



## VILLAGE OF SOLON SPRINGS

### Regular Village Board Meeting

Solon Springs Community Center October 25, 2021

11523 S Business Hwy 53 in Solon Springs, WI 54873

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Ben Evans, Village President, called the monthly meeting to order at 7:10 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 Jonathon Brostowitz; Absent/excused: Todd Gilbert; Others present: Village Clerk Kathy Burger; Brad Theien, Village Assessor/Planning & Development Commissions; James Pettit, Solon Springs Fire Commission; Nell Rae Forrest and Village Operator Lee Linden

#### D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### E. BUSINESS BY PUBLIC – none

F. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of minutes - regular monthly board meeting 9/27/21.
2. Treasurer's reports for September (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 10/25/21
4. Correspondence received since the September 27, 2021 regular board meeting to be acknowledged and placed on file:
  - a. Douglas County Highway Dept - LRIP meeting date notification
  - b. Solon Springs Fire Commission - letter regarding inspections
  - c. USCLA thank you letter for donation and staff assistance
5. Approval of Zoning permit applications:
  - Solon Springs School/Solon Springs Forward– fencing at Evergreen St. property, plumbing and temporary interior walls
  - Gary Salvesson –permit renewal for new garage
6. Licensing:
  - Approval of Operators Licenses issued: none
  - Consideration & approval of published liquor license applications:none
  - Consideration & approval of Class “B”/Picnic license:none
  - Consideration and approval of cigarette license: none

G. BUSINESS BY THE BOARD:

***Unfinished Business:***

1. American Rescue Plan Act - tabled
2. Fire Department budget - motion by Evans second by Wahl to approve the fire department budget with the 4% increase. Motion carried.
3. Village Hall Water Management Project - reviewed paperwork on the scope of the project.

3. Motel tax and short term rental ordinances - discussed unity between village and town relative to rate and adding short term rental ordinance. The town added a room tax to their ordinance of 4%. Discussion of license fee amounts for short term rentals and renewal fees. Motion by Evans second by Brostowitz to keep the motel tax at the current 2% rate. Motion carried. Motion by Johnson second by Gilbert to incorporate a \$100 license fee and \$50 renewal fee for all short term rentals. Motion carried.

4. Draft budgets for sewer and general fund were reviewed.

***New Business:***

2. December meeting/expenditures - no meeting in December unless needed.

3. Solon Springs Fire Commission - Motion by Gilbert second by Johnson for the appointment of new commission member Carl Wahl. Motion carried.

4. Solon Springs Community Center budget and new roof - discussion on the community center budget increase request, charging rent for the village office and roof replacement was discussed. This will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

5. Prevost and Marion Railroad crossings - Evans received a phone call from Anna Davey from the DOT. She is the Regional Rail Coordinator. The enquiry for the potential quiet zone in Solon Springs put a spotlight on the crossings. The commissioner of railroads is looking at closing 1 or 2 crossings. Potential crossings are Cty Road A, Jackpine and Marion. If we leave it up to them they will choose for us. If we voluntarily close a crossing we would have more input. Either Marion or Jackpine would be potential crossings for closure. Railroad will pay to remove a crossing and pay us \$5,000-10,000 and use it as a bartering tool to deal with the issue at Prevost Drive crossing. The state will match up to \$8,500. Money can be used for safety improvements - roadwork falls into that. The Board asked Evans to contact Anna and ask for clarity and timeline.

**H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Administrative Committee – no updates

2. Buildings and Ground Committee – no updates

3. Public Works/Sanitary Sewer Committee – no updates

**I. REPORTS BY LOCAL OR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR COMMISSIONS**

3. Fire Commission - no updates

4. Community Center Commission – no updates

5. Airport Commission – Evans reported crack sealing is complete. There was some cost savings for not having to do painting/markings. Evans Clarified to the airport commission that the village wasn't on board for matching grants unless it was maintenance only. A potential project for maintenance is putting in a larger fuel tank. This would give them the ability to buy more fuel for a better rate and be more competitive for their fuel prices.

6. Development Commission – Theien said the DOT meeting is set for 10/26/21 for treatment of entrances and exits into Solon.

7. Planning Commission –finishing up short term rental ordinance for board review.

8. Recycling Commission – no updates

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gilbert, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

*K. Burger*, Municipal Clerk Board approval date: \_\_\_\_\_