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 and Zoning Report
7. Public Works Report
8. Police Department Report
9. Committee Reports
   A. Public Works
   1. Consideration of June 25, 2018 Public Works Committee Minutes
   2. Consideration of a resolution awarding the contract for the cleaning of the interior of the water tower to Northern Divers USA, Inc.
   3. Consideration of a resolution awarding the contract for the cleaning of the exterior of the water tower to National Wash Authority, LLC dba Midwest Mobile Washers
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 19, 2018 Village Board Regular Minutes
   B. Approval of the June 26, 2018 Parks Committee Minutes
   C. Approval of the June 26, 2018 Finance Committee Minutes
   D. Resolution regarding the release of Closed Session Minutes
   E. Ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus personal property owned by the village
   F. Approval of the Field Usage Agreement between the Village and the Stateline Comets
   G. Allow the consumption of alcohol at Thelen Park on August 4, 2018 for the Stateline Comets Kickoff Party
   H. June 2018 Bills Payable
12. Unfinished Business
13. New Business
   A. Consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the Municipal Code to provide for construction of utility facilities in the rights-of-way
   B. Consideration of a solar farm proposal at 9403 North Solon Road
14. Other Business
15. Adjournment

Posted: July 13, 2018 at 3:00 pm
MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE
JULY 17, 2018

Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, July 17, 2018; a Regular Meeting of the Village Board was held this date at 6:00 p.m., at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road.

Roll Call. Roll call showed the following Board members present: Trustees Jim Anhalt, Dawn Iselin, Jeff Letzter, Pat Mazzanti, Bob McMahon and Lloyd Simonson - 6. Absent: President Mark Eisenberg - 1. Also present for the Village were: Tom Sanders, Chief of Police/Executive Assistant; Matt Wittum, Public Works Supervisor; Scott Puma, Village Attorney; and Sandi Rusher, Village Clerk.

Trustee Letzter moved, seconded by Trustee Anhalt to appoint Trustee McMahon as Temporary Chair due to the absence of President Eisenberg. On voice vote, the motion carried.

President's Report. Temporary Chair McMahon thanked Trustee Mazzanti and the 4th of July Committee for all they did in making the 4th of July festivities a great community event. Trustee Mazzanti then thanked the Police and Public Works Departments for their assistance and announced he has resigned from the committee after 25 years of service.

Clerk's Report. No report.


Public Works Report. Supervisor Wittum reported a full-time employee unexpectedly resigned last week and hopes to replace him with another full-time employee.

Police Department Report. No report.

Committee Reports.

Public Works. Trustee Anhalt reported two employees were given salary adjustments and the committee recommended awarding the contracts for the cleaning of the interior and exterior of the water tower, which occurs every five years.

Consideration of the June 25, 2018 Public Works Minutes. Trustee Anhalt moved, seconded by Trustee Mazzanti to approve the minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Mazzanti and Simonson - 3. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Consideration of a resolution awarding the contract for the cleaning of the interior of the water tower to Northern Divers USA, Inc. The committee unanimously recommended awarding the contract to Northern Divers USA for $5,600. Trustee Anhalt moved, seconded by Trustee Simonson to accept the committee's recommendation. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Iselin, Letzter, Mazzanti, McMahon and Simonson - 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Consideration of a resolution awarding the contract for the cleaning of the exterior of the water tower to National Wash Authority, LLC dba Midwest Mobile Washers. The committee unanimously recommended awarding the contract to National Wash Authority, LLC dba Midwest Mobile Washers for $5,900. Trustee Anhalt moved, seconded by Trustee Iselin to accept the committee’s recommendation. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Iselin, Letzter, Mazzanti, McMahon and Simonson - 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Discussion. Temporary Chair McMahon then opened the meeting up for discussion by the public.

Carol and Tom Hinks representing LifeSpring Community Church would like to host a 5K and 1 mile fundraiser on September 29 to raise funds for the purchase of outdoor playground equipment at their new church which is planned at the corner of Route 173 and Siedschlag Road. The run will be run and end at LifeSpring’s property and go through the adjacent subdivision, Breezy Lawn. They estimate 100-150 people attending this family event that would begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 10:30 a.m. They have consulted with the fire and police departments and the Breezy Lawn Homeowner’s Association, none of which had any objections. After reviewing the route and proposal, the Board was supportive of the fundraising event noting that the route will be amended to include only those roads under the village’s jurisdiction. LifeSpring was directed to consult with the police and public works departments for road closure and staffing needs. It was explained that they will be responsible for paying for the staffing of the police and public works department and other expenses related to road closures as a result of this event.

Jason Starai, potential purchasers of the home at 2312 Hatchery Road, sought direction for the rezoning of this property from B-2 to residential as he cannot get a residential loan because of the property’s commercial zoning. After some discussion, the Board directed Mr. Starai to the Planning and Zoning Commission to apply for the rezoning of the property with a variance to the lot size.

David Oudshoorn, resident of 9106 Nicholas Lane, sought direction for a variance to construct a 12' x 16' shed located approximately 16 ft. within the 50 ft. building setback line at the end of the driveway. Mr. Oudshoorn lives on a corner lot with his house constructed right on the building setback line and it would be a hardship to construct the shed on the east side of the lot because of the septic field. The shed would house his lawn mower and other equipment that are currently sitting outside and it would be screened by the trees are planted along Anthony Lane. After some discussion, the Board directed Mr. Oudshoorn to the Planning and Zoning Commission to apply for a variance.

Ted Trzaskowski, resident of 1203 Superior, voiced his opposition for the salt storage facility at 7701 Blivin because of the possible leaching of salt into the groundwater and ponds at Hatchery Park, increased truck traffic and not being a good neighbor by leaving their diesel trucks running adjacent to residential homes. Temporary Chair McMahon thanked him for his comments and shared his concerns. This zoning matter will be further discussed by the Board at its August meeting.

Dr. Ron Erdmann voiced his concern with political campaign signs being displayed long before an election and this is not something you see in other communities. Attorney Puma cited a 2015 U.S. Supreme Court decision that involved a First Amendment challenge to the Town of Gilbert’s sign code that was content-based because they treated temporary directional signs, political signs and ideological signs differently. Attorney Puma advised that as long as campaign signs meet the village’s requirements then they are permitted. Those signs that are in the rights-of-way and not on private property are prohibited but he cautioned all signs located in the rights-of-way need to be treated equally.
A discussion ensued regarding the numerous amount of construction signs put up on private property and intersections throughout the village after the May hail storm. It was suggested ARC review the sign code and look at other towns, including Gilbert, Arizona, and have staff address the current issues relative to signs in the rights-of-way. Attorney Puma reminded that all enforcement of the sign code has to be uniform.

Anna, property manager of the rental home at 8021 Blivin Street, asked the village to repair the concrete apron between the road and sidewalk that is in disrepair. It was explained that Blivin Street is a county road under the jurisdiction of McHenry County Department of Transportation and she needs their approval for any repair work as it is her responsibility to make the necessary repair to make it safe.


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

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business.
Consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the Municipal Code to provide for construction of utility facilities in the rights-of-way. The ordinance provides amendments to the village’s right-of-way management ordinance to comply with the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act that became effective on June 1, 2018. The ordinance provides two stealth designs for small cell utility poles and to qualify as a small wireless facility, the new antenna attachment may be no greater than 10 ft. above the height of the pole to which it is attached to. Trustee Letzter moved, seconded by Trustee Mazzanti to approve the ordinance as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Ahalt, Iselin, Letzter, Mazzanti, McMahon and Simonson - 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Consideration of a solar farm proposal at 9403 North Solon Road. The village received notice of a zoning hearing for an application solar farm in unincorporated McHenry County on the southwest corner of Hill and North Solon Roads by Borrego Solar Systems. Earlier this year, the village sent an opposition letter for the solar farm application in unincorporated McHenry County on the northwest corner of Ringwood and Solon Roads because of its proximity to current and proposed residential developments.
Trustee Mazzanti and Clerk Rusker reported on their meeting with Borrego Solar System representatives along with Richmond Village President Craig Kunz and Richmond Township Supervisor Paul Hain in May. Trustee Mazzanti recommended the village remain neutral as this application is different than the other as it is not located across from a residential subdivision and they have reached out to community leaders and neighbors. He further suggested an ideal place for solar farms is in gravel pits because they are below ground and the property is bermed, which would prevent them from being visible to adjoining landowners.

The other trustees were opposed to the application as it is near residential homes, lacks sufficient screening and they do not want to set a precedent as it could be detrimental to residential neighborhoods. As a whole, the Board was not opposed to solar farms but has a concern with their location and minimal screening near established residential area, proper tax assessment and decommissioning plan and bond. It was the consensus of the Board that an objection letter be sent to the County Board and County ZBA. Trustee Mazzanti will author the letter and articulate the village’s position.

Other Business. After the May hail storm, the village has been inundated with solicitors and not all of them are applying for a permit. The cost of a permit is $50/day and the fine for not getting a permit is $50. The Board agreed Chief Sanders and Attorney Puma should review the solicitor ordinance and determine if a higher fine amount should be established.

There being no further business, Trustee Anhalt moved, seconded by Trustee Simonson to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
Sandi Rusker, Village Clerk