



VILLAGE OF SOLON SPRINGS

Regular Village Board Meeting

Solon Springs Community Center April 25, 2022

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 Jonathon Brostowitz; Absent/excused: Todd Gilbert; Others present: Village Clerk Kathy Burger; Village Treasurer Becky Nordskog, Village Operators Lee Linden and Gary Vandenberghe, Brad Theien, James Pettit, Tim Gordon and Nell Rae Forrest

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. BUSINESS BY PUBLIC – Nell Rae Forrest updated the board on the rain garden plans at Old Village Hall. Will need some dirt and concrete moved. She will fill out the necessary zoning applications for work that will be completed as well as forward approved plans as soon as she receives them.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of minutes – public hearing/special meeting 3/16/22 and the regular monthly board meeting 3/28/22.
2. Treasurer's reports for March (Profit & Loss & Reconciliation Detail).
 - i. Interest applied to unpaid Personal Property Taxes:
 - Jimmie's Ice Cream Shop 2019 & 2020
 - Franny K's 2021
 - Steven and Kari Long 2021
 - Innovations for Transportation Inc 2021
3. Approval of payments for General fund checking and Sewer fund checking; all listed on the Expenditure report dated 4/25/22
4. Correspondence received since the March 28, 2022 regular board meeting to be acknowledged and placed on file:
 - Douglas County Highway Department for centerline striping prices
5. Approval of Zoning permit applications:
 - Katie Williams – replace roof on accessory building
6. Licensing:
 - Approval of Operators Licenses issued: Michael Blaylock for Logan's Longbeards Banquet, Gabriel Apfel, Sierra Hartshorn, Billy Buhler for Dollar General and Krista Martineau – Ducks Unlimited
 - Consideration & approval of published liquor license applications: none
 - Consideration & approval of Class "B"/Picnic license: AAD Shriner's Car Show, NWTF for Logan's Longbeards Banquet and Ducks Unlimited
 - Consideration and approval of cigarette license: none

G. BUSINESS BY THE BOARD:

Unfinished Business:

1. Old Village Hall Lease – Evans will be working with Nell Rae to sign lease documents with Solon Springs Forward for another year with the stipulation that they will need to actively pursue purchasing the building.

New Business:

2. Motel tax rate increase – discussion on history of motel tax in Solon Springs. The town has previously not had an ordinance for room tax but will agree to 3%. The

village is currently at 2%. Motion by Johnson second by to increase the village motel tax to 3%. Motion carried with Evans abstaining.

3. Tim Gordon – campground proposal for Mertzig Parkway area. Still in planning stages. Fifteen acres is needed per our ordinances. Doesn't have ability to have 15 acres available because of the ravine. Is also zoned residential. Gordon will consider changing plans just having 5 cabins. Has hurdles to get through. Will reach out to Ayres Engineering for site plan help and meet with the planning commission.
4. Superior Street property – tabled until May.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Administrative Committee – no updates
2. Buildings and Ground Committee – no updates
3. Public Works/Sanitary Sewer Committee – letter from USCLSD received for a planned campground by Lakeview and concerns the village may have in regards to extra usage to the sewer system. Evans had spoken with the operators and they don't feel it will be an issue.

I. REPORTS BY LOCAL OR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR COMMISSIONS

3. Fire Commission – Pettit said the cost of the air tanks and respirators just increased \$15,000. Now at \$145,000 for the cost to replace gear. They will have enough money to order if the town allocates funds towards it. The board doesn't want to hold off on ordering in case it keeps increasing.
4. Community Center Commission – Johnson reported the non-profit groups that use the facility are unhappy at the fees they are required to pay rental fees at half the cost of the regular rate. They were supposed to be donating yearly and for some groups that wasn't being done.
5. Airport Commission – Evans stated the land acquisition has went through at the south end of the airport. A forester is looking at the timber to market that can fund other projects. Possible chip sealing project with a matching grant. The 2021 grant match wasn't used since they were able to qualify for Covid grant money.
6. Planning Commission – Wahl reported he met with Theien to review the planning commission and zoning documents as he makes the transition to chair.
7. Development Commission – Theien said they have engaged the services of Jeanine Krenz for accounting services.

8. Recycling Commission – no updates. Evens asked Johnson if the recycling facility will ever consider accepting electronics. Johnson said it is being researched at this time.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Johnson, second by Wahl to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

K. Burger, Municipal Clerk

Board approval date: _____