connect to the designated route. Reid interjected, "we don't want to micro manage". There might be road work or unforeseen reasons that residents need to take a different route to connect up with the designated route. Motion by Reid to send the ATV/UTV Ordinance back to add a sunset clause and be reviewed at the next Village Board Meeting. Seconded by N. Miller. Voice vote. Motion carried. (note: Marcus lost connection during Ed Lilla's comment and was unable to reconnect until line item 6.c. 2021 Municipal Pool). This is considered the 1st reading of the proposed ATV/UTV Ordinance for the Village of Spring Green.

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 - b. Discussion was heard again about the ATV route in the Village of Spring Green after the review of the ordinance. The proposed route would enter the village limits to the North by County G/Hwy 23 through the lights at Hwy 14, continue south on Wood Street, East on Madison Street and then North on Lexington Street to access the business or west on Madison Street to Shiffletts(Wisconsin Riverside Resort). This route is contingent on approval from the WisDOT to cross Hwy 14 at the lights. Jeff Johnson stated that they also had an alternate route that would cross Hwy 14 by the Round Barn to N. Westmor Street onto Sommerset Road then to Wood Street. Motion by Broh to approve the proposed routes contingent upon the approval of the ATV/UTV Ordinance. Seconded by N. Miller. Voice vote. Motion carried.
 - c. Crary shared that she had received an email from Janice Crook stating that she would like to follow the same guideline as last summer for the municipal pool. "Although it is a hope that most Americans are fully vaccinated by end June/early July, children will not be vaccinated". Motion by Hauser to approve the recommendation by Janice Crook for the 2021 Municipal Pool Season as presented. Seconded by L. Miller. Voice vote. Motion carried. (note: Reid lost connection just before the discussion of the status of municipal pool for 2021 season and was unable to reconnect until discussion regarding the Lexington Street Alley Plat Survey.

- d. Greg Prem-Plan Commission Chair addressed the Village Board about the Lexington Street Alley Plat of Survey. Prem stated that the Plan Commission would address the zoning issue at 302 S Lexington Street, but it was his recommendation that the Village Board address the multiple municipal issues with encroachments that were discovered by the survey. Prem also expressed that there needs to be a fair, and consistent solution for all residents. Todd Deibert- Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc shared the map by zoom for the Village to be able to see the encroachments discovered due to the survey. Greg Wipperfurth was asked if these encroachments were an issue for Public Works? He stated that there was. He said that plowing this alley we have spill overs with the blade and have to pile snow about half way down the alley, therefor blocking through traffic. Reid asked if this is a safety concern? There was also a question if there were utilities. Hausner said that the “purpose of the alley is for safe access of utilities; for true ingress and egress.” Aaron Holverson shared pictures by zoom of the snow piled in the middle of the alley, with a utility truck blocking the ingress and egress. He also shared pictures of his moveable fire escape steps; a fence post that had been place in the middle of the alley by someone, and a picture of brushes/greenery encroaching the alley more than his steps. Stephen Fisk stated that he was the resident with the treehouse and would be willing to work with the Village to solve the encroachment, but would like to have a contact person. Reid stated that she would be glad to be the contact person. This led to a motion by Reid to seek legal counsel for suggestions and possible solutions on the encroachment issues discovered by the Lexington Street Alley Plat Survey. Seconded by N. Miller. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- e. Crary shared that Allan Peckham-Village Attorney had recommended reaffirming the appointment of a Village Administrator; after amending the Village of Spring Green Ordinance Chapter 100 – Officers and Employees to include Village Administrator at the March 10, 2021 meeting. Motion by Broh to reaffirm the appointment of Wendy Crary as Village Administrator. Seconded by Marcus. Voice vote. Motion carried.

7. Information Items:

- a. Crary shared that the Village Board should have a copy of the letter from the State of Wisconsin Tax Appeals Commission regarding Cardinal CG Company, Cardinal CG R&D, and Cardinal IG Company Petitions for Review of Determination by State Board of Assessors for Manufacturing Property in their packet.

8. General Public Comment: No Public Comment

9. **Adjourn:** Motion by N. Miller to adjourn at 9:07 pm. Seconded by Hauser. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Vikki Stingley