Village of Spring Grove – Village Board
Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. President’s Report
4. Clerk’s Report
5. Engineering Report
6. Building Report
7. Public Works Report
8. Police Department Report
9. Committee Reports
10. Public Discussion (Public discussion shall be limited to three minutes per speaker)
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. June 6, 2017 Village Board Regular Meeting Minutes
   B. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the use of the Spring Grove Municipal Centre by and between the Village and Burton Township
   C. Agreement to transfer canine Hunter from the Village to Officer Stanley St. Clair
   D. Authorization to disburse the June 2017 Bills Payable after their approval by the Finance Committee and Village President
12. Unfinished Business
13. New Business
   A. Consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 9, Liquor Control, of the Village Code
14. Other Business
15. Adjournment

Posted: June 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE
JUNE 20, 2017

Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, June 20, 2017; 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, Jeff Letzter, Pat Mazzanti, Bob McMahon, Lloyd Simonson and Randy Vinyard – 7. Absent: None. Also present for the Village were: Sandi Rusher, Village Clerk; Tom Sanders, Chief of Police/Executive Assistant; Matt Wittum, Public Works Supervisor; and Sgt. Jason Hintz, Police Department.

President’s Report. A letter will be sent to all property owners within Special Service Area 1 (SSA) that their 2017 tax bill did not include a levy for this SSA and their 2018 tax bill will reflect a double levy to account for this error.

Clerk’s Report. The Fish Boil Fundraiser raised almost $5,600 and 490 meals were sold. Ted Trzaskowski resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission effective June 7, 2017, and there will be no board meeting on July 4.


Public Works Report. Supervisor Wittum is working on updating the Department’s Policy Manual that was last updated in 2009.

Police Department Report. Chief Sanders looked into the complaints of people not stopping at the stop signs at Sunset and Johnsbury Roads and English Prairie and Richardson Roads. The issue is people stopping at these intersections and then pulling out into oncoming traffic. Concern was expressed that trees planted on private property are causing a line of site issue, especially on Richardson Road. Chief Sanders will speak with McHenry County Department of Transportation to address those trees on Richardson Road as this is a county road. He believed the solution to Sunset Road would be costly.

Committee Reports. None.

Public Discussion. President Eisenberg then opened the meeting up for discussion by the public.

Parth Sheth, owner of the Tobacco and Liquor Store at 2450 Route 12, presented a menu and floor plan that would expand his business and generate additional revenue by serving Indian snacks/street foods and offering video gaming. He will serve craft beers and provide 1 oz samples of craft beers and high-end liquors, which would allow customers to try them before buying them. 80% of the food served will be prepared on site. The floor plan showed three tables for seating for six in the front of the store and a kitchen with a prep area and 3 compartment sink and a 19' x 14' carpeted gaming room that will house five video gaming terminals along the back wall. The unit also has two bathrooms. He has been in business for seven years and sales have declined because of Jewel and Richmond allowing their liquor stores to acquire video gaming terminals.
Trustee McMahon stated video gaming was approved to benefit the existing restaurants and opined this is would have an adverse effect on the village's image by having another video gaming establishment along Route 12. He and Trustee Letzter questioned if deep fried pastries, chips and smoothies meets the definition of a “full service kitchen” as defined in the Village Code but Trustee Letzter supported the proposal as it is an existing business and would bring another flavor of food to the community.

President Eisenberg stated there are only three establishments with video gaming licenses at this time and video gaming brings an additional $30,000 a year in revenue.

Trustee Mazzanti commented the business has partnered with the Spring Grove 4th of July Committee and $2,000 has been donated through their proceeds. He is not a proponent of video gaming but has heard talk of more vacancies in the strip malls along Route 12 and he would rather see video gaming signs than vacancy signs in storefront windows to which President Eisenberg and Trustee Simonson agreed.

Tammy Linardos, owner of two restaurants in the village, stated the more restaurants you have in Spring Grove, the more you keep people in Spring Grove and the same goes for video gaming because people who play go from one location to another.

Trustees McMahon and Letzter will review the Sign Control Ordinance to establish regulations for video gaming signage.

After much discussion, Mr. Sheth was asked to present an improved floor plan showing the bathrooms, details on kitchen area and interior design before a decision is made.


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Trustee Simonson moved, seconded by Trustee Letzter to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Letzter, Mazzanti, McMahon, Simonson and Vinyard – 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business.
Consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 9, Liquor Control, of the Village Code. After speaking to the owners of The Grove, President Eisenberg presented an ordinance that would allow license holders that sell alcohol for consumption on the premises to be open on Fridays and Saturdays until 2:00 a.m. upon the recommendation of himself, as Liquor Commissioner, and the Police Chief and approval of the Board. This would be done by dividing the liquor license classifications from A and C into A-1, A-2, C-1, and C-2 and allowed certain license classifications to remain open later. An A-1 and C-1 license allows an establishment to remain open until 2:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays as well as on January 1.
An A-2 and C-2 license still only allows an establishment to remain open until 1:00 a.m. seven days a week except on January 1 they are allowed to remain open until 2:00 a.m. He proposed the only establishment to be granted this type of license at this time is The Grove.

Bill and Tammy Linardos, owners of the Grove, indicated this would not be advertised or used very often but from time to time after different events, such as a sporting event, rotary event or fish boil. In addition to the extended hours on Fridays and Saturdays, they would also like to see it allowed on the New Year’s Eve and Wednesday before Thanksgiving, which is a busy night. It was also suggested on the 4th of July.

Trustee McMahon supported the extension of hours as it will allow the business to capture additional revenue when an event is held in town. The Board was not in favor of granting a license with the extension of hours to a new license holder until they are established in the community.

Trustee Mazzanti moved, seconded by Trustee Simonson to approve the ordinance as amended that would allow all license holders that serve alcohol to be open until 2:00 a.m. on January 1, July 5 and Thanksgiving Day. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Letzter, Mazzanti, McMahon, Simonson and Vinyard – 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Other Business. None.

There being no further business, Trustee Vinyard moved, seconded by Trustee Mazzanti to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandi Rusher, Village Clerk