

Tuesday
April 16, 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. Engineering Report
 - A. Roads Projects update
6. Public Works Report
7. Police Department Report
8. Committee Reports
 - A. Public Works
 - a. Consideration of the April 3, 2024 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes
 - B. Community Engagement Update
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 April 2, 2024 Village Board Regular Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of a Resolution awarding the 2024 Road Program Contract to Geske and Son's Inc.
 - C. Approval of a Proclamation establishing "It's our Fox River Day – A Watershed Wide Celebration"
 - D. Approval of a Proclamation establishing April 30 as "National Animal Therapy Day"
 - E. Approval of an Ordinance approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of McHenry for the provision of Police Department Dispatch services
 - F. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for a Police Social Worker Program between the Village of Spring Grove and the County of McHenry
11. Unfinished Business
12. New Business
 - A. Approval of a ground sign for B&B Auto
 - B. Approval of a Resolution approving the 2024 General Consultation – Miscellaneous Charges Agreement with HR Green
 - C. Discuss speed on main arterial roads within the Village Limits
13. Other Business
14. Adjournment

MEETING MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE
APRIL 16, 2024

Council Chambers, Spring Grove, Illinois, April 16, 2024; 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 Katie Fitzgerald, Mike Gajewski, Mike Lee, Jeff Letzter, Pat Mazzanti and Bob McMahon - 7. Absent: None - 0. Also present for the Village were Attorney Scott Puma; Steve Bicking, Village Engineer; Mike Niedzwiecki, Police Chief; Mike Frer, Public Works Supervisor and Kelly Popelka, Village Clerk.

President's Report. None.

Clerk's Report. Clerk Popelka reported that staff participated in an IMRF lunch and learn.

Engineering Report. Engineer Bicking was in attendance to give the Board an update on the Blivin Street proposed project. The Village had planned to extend the sidewalk on Blivin Street from The Grove north to Horse Fair Park this year, when McHenry County Department of Transportation heard about it they approached us to work together on additional revitalization as Blivin Street from Route 12 north was to be re-paved in 2025. President Eisenberg and Engineer Bicking put together a wish list to present to MCDOT and hope to sit down in the near future to discuss funding possibilities. Engineer Bicking explained MCDOT has had success in the last couple of years getting federal grant monies so there is local money available to put toward this project. The Board discussed funding and expressed concern about the Wastewater Treatment plant replacement timing, agreed to go forward with negotiations favoring an 80/20 agreement.

Public Works Report. Supervisor Frer provided a newly created report outlining time spent on projects and special projects.

Police Department Report. Chief Niedzwiecki took delivery of a new squad. Parks security is being upgraded.

Committee Reports.

Public Works. Chairman Mazzanti updated the Board on Public Works Projects.

Trustee Mazzanti moved, seconded by Trustee Lee to accept the minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lee and Mazzanti - 2. Abstain: Gajewski - 1. Motion carried.

Community Engagement. Chairman Lee reported The Grove has released its Farmers Market Saturday's breakfast buffet menu and gave a Kickoff to Summer update. He reported three Community Engagement committee members have resigned due to personal or work commitments and looked for direction from the Board on moving forward with finding volunteers. No Board

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members volunteered when President Eisenberg asked if someone would replace Trustee Lee as Community Engagement Chair when he resigns this summer, after some discussion the Board agreed the Community Engagement Committee would be phased out due to lack of volunteers. Trustee Lee reported the Farmers Market and Kickoff to Summer events would continue as they have already been planned and would speak with the Recreation Department about absorbing the Trunk or Treat and Merry and Bright events.

Public Discussion. Michelle Jordan, resident, was in attendance and expressed her disappointment with the recently passed Ordinance banning dogs from Thelen Park. Parks Chairman McMahon explained this decision was not made lightly and was made because requests for people to pick up after their pets went unheard and most importantly, Thelen Park is an athletic field for kids, he expressed his hope that banning dogs would be a temporary solution. Chief Niedzwiecki spoke of enforcement challenges.

Consent Agenda. Trustee Mazzanti moved, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald to accept the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Fitzgerald, Gajewski, Lee, Letzter, Mazzanti and McMahon - 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Trustee Letzter moved, seconded by Trustee Gajewski to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Fitzgerald, Gajewski, Lee, Letzter, Mazzanti and McMahon - 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. Approval of a ground sign at 3000 Route 12, B & B Auto. Chairman Letzter updated the board on the variance request and discovery if a larger than expected utility easement which may go all the way to petitioners parking lot, forcing them to erect their sign on the easement or in their parking lot. Engineer Bicking looked at provided surveys and determined the easement is 15', not 25', Ray Braden of Platinum Terrain, the company who installed the water main, commented on the location of the gas and water mains. The Board asked Engineer Bicking to provide an as-built to confirm water location. Chairman Letzter answered questions of the Board

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related to the height and message content of the sign. The Board agreed to approve the sign request contingent upon approval of the sign location in relation to the utility easement from Building and Zoning Officer Walczak. Trustee Mazzanti moved, seconded by Trustee Lee to accept the variance request as amended. Roll call vote: Ayes: Fitzgerald, Gajewski, Lee, Letzter, Mazzanti and McMahon - 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business. Approval of a Resolution approving the 2024 General Consultation – Misc Charges agreement with HR Green. Engineer Bicking stated his rate will remain the same as in past years. The Board discussed grants with Engineer Bicking and Jeff Strzalka of HR Green who was also in attendance. Engineer Bicking stated that recent reclassifications of roads within the Village will open up future opportunities and that they are always looking for funding opportunities for Spring Grove. Trustee Lee moved, seconded by Trustee Gajewski to approve the Resolution as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Fitzgerald, Gajewski, Lee, Letzter, Mazzanti and McMahon - 6. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business. Discuss speed on main arterial roads within the Village Limits. President Eisenberg presented a report outlining vehicle speed and pedestrian safety and spoke of personal experiences walking or riding a bicycle within the Village. He has observed much higher traffic volume on Winn Road during the afternoons and drivers who do not yield for pedestrians in crosswalks. He asked the board to consider lowering the speed limit on Winn and English Prairie Roads roads to increase the potential for drivers to see and stop for pedestrians. Discussion continued regarding all Village roads. In response to concern of Board members that this is related to recent UTV discussions, President Eisenberg stated this request comes from personal observations riding and walking on multi-use paths within the Village and safety concerns, not for UTV's. The Board discussed speed studies and subdivision speed limits. After consideration, the Board was in support of a speed reduction for roads within the Village limits. Attorney Puma will draft an Ordinance and Chief Niedzwiecki will look into grants for flashing signs at crosswalks.

Other Business. Trustee Mazzanti reported he has not had any follow up from Congressman Schneiders office since their meeting and grants through his office are not yet open.

There being no further business, Trustee Letzter moved, seconded by Trustee Lee to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Popelka, Village Clerk