



VILLAGE OF SOLON SPRINGS

Regular Village Board Meeting

Solon Springs Community Center August 23, 2021

11523 S Business Hwy 53 in Solon Springs, WI 54873

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ben Evans, Village President, called the monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. RECITAL OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

Clerk called roll call of Board Members: Ben Evans, Carl Wahl, Melissa Johnson, and Todd Gilbert. Absent/excused: Jonathon Brostowitz; Others present: Treasurer Becky Nordskog; Village Clerk Kathy Burger; Brad Theien, Village Assessor/Planning & Development Commissions, Paul Cronin, St. Croix Inn and James Pettit, Solon Springs Fire Commission

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motioned by Gilbert second by Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

E. BUSINESS BY PUBLIC – none

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Gilbert second by Wahl to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

1. Approval of minutes of regular monthly board meeting 7/26/21.
2. Treasurer's reports for July (Profit & Loss & Reconciliation Detail).

i. Interest applied to unpaid Personal Property Taxes:

Jimmie's Ice Cream Shop 2019 & 2020

3. Approval of payments for General fund checking and Sewer fund checking; all listed on the Expenditure report dated 8/23/21
4. Correspondence received since the July 26, 2021 regular board meeting to be acknowledged and placed on file:
 - a. WI Dept. of Revenue – shared revenue notice, notice of school tax levy payment and equalized value report
 - b. Thank you note from Muree Ahlberg for Village scholarship award
 - c. Letter from League regarding upcoming training
5. Approval of Zoning permit applications:
 - James Leusman– wooden shed
 - John Fendt – permit #2086 renewal – replace roof, remove deck and replace with cement slab, new sidewalk, windows & door
6. Licensing:
 - Approval of Operators Licenses issued: Trevor Hillstrom
 - Consideration & approval of published liquor license applications: none
 - Consideration & approval of Class “B”/Picnic license application: Douglas County Men’s Softball League
 - Consideration and approval of cigarette license: none

G. BUSINESS BY THE BOARD:

Unfinished Business:

1. American Rescue Plan Act - reviewed quotes for 3 new generators for the pumping stations. Vandenberghe will research options for adapting generators to current wattage. This was tabled until the September meeting.

New Business:

2. CronInn, LLC zoning application – board reviewed permit application ahead of meeting via email. Cronin would like to move two cabins onto the parking lot area. Board would like him to not have an outlet for driveway onto Main Street as there is limited parking for boaters. Cronin said this would not be an issue. Contact information for the state inspector will be given to Cronin since it is zoned commercial. Electrical and plumbing and foundation needs to be to code and inspected by the state since there will be a change of one of the cabins from single family to a duplex. There is a sewer lateral present from a previous

home on the property. Motion by Gilbert second by Wahl to approve the zoning application so long as state guidelines are met for the project for CronInn. Motion carried.

3. Update on road project south end of the village - Vandenberghe said the roads completed for chip sealing were Hillside, White Birch, Valley Park, Jackpine and Wright Blvd. Next time cracks will need to be filled prior and loose spots beforehand.

4. Superior Street property - Evans spoke with Dustin Nelson regarding the upcoming deadline as the one year extension is up in September. They are still planning on going forward with the project and they were hoping the board would do another extension based off the last year for building materials. The board would like a formal plan along with monthly updates on progress.

5. Draft budgets for wastewater and general fund were distributed to the board for review.

6. Motel tax and short term rental ordinance discussion - Theien gave an update on the Town of Solon Springs approving a motel tax as they had previously had no tax. They will have a tax of 4%. Theien will draft language to begin the process of adding a village ordinance to include short term rentals. He will schedule a meeting with the development commission.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Administrative Committee – no updates

2. Buildings and Ground Committee – no updates

3. Public Works/Sanitary Sewer Committee – clerk reported \$1175 in 2nd quarter sewer late fees.

I. REPORTS BY LOCAL OR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR COMMISSIONS

3. Fire Commission - Reviewed the handouts from James Pettit on 3 budget scenarios for the fire department. State retirement for the volunteers will increase the budget by \$3,200. Will discuss the budget at the next meeting.

4. Community Center Commission – Gilbert said they are working on getting bids for what it would cost to replace the roof and also do some chip sealing around the parking lot. The building is 20 years old so it is time to start reviewing future maintenance needs. They currently have \$30,000 in reserves. They will report back once they get pricing on these items.

5. Airport Commission – Evans reported they are still working on land acquisitions and possibly replacing a fuel tank.

6. Development Commission – discussion on O'Brien Parkway Road and blacktopping bid. O'Brien will reimburse the village for the

blacktopping done on that road. Theien said after discussion with attorney Tofte on O'Brien transferring the road to the village - the best course of action would be to transfer an easement to the village.

7. Planning Commission – They will schedule a planning commission meeting to draft language for a short term rental ordinance.

8. Recycling Commission – Johnson said they have hired a new person for the business office.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gilbert, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

K. Burger, Municipal Clerk Board approval date: _____