

VILLAGE OF SOLON SPRINGS  
Public Budget Hearing & Regular Village Board Meetings  
Solon Springs Community Center November 9, 2015  
11523 S Business Hwy 53 in Solon Springs, WI 54873

Public Hearing on the proposed 2016 Budgets for the Village  
of  
Solon Springs and Village Sewer Department.

President Blaylock called the Public Budget Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Michael Blaylock, Jonathan Brostowitz, Melissa Johnson, Joshua Little and Thomas Stewart. Absent/excused: Ben Evans and Todd Gilbert. Others present: Kathy Burger, Clerk and James Heim, Lake Association & Fire Commission.

Public Present: none

Motion by Stewart seconded Little to approve the 2016 Village of Solon Springs General Budget and the 2016 Village of Solon Springs Wastewater budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The total General budget will be \$372,743.24. The tax levy for 2016 will be \$222,927.00. The total Sewer budget is \$225,386.91. Copies of the budgets are attached.

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7:00 p.m. Michael Blaylock, President called the regular monthly meeting to order.

1. Recital of Pledge of Allegiance
2. Kathy Burger, Clerk, called roll of Board Members: Michael Blaylock, Jonathan Brostowitz, Ben Evans, Thomas Stewart, Melissa Johnson, Joshua Little. Absent/excused: Ben Evans and Todd Gilbert; Others present: Kathy Burger, Clerk; Gary Vandenberghe, Lee Linden, Village Operators, Becky Nordskog, Treasurer, James Heim, Lake Association & Fire Commission.
3. Motioned by Stewart second by Brostowitz to approve the agenda with the following changes: Page 2, New Business - striking Letter B as we have approved 2016 budgets already. Add under item #6.3, Sanitary Sewer Committee - discussion on adding a returned check fee. Motion Carried.
4. Business by Public
  - 4.1 People signed up to speak: none
5. Consent Agenda – Motioned by Stewart second by Johnson to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.
  - 5.1 Approval of minutes for 9/28/15 regular board meeting minutes, 9/30/15 Village, Town and Fire Commission meeting minutes and 10/5/15 Special board and budget minutes.
  - 5.2 Treasurer's report October (Profit and Loss, and Reconciliation Detail).
  - 5.3 Approval of payments for General fund checking and Sewer fund checking; all listed on the Expenditure report dated October 30, 2015. (Please see 10/30/15 expenditure report for details.)
  - 5.4 Correspondence received since the September 28, 2015 regular meeting to be acknowledged and placed on file:

- a) Wisconsin Department of Revenue, 2015 equalized value of tax exempt computers and 2016 state exempt computer aid.
- b) Wisconsin Department of Transportation, 2016 preliminary calculation of general transportation aids.
- c) Letter from Darly Bazey of House of Wood Inspections 2 year contract renewal for UDC inspection services.
- d) Letter from RAV'N for a donation request of \$200 to their annual art exhibition.
- e) Letter from Bruce Meyers from Solon Springs School for a donation request for Superior Days.
- f) Letter from Bill Thiel, Village attorney of Weld, Riley, Prens & Ricci announcing his retirement.

5.5 Approval of Zoning permit applications:

- a) Beth & Curt Zamzow – new home construction
- b) Shane Nordness – renewal of permit #1915 – new addition and covered porch

5.6 Approval of Operators Licenses issued: Debra Buck for the St. Croix Inn

5.7 Approval Liquor License applications: none

**6. Business by the Board**

***Unfinished Business:***

- a) Salveson Property update – discussed with attorney and at the Planning Commission . Mr. Salveson was to have everything cleaned up. Blaylock will inform the Tuttle's. Blaylock informed Salveson that as we go through our new ordinances this will be enforced going forward.
- b) Hazard Mitigation plan – Mike will work on this plan before he leaves for vacation.
- c) School snowplowing- Tom Stewart will take over this issue with the school. The school didn't receive a single bid for plowing. The school is asking if the Village would take this on this school year. Motion by Brostowitz and second by Johnson to bill the school \$450 a time for an average of 15 plows. That is time and a half and equipment use. Motion carried.
- d) Dock – welds and supports and wheels are broken. The dock is not fixable. Little will have a welder he knows take a look at it. Prices for new docks have come in at \$36,000. Order would need to be placed by January for it to be completed by spring.

***New Business:***

- a. Motion by Johnson and second Little by to accept the Re-Appointment of Chief Inspectors and Election Inspectors for two year terms beginning January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018. Motion carried.
  - a. Rebecca Rummel, Chief Inspector
  - b. Toni Charboneau, Chief Inspector
  - c. Erin Murphy, Chief Inspector
  - d. Donna Burger, Election Inspector
  - e. Jan Pierce, Election Inspector
  - f. Debra Stewart, Election Inspector
  - g. Shelley Blaylock, Election Inspector
- b) Motion by Little and second by Brostowitz for Approval of Resolution # 2015-11-09-15 to fund remaining blacktopping balance by transferring \$11,845.59 from Reserve for Contingencies budget line item to Hwy/Street Maintenance #122-53311 for blacktopping. Motion carried.
- c) Mike Blaylock November 13-18 vacation – motion by Stewart second by Johnson to have Gilbert fill in while Blaylock is away on vacation. Motion carried.
- d) December expenditures – Motion by Stewart and second by Brostowitz to authorize Blaylock to authorize payment of expenditures for the month of November and December. Motion carried.
- e) On call snow plow operator – Patrick Ross had applied last year. Advertise again or offer it to him. Motion by Josh and Johnson to ask Mr. Ross if he would be interested in this temporary position

or advertise if he is not interested. Motion carried.

- f) Terms up April 2016 election – Jonathan Brostowitz, Ben Evans and Todd Gilbert. Paperwork available from the clerk December 1, to be turned in by January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- g) Motion by Stewart and second Brostowitz to donate towards books of remaining balance in the library budget of approximately \$500 from library budget May 1<sup>st</sup> after the heating season. Motion carried with Blaylock in opposition of waiting until May to donate.
- h) Donation requests – Motion by Stewart and second by Johnson. Motion carried.(\$433 in 2014 and \$900 available in donations)  
Motion by Little and second Johnson by to donate \$500 to the school for Superior Days. Motion carried.

6.1 Administrative Committee – no updates

6.2 Buildings and Ground Committee – no updates

6.3 Public Works / Sanitary Sewer Committee –  
sewer late fees for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter \$2,250 and \$27,422.50 placed on the tax roll  
discussion on adding returned check fee - Motion by Johnson and second by Little to authorize a check return fee of \$30. Next statements we will inform customers of this fee. Motion carried.

6.4 Firewise Committee – no updates

6.5 Public Safety – no updates

7. Reports by Local or County Departments or Commissions

7.1 Douglas County Board Commissioner –no updates

7.2 Upper St Croix Lake Association – Heim gave an update on lake business. He is working on a grant for the Yellow Iris.

7.3 Fire Commission / Fire Department – Heim distributed financials. Will be applying for a grant for turnout gear.

7.4. Community Center Commission – the commission will be asking non-profits to donate to the operating costs of the community center, as they will be now dipping into their reserves since reservations are down.

7.5 Airport Commission – no updates

7.6 Development Commission – Blaylock reported final permits and approvals are coming in for the property across from the highway. There will be an upcoming meeting with Theien, Icecor and the contractor.

7.7 Planning Commission – Blaylock said they are in the final stages for the zoning ordinances to be completed.

7.8 Solon Springs Recycling Commission –Johnson reported rates will be raised for recycling customers since the state will longer be funding recycling after next year.

8. Motioned by Little, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted;*

*K. Burger, Clerk*

*Board approval date: \_\_\_\_\_*