

Minutes of Regular Session
Proceedings of the Village of Spring Green Board of Trustees
January 24, 2024 – 7:00 pm
Meeting held in-person or via Zoom & Teleconference

1. **Call to order:** Robin Reid, Village President called the board meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **Roll call of Village Board members:** Members present via Zoom & Teleconference were Robin Reid, David Saperstein, Jennifer Snow, Deb Miller, Damian Barta, Jeannie McCarville, and Michael Broh. Also, present: Wendy Crary, Loren Glasbrenner - River Valley School District Administrator, Nils Richardson, Lin Gunderson, Ellery Schaffer - Jewell Associates Engineers, Andy G Ringelstetter, Bonnie Bindl, Joe Bindl, Ellis Pifer, Scott Whitsett - Jewell Associates Engineers, Jean-Claude Bédard, Shawn Kuhse, Chief Stoddard, Vikki Stingley, Nate Robson 7:04 pm, Fred lausly 7:15 pm and Ed Lilla 8:03 pm. Via Zoom & Teleconference: Linda Schwanke, Greg Prem, Adam Reno, Peggy -IPad, Becky Raven Uminowicz, and Tweis 7:10 pm and Eileen Brownlee – Village Attorney Boardman Clark 7:28 pm
3. **Approve Minutes:** Motion by Snow to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2024 Public Caucus and Regular Board Meeting as presented. Seconded by Miller. Voice vote. Motion carried.
4. **Review and approve agenda:** Motion by McCarville to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Barta. Voice vote. Motion carried.
5. **Consent agenda:** Motion by Broh to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:
 - a. Approval of Financial Report.
 - b. Approval of Disbursements.Seconded by Saperstein. Voice vote. Motion carried.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Loren Glasbrenner, River Valley School District Administrator, presented information regarding the River Valley School Board Referendum Election to be held on April 2, 2024.
 - b. Crary gave a brief overview regarding the request by Baxter & Connie Radel to rezone parcel #032-0599-10000, located at S12729 Pearl Road, Town of Spring Green, from ARN Extraterritorial New Agricultural Residential District to B-6 Extraterritorial Wholesale and Service District. She concluded that the Plan Commission and JEZC has recommended approval. Motion by Broh to approve the request by Baxter & Connie Radel to rezone parcel #032-0599-10000, located at S12729 Pearl Road, Town of Spring Green, from ARN Extraterritorial New Agricultural Residential District to B-6 Extraterritorial Wholesale and Service District as presented. Seconded by Miller. Voice vote. Motion carried.
 - c. Reid opened the meeting up to the public for comments regarding authorization for the Village Attorney and Police Chief to pursue condemnation of a dilapidated building/property in the village. Bonnie Bindl expressed concern

regarding Ellis Pifer's property; "... it's been a long time coming and has not been implemented the way it should have been". Adding, "I'm very thankful that it is actually being brought to the board to be addressed". Hearing no additional comments. Reid asked Chief Stoddard to address the property in question: 433 W Madison Street. Eileen Brownlee, Village Attorney also joined the meeting to answer questions and helped explain the condemnation procedures. The Village Board carefully reviewed the past history and current attempts to resolve ordinance violations. Ellis Pifer stated that the building and garage structure is good; the aesthetics is not. Motion by Broh to authorize the Village Attorney and Police Chief to pursue condemnation of 433 W Madison St according to Wisconsin State Statutes and due process; having the board review the report from the building inspector to determine the next steps. Seconded by Snow. Voice vote. Motion carried.

- d. Crary shared that a part of invoice #1028 for \$48,863.98 from the Town of Spring Green for the Kennedy Road TAP Project for \$30,000.00 was included in your revised disbursements; due to approval for 50/50 up to \$30,000.00. Scott Whitsett of Jewell Associates Engineers explained the increase was due to the increase pavement thickness to match Madsion Street, and the extreme prices increases. Crary also asked the Board if in favor; could consideration be made tonight to add the additional cost to the approved disbursements. Motion by Saperstein to approve the invoice for the Kennedy Road Project as presented and include with the revised disbursements. Seconded by Miller. Voice vote. Motion carried.
- e. Ellery Schaffer of Jewell Associates Engineers presented information regarding the proposed drainage ditch project "2027 Eastern Drainage Basin Drainage Ditch Project". The Board reviewed:
 - 2009 River Valley Flood Control Investigation Report
 - Ground water – 75 parcels impacted
 - 2008 Flood used for basis
 - 2010 Big Hollow Ditch
 - 2023 Tri County Airport Ditch
 - Hwy 14 upcoming project – timing for this project
 - County G reconstructing impact on cost
 - Grants – what does/ doesn't cover
 - MOU due date February 22nd
 - Others – next year
 - Cost – increase
 - Why/where is the increase
 - Why equal split between Sauk County/Town of Spring/Village of Spring Green – question has 50/25/25 been considered
 - Upcoming/future projects for the Village
 - DNR, DOT, Lower Riverway, Railroad approval/permits
 - Benefits – future growth

No action taken to allow for more time to review and collect additional information.

7. **Information Items:**

- a. Information regarding the River Valley Area Community Gardens 2023 Annual Report.

8. **General Public Comment:** Andy Ringelstetter expressed his concerns regarding the need for the Village to commit to the drainage ditch project as presented; asking them to remember what it was like in 2008. Fred lausly also added that he lives on Jones Road at the time of the flood and the information presented by Ellery is correct; we (Town of Spring Green) do not know if we will have the \$600,000.00 to put towards it either. lausly said, “we need to work together cooperatively instead of splitting hairs about percentages of the cost”. Bonnie Bindl commented that she lives at 141 S Baltimore Street, kitty corner from Ellis’s property since 1981. She expressed that it’s a disgrace to our village to let this go any further. “People have asked why does the village allow this to happen?” So, I want to say, “...thank you Mike, and for our village attorney, and the board for starting to pursue this”.

9. **Adjourn:** Motion by Barta to adjourn at 9:18 pm. Seconded by Saperstein. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Vikki Stingley