Village of Spring Grove – Village Board
Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. President's Report
   A. Proclamation – December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month
4. Clerk's Report
5. Engineering Report
6. Building Report
7. Public Works Report
8. Police Department Report
9. Committee Reports
10. Public Discussion
11. Consent Agenda (items listed on the Consent Agenda will be approved by a single vote of the Board unless a member of the Board requests that a separate vote be taken on any item)
    A. November 18, 2014 Village Board Regular Minutes
    B. November 2014 Bills Payable
    C. 2015 Calendar of Meetings
12. Unfinished Business
13. New Business
    A. Approval of an Ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition for increasing the limiting rate for the Village of Spring Grove, McHenry County Illinois, to the voters of said Village at the Consolidated Election to be held on the 7th day of April, 2015
14. Other Business
15. Adjournment
MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE  
DECEMBER 2, 2014

Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, December 2, 2014; a Regular Meeting of the Village Board was held this date at 6:00 p.m., at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road; President Eisenberg presiding.

Roll Call. Roll call showed the following Board members present: President Mark Eisenberg; Trustees Jim Anhalt, Del Houghton, Ron Kopke, Mike Lee, Pat Mazzanti and Bob McMahon - 7. Absent: None. Also present for the Village were: Sandi Rusker, Village Clerk; Scott Puma, Village Attorney; Tom Sanders, Chief of Police/Executive Assistant; Sgt. Jason Hintz and Sgt. Stanley St. Clair, Police Department; Matt Wittum, Public Works Supervisor; and Trent Turner, Building and Zoning Officer.

President’s Report - Proclamation — December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month. President Eisenberg proclaimed December as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

Clerk’s Report. Staff is preparing for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Festival. The 2015 business registration applications have been mailed out. Nomination papers for three (3) trustee seats will be accepted beginning at 8:00 a.m. on December 15, 2014 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on December 22, 2014.


Building and Zoning Report. Fifteen miscellaneous building permits were issued during the month of November. A new home permit was applied for today, the second of the year.


Police Department Report. No report.

Committee Reports. None.

Public Discussion. President Eisenberg then opened the meeting up for discussion by the public at 6:05 p.m.

Ted Trzaskowski, resident in the Breezy Lawn subdivision, inquired if the fire department would have to upgrade their equipment if the senior housing project is a 3 story facility. In a conversation with Fire Chief Rich Tobiasz, Inspector Turner stated this should not be an issue as they have mutual aid agreements with nearby communities with ladder trucks and the building will have a sprinkler system and be built to life safety standards. Mr. Trzaskowski also asked if the units would be rented to people who were not U.S. citizens. Attorney Puma stated that the Board cannot answer this question and if he wants to find out, he should contact the Illinois Housing Department Authority.

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Public discussion was closed at 6:09 p.m.


A. November 18, 2014 Village Board Regular Minutes

B. November 2014 Bills Payable

C. 2015 Calendar of Meetings

Trustee Kopke moved, seconded by Trustee Mazzanti to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Houghton, Kopke, Lee, Mazzanti and McMahon - 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business.

Approval of an Ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition for increasing the limiting rate for the Village of Spring Grove, McHenry County Illinois, to the voters of said Village at the Consolidated Election to be held on the 7th day of April, 2015. In the ongoing discussion on a possible referendum to increase the village’s tax rate in order to provide additional funding for the police pension fund, President Eisenberg put forth an ordinance that calls for an increase of $338,000 over the 2013 total capped extension. The village has seen less property tax revenue in recent years, as required payments towards the police pension fund continue to rise. This would only be the second referendum to increase its tax rate since the village’s incorporation in 1902. If the Board approved the ordinance to submit, the question that would be placed on the April 7, 2015 ballot would read as follows:

Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Village of Spring Grove, McHenry County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.2140% above the limiting rate for corporate purposes for levy year 2013 and be equal to 0.627% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2015?

(1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is $653,234.74, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is $991,755.55.

(2) For the 2015 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of $100,000 is estimated to be $71.33.

(3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2015 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).
The Board acknowledged it would have to educate the public and candidates running for trustee that the referendum is necessary and its passage would allow the village to properly fund its police pension fund and use those funds currently being diverted to the police pension fund towards funding road improvements. A home valued at $200,000 would experience a $0.38 per day increase and a $300,000 home a $0.57 per day increase. The village does not have a large retail base like larger communities and with no homes being built; the village cannot continue to balance its budget using its reserves. The only increases to last year's budget were to salaries, health insurance benefits and the police pension fund.

Trustee Lee moved, seconded by Trustee Kopke to approve the ordinance providing for and requiring the submission for increasing the limiting rate for the Village of Spring Grove, McHenry County, to the voters of said Village at the Consolidated Election to be held on the 7th day of April, 2015. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Houghton, Kopke, Lee, Mazzanti and McMahon - 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Executive Session - Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act for discussion of the possible purchase of real estate. Trustee Houghton moved, seconded by Trustee Lee to adjourn into executive session under Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act for discussion of the purchase of real estate. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Houghton, Kopke, Lee, Mazzanti and McMahon - 6. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board adjourned into executive session at 6:25 p.m.

Trustee Kopke moved, seconded by Trustee Mazzanti to reconvene from executive session. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Houghton, Kopke, Lee, Mazzanti and McMahon - 6. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board reconvened at 6:52 p.m. with all members present as the original roll call.

Other Business. None.

There being no further business, Trustee Lee moved, seconded by Trustee Mazzanti to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. On voice vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandi Rusher, Village Clerk