1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. President’s Report
4. Clerk’s Report
5. Engineering Report
6. Public Works Report
7. Police Department Report
8. Committee Reports
9. Public Discussion (Public discussion shall be limited to three minutes per speaker)
10. 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. March 5, 2019 Village Board Regular Minutes
   B. March 12, 2019 Finance Committee Regular Minutes
   C. Ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus personal property owned by the Village
   D. Authorize the disbursement of the March 2019 Bills Payable after their approval by the Village President
11. Unfinished Business
   A. Discuss solar energy system regulations
12. New Business
   A. Consideration of an ordinance terminating special use permits pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance
   B. Consideration of an ordinance amending Article 9, Dedication of School Sites or Fees, of Chapter 16, Subdivision Control, of the Village Code
   C. Consideration of an ordinance amending the Municipal Code relative to benefits under the Illinois Public Safety Employee Benefits Act
   D. Consideration of the proposals to trade in two mowers and purchase two mowers
   E. Proclamation honoring Officer Sheila Schindler upon her retirement from the Village and 20 years of Public Service
13. Other Business
14. Adjournment
MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE
MARCH 19, 2019

Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, March 19, 2019; a Regular Meeting of the Village Board was held this date at 6:02 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, Dawn Iselin, Jeff Letzer, Pat Mazzanti, Bob McMahon and Lloyd Simonson - 7. Absent: None. Also present for the Village were: Tom Sanders, Police Chief/Executive Assistant; Bob Walczak, Building and Zoning Officer; Mike Ringler, Public Works Supervisor; Scott Puma, Village Attorney; and Sandi Rusher, Village Clerk.

President’s Report. President Eisenberg welcomed the Girl Scout Daisies in attendance.

Clerk’s Report. There will be no Village Board meeting on April 2, 2019 and the annual Easter Egg Hunt is on April 13 at 1pm at the Richmond Burton Community High School.

Discussion then ensued regarding an inquiry about a liquor license is needed for a BYOB Paint and Sip Event for recently opened business in the downtown area. If the event is private, a state liquor license is not needed and the municipality’s liquor license rules would govern. If the event is by invite, via social media or email, then a state liquor license is required. The village currently has no regulations regarding BYOB and it was the consensus of the Board to pursue adopting regulations at the next meeting. The Board expressed concern with the business’s close proximity to the grade school. It was noted the local liquor control commissioner may grant an exemption for being within 100 ft. of a school.


Public Works Report. An update of the department’s activities was given. The adjacent property owner will be given notice to remove their trees and branches that are hanging over Hatchery Park’s entrance way and creating a liability should they fall.

Police Department Report. A full-time officer has given notice of his resignation and transfer to another municipality.

Committee Reports. None.

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

Jim Kranz, representing the Isa Kranz Foundation, announced the Annual INK 5K that will be held on May 30.
Amanda Kasik, representing the Girl Scout Daisies, inquired about erecting a private free library book exchange box as their project on the southwest corner of Main Street and Blivin Street. They have received permission from the property owner and believed this would be a beneficial location. A local carpenter has offered to donate his time and the materials to construct the library box that would be maintained by the Daisies. The village informed the Daisies that they are looking to improve the downtown area and will be seeking an easement from the property owner where the library would be erected so they would like to see the exact location of where it would be located on the property in addition to a its design and size. It was noted the Village currently does not have any regulations on private free libraries but does have an ordinance drafted that could be approved at their next meeting. The Daisies were invited back to the April 16, 2019 Board meeting for the Board’s consideration of the private free library and ordinance.


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

Unfinished Business – Discuss Solar Energy System Regulations. President Eisenberg prefaced the discussion stating the Board will have to extend the moratorium that expires on May 6, 2019, because the Board will not have finalized their discussion. The Board then discussed if a ground mounted solar energy system is an accessory use or an accessory structure.

The Planning and Zoning Commission discussed this at length and recommended a ground mounted solar energy system be considered an accessory structure and be limited to 600 sq. ft. because of the potential difficulty with a homeowner having enough space when they have an existing accessory building, swimming pool, swing set, trampoline, patio, deck and septic system. In addition, if it meets the regulations for setback, screening, etc. it is permitted as a matter of right and no special use permit is required. They further recommended that if a property currently has an accessory structure and a ground mounted solar system is wanted, a variance would be required to allow two accessory structures as only one accessory structure is allowed per lot.

Trustee Letzter supported ground mounted solar energy systems because of the Board is conflicted with the location of a solar energy system on a roof. He expressed concern with a property’s lot size.
being able to accommodate a ground mounted solar energy system as well as an existing accessory building, swimming pool, patio, deck or other approved accessory uses.

Trustee Mazzanti supported a ground mounted solar energy system as a use as long as it meets the setbacks and screening requirements. He added by considering it as a structure, it could increase the frequency of a variance being sought to allow two structures on a lot.

Trustee Iselin agreed with Trustee Mazzanti adding the Village needs to make it as easy as possible for residence to pursue a solar energy system.

Trustee Simonson favored a ground mounted solar energy system as a use.

Trustee McMahon opined the regulations for a ground mounted solar energy system should be more stringent than a shed because it needs to be screened to protect neighboring properties from viewing it. He too supported it as a use as long as there are regulations in place for height, screening and setbacks.

After much discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to considered a ground mounted solar energy system as an accessory use and have restrictions on height, screening and setbacks as well as other regulations.

The Board will continue their discussion on solar energy regulations at its next meeting.

New Business.
Consideration of an ordinance terminating special use permits pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended by a unanimous vote that the special uses identified in the ordinance are no longer valid due to termination or lapse in the use as provided in Section 1520.10 of the Village's Zoning Ordinance. In addition to those special use permits recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, there are additional special use permits identified in the ordinance that staff recommended be terminated as they have been superseded by another special use permit. In a response to an inquiry, BZO Walczak stated he received a few inquiries but none voiced an objection. Trustee Mazzanti moved, seconded by Trustee Iselin to accept the commission's recommendation and approve the ordinance as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Iselin, Letzter, Mazzanti, McMahon and Simonson - 6. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Consideration of an ordinance amending Article 9, Dedication of School Sites or Fees, of Chapter 16, Subdivision Control, of the Village Code. The ordinance clarifies the land dedication or cash contribution to the school district are a condition of any residential Final Plat and not a commercial or industrial Final Plat. Trustee Mazzanti moved seconded by Trustee Letzter to approve the ordinance as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Iselin, Letzter, Mazzanti, McMahon and Simonson - 6. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Consideration of the proposal to trade in two mowers and purchase two mowers. Three proposals from Mid-State Equipment for the trade-in of the 2016 Scag mower and purchase of 2 new mowers were sought. Mid-State recommended employees demo the heavy-duty Scag mower, that is approximately $1,200 more than a regular Scag mower, because it drives differently than what they are used to. It was suggested to purchase one of each of the mowers because of the different uses each one would be used for. Trustee McMahon moved seconded by Trustee Mazzanti to approve the purchase of two mowers (heavy-duty and regular) at the discretion of the Public Works Supervisor and with the approval of the Village President and Executive Assistant. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anhalt, Iselin, Letzter, Mazzanti, McMahon and Simonson - 6. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Proclamation honoring Officer Sheila Schindler upon her retirement from the Village and 20 years of Public Service. President Eisenberg read the Proclamation and presented it to Officer Schindler.

Other Business. None.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Sandi Rusher, Village Clerk