Tuesday
February 5, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Joint Meeting of the
Village of Spring Grove Village Board and the
Spring Grove Fire Protection Board of Trustees
Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Discuss fire and pre-plan inspections of businesses
5. Discuss the expansion of water
6. Discuss future growth of village
7. Adjourn

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Village of Spring Grove Municipal Centre and Spring Grove Fire Protection District
MEETING MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE
AND SPRING GROVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 5, 2019

Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, February 5, 2019; a joint meeting of the Boards of the Village of Spring Grove and Spring Grove Fire Protection District was held this date at 7:03 p.m., at the Municipal Center, 7401 Meyer Road.

Roll Call. The following members were present for the Village: President Mark Eisenberg; Trustees Jim Anhalt, Dawn Iselin, Jeff Letzter, Pat Mazzanti, Bob McMahon and Lloyd Simonson - 7. Absent: None. Also present for the Village were Tom Sanders, Chief of Police/Executive Assistant; Bob Walczak, Building and Zoning Officer, and Sandi Rusher, Village Clerk.

The following members were present for the Fire Protection District: President Harvey Petska; Vice President Ed Kattner, Secretary Donald Kattner, Treasurer Paul Tierney and Trustee Greg Gillund - 5. Absent: None. Also present for the Fire Protection District was Rich Tobiasz, Fire Chief and Business Manager.

Public Comment. President Eisenberg then opened the meeting up for public comment. There was no one in attendance who wished to address either board.

Discuss fire and pre-plan inspection of business. The Fire Department conducts an annual inspection of all businesses. These inspections are very beneficial to the department and their personnel so they can familiarize themselves with the larger buildings. Chief Tobiasz and BZO Walczak continue to work together to seek compliance with building and fire codes but struggle with businesses complying with the installation of a fire alarm system. The District inquired if the building inspector would be available to go on these annual inspections with the fire inspector. It was explained the building inspector position is only part-time so the village doesn’t have the manpower to do this. It was agreed that the building inspector be notified of violations, especially life-safety ones, so he can enforce the codes. If the issue is not resolved within a reasonable time, a ticket can be issued and the owner has to appear in adjudication court.

Discuss the expansion of water. The Village has discussed expanding the water main along Route12 to service businesses from Winn Road to Rolling Oaks Road including those on Industrial Court. The estimated cost to do this is $1,000,000. The Village is open to moving forward but has experienced businesses reluctant to hook up when the water main runs right in front of their property. The Village recognizes that it will have to make a decision to enforce hook up of those properties that have the water main in front of it and expand the water system to accommodate business needs and economic growth.
The Fire Department is due for another ISO review and are being penalized because the Department has higher scores than the Village’s water supply. The District spoke of issues with sediment in the system, which creates pump issues for their engines. They recommended increasing hydrant pumping to more than twice a year.

Discuss future growth of village. Four new home permits were issued in 2018, down from eight in 2017. Even though the village has a moratorium on impact fees, it still costs more to build a home than to purchase one. The Village has seen an interest for high density residential but because of the lack of services nothing is happening. The Village expects to see a decrease in population with the upcoming 2020 census. Commercial and industrial growth is steady but there is one strip mall that is ¾ empty.

Chief Tobiasz and President Eisenberg then spoke of the relationship between the two entities. President Eisenberg spoke of Chief Tobiasz upcoming retirement and commended him for all he has done for the District and community.

Adjourn. There being no further business, Trustee Simonson moved, seconded by Trustee Letzter to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. On voice vote, the motion carried.

Trustee Gillund moved, seconded by Vice President Kattner to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. On voice vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandi Rusher, Village Clerk