

Tuesday  
March 15, 2022  
6:00 p.m.



Council Chambers  
7401 Meyer Road  
Spring Grove, IL 60081

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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. Public Works Report
7. Police Department Report
8. Committee Reports
  - A. Community Engagement
9. Public Comment (*Public comment 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. Approval of the March 1, 2022 Village Board Regular Meeting Minutes
  - B. Approval of the March 1, 2022 Village Board Closed Session Minutes
  - C. Approval of the March 8, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
11. Unfinished Business
12. New Business
13. Other Business
14. Adjournment

**MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE  
MARCH 15, 2022**

Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, March 15, 2022; a Regular Meeting of the Village Board was held this date at 6:01 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 Mike Gajewski, Mike Lee, Jeff Letzter, Pat Mazzanti, and Tom Sanders - 6. Absent: Trustee Bob McMahon - 1. Also present for the Village were Mike Niedzwiecki, Police Chief, and Sandi Rusher, Village Clerk.

**President's Report.** No report.

**Clerk's Report.** Liquor and video gaming license renewal applications were mailed out.

**Engineering Report.** The bid for the extension of the Winn Road bike path from the end of the Thousand Oaks subdivision to English Prairie Road came in at \$164,149.90, substantially less than the engineer's estimate.

**Public Works Report.** Trustee Mazzanti provided an update how the department will track and repair the stormwater infiltration.

**Police Department Report.** No report.

**Committee Report.**

**Community Engagement.** Trustee Lee sought the Board's input on hosting a farmer's market on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from May through October from 8:00 a.m. to noon. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to have the committee move forward as this is something the residents have asked for.

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

Gordan Asher, resident on Falcon Lane, along with Ben Johnan and Matt from Sunrun, spoke of an obstacle with the village's solar ordinance that is preventing their roof-mounted solar application being approved even though all the solar panels are on the rear of the house and arranged in a uniform pattern. Per the ordinance, the output of the grid tiered solar energy system is limited in size to 10Kw for residential installations and a variance to exceed the output is not one of the allowed variances. Mr. Asher has a large home and above normal usage that requires 16-17 Kw in order to achieve 90% solar efficiency. By limiting the output to 10Kw, the efficiency decreases to 63% and Mr. Asher feels is not worth the investment. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that they are open to allowing a variance to increase the output on a case by case basis and directed staff to prepare such an ordinance for their next meeting for their review and possible approval. The board will also review and revisit the solar regulations.

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An unidentified woman asked that the ordinance allowing for a variance to increase the output of the solar energy system not be based solely on to the square footage of the home but to also include the electrical usage of the home. President Eisenberg stated the variance to increase the output would be based on the electrical usage of the home.

Rich Kurowski, resident of 9118 Carmel Court, voiced concerns with the possible subdivision of land at the end of Carmel Court that would affect his property relative to water drainage, easements, stacking of snow, and his ownership of a majority of the cul-de-sac should it be allowed to be developed. Beyond an informal staff meeting on the feasibility of subdividing the land, the Board has not seen any plans. It was explained that when this section of Carmel Court was developed, the intent was for the road to extend north to Champion Court, but because of the topography of the land it was not developed. It was affirmed the culvert south of Mr. Kurowski's is set higher than his ditch, which is also a contributing factor to his water issues. After some discussion, Trustees Mazzanti and Sanders will look at the ditch to see what can be done.

**Consent Agenda.** Trustee Letzter moved, seconded by Trustee Mazzanti to accept the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lee, Letzter, Mazzanti, and Sanders - 4. Nays: None. Abstain: Gajewski - 1. Motion carried.

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Trustee Letzter moved, seconded by Trustee Mazzanti to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lee, Letzter, Mazzanti, and Sanders - 4. Nays: None. Abstain: Gajewski - 1. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business.** None.

**New Business.** None.

**Other Business.** None

There being no further business, Trustee Lee moved, seconded by Trustee Mazzanti to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandi Rusher, Village Clerk