

Tuesday
January 2, 2024
6:00 p.m.



Council Chambers
7401 Meyer Road
Spring Grove, IL 60081

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. Engineer Report
6. Building and Zoning Report
7. Police Department Report
8. Committee Reports
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 December 19, 2023 Village Board Regular Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of a Resolution regarding the release of Closed Session Meeting Minutes
 - C. Approval of the December 2023 Bills Payable
11. Unfinished Business
12. New Business
 - A. Consideration of options for a Wastewater Treatment Plant System
13. Other Business
14. Adjournment

MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE
JANUARY 2, 2024

Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, January 2, 2024; 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 Mike Gajewski, Mike Lee, Jeff Letzter, Pat Mazzanti, and Bob McMahon - 6. Absent: Trustee Katie Fitzgerald - 1. Also present for the Village were Attorney Scott Puma; and Kelly Popelka, Village Clerk.

President's Report. None

Clerk's Report. None

Engineering Report. None

Building and Zoning Report. Building and Zoning Officer Walczak provided a report.

Police Department Report. Chief Niedzwiecki reported new printers were purchased for squad cars from a grant received.

Committee Reports. None.

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

McHenry County Board member Carl Kamienski was in attendance and reported that McHenry County Department of Transportation is evaluating several dangerous intersections in the County, one being the intersection of Wilmot Road and Johnsburg Road within Spring Grove, there will be safety upgrade recommendations made at the end of the evaluation. He also reported the McHenry County Board voted in favor of placing a referendum on the 2024 Spring Ballot for a .25% sales tax increase to fund the McHenry County Mental Health Board.

Consent Agenda. Trustee Mazzanti moved, seconded by Trustee Letzter to accept the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gajewski, Lee, Letzter, Mazzanti, and McMahon - 5. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Trustee Letzter moved, seconded by Trustee Mazzanti to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gajewski, Lee, Letzter, Mazzanti, and McMahon - 5. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business.

Consideration of options for a Wastewater Treatment Plant. Rick Leber from Robinson Engineering was in attendance. Robinson Engineering submitted an updated Wastewater Facility Planning Report in December for consideration as the Village is currently in violation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) standards for nitrogen discharge due to the increase in users and the current plant reaching the end of its life expectancy. Of the options presented, repairing the current plant or building a new, activated sludge treatment plant are the top considerations. A lengthy discussion ensued covering future property development, financing possibilities, a schedule the State of Illinois and IEPA would accept, and worst-case scenarios. Mr. Leber clarified repairing the current plant is defined as adding on but does not increase the capacity of the plant, costs involved with continuing maintenance of the current plant, and answered questions of the Board what was involved determining the cost of both preferred options. All members of the Board share a concern that funding either option is unachievable without assistance.

Trustee Mazzanti moved, seconded by Trustee Gajewski, to recommend building a new activated sludge treatment plant, collectively look for funding through whatever means are available and for Mr. Leber and Attorney Puma to prepare a timeline to present to the State of Illinois and IEPA for approval. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gajewski, Lee, Letzter, Mazzanti, and McMahon - 5. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Other Business. President Eisenberg inquired if the Board felt an Ordinance should be considered regulating bus companies who drop off migrants as the Village of Spring Grove does not have the monetary resources, staff, shelter, or expertise to manage the needs of people in need of assistance who are dropped in our community without warning. The Board agreed an Ordinance and plan is necessary and to asked Attorney Puma to draft an Ordinance for consideration.

There being no further business, Trustee Letzter moved, seconded by Trustee Mazzanti to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Popelka, Village Clerk