

# Village of Spring Bay

## ATTENDANCE ROSTER:

X Ralph Atherton – Trustee  
X Donald Bishel – Trustee  
X Jerry Bishel – Trustee  
Trevor Hodge – Trustee  
X Sonny Hufeld – Trustee  
X Scott Selburg – Trustee

X Dave Tilley – Mayor  
X John Kelly – Treasurer  
Maria Warner – Clerk  
X Norm Schaer – Zoning Officer  
X Josh Herman – Village Attorney

## REGULAR MEETING

July 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The members of the Board were present as indicated above.

The minutes were prepared from a recording of the meeting.

Ralph Atherton motioned to approve the June regular meeting minutes as presented. Sonny Hufeld seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Dave Tilley reviewed the financial report. Ralph Atherton motioned to approve the financial report as presented. Sonny Hufeld seconded the motion. Motion carried

**CD'S:** There were no CDs needing attention at this time.

**BILLS:** There were two additional bills. One from Draggist Landscaping for mowing - \$1,040.00 and one for Ralph Atherton, 14 hrs. street/park maintenance \$122.36. Jerry motioned to pay the bills as presented, including the two additional bills. Ralph seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion between the Board members about the frequency of the park mowings. One member requested that it be mowed during the week, rather than the weekend when the park is in use. The timing of the mowing is often dictated by the weather.

**ORDINANCES:** Josh Hermann from Miller Hall & Triggs explained the purpose of the Budget Appropriation Ordinance. Ralph motioned to adopt the Appropriation Ordinance. Scott Selburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Donny motioned to ratify the appointments of Maria Warner as clerk and John Kelly as treasurer. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**HEALTH:** Dave informed the Board that Narcan kits free of charge. Narcan is used to help prevent death from an opioid overdose. Dave is trying to secure some kits for the Village.

**PARKS:** The lower park is open however there is no grass growing yet. The playground equipment has been cleaned.

**BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT:** Ralph would like to get the truck serviced. It needs an oil change and the brakes are squeaking. Donny motioned to approve servicing the truck. Sonny seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**STREETS & ALLEYS:** Chipping is tentatively scheduled to start the week of the 24<sup>th</sup>. Scott thanked Dave Atherton for assisting with the project.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Roy Bockler was present to discuss the importance of the upcoming census. He also informed the Board that there are plans to build a new bridge across the river that will include bike and walking paths. Construction is scheduled to begin in approximately four years. He also discussed the activities of Kim Blickenstaff in Peoria Heights.

**POLICE:** The Board agreed to discuss the status of the police department at the next regularly scheduled meeting, rather than hold a special meeting.

**ANIMAL CONTROL:** No report at this time.

**ZONING:** Dave Tilley explained that he would like to develop a nuisance ordinance to address the various issues of concern within the Village such as property upkeep, abandoned and inoperable vehicles, etc.

Ralph asked Josh if we can fine people that don't mow. Josh explained that a notice must be provided that prior to fines being assessed. He explained the Village could also sue him for an ordinance violation and ask that as part of the remedy includes that he maintain the property.

Don mentioned that he believes the Village has a responsibility to keep the ditches mowed as well. Josh explained that the residents have an obligation to maintain their property regardless of what the Village does or does not do.

**BUG SPRAYING:** There has been one spraying and a second is scheduled for tomorrow.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Village is in need of a battery charger. Various board members have used their personal charges in the past. Donny motioned to authorize the purchase of a battery charger at a cost not to exceed \$200. Sonny seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave informed the Board that Josh Hermann will attend the meetings for a flat rate of \$250 per meeting. Josh explained that he has received calls from the Board members and members of the public. He understands why this is occurring, but the prior Board established a rule that no one person is to contact the attorney and all communication is to be in writing. By attending the meeting he will be available for questions and be proactive in addressing any potential issues. Donny motioned to approve the attendance of the attorney at the monthly Board meetings as needed. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The Board discussed having a roofer look at the roof of the Village Hall.

Ralph had someone look at the playground boat but has not yet received the estimate for repairs.

Scott has replaced the children playing signs.

Ralph will check on obtaining fascia for the pavilion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Brenda Eichhorn felt Dave Tilley's comments to her earlier in the meeting when she spoke were inappropriate. She also that the mentioned an area that needs to be mowed. The area mentioned is in Bayview Gardens, not Spring Bay. She would also like to see bids taken for the mowing of the parks. She also believes she should be paid for June because she attended the meeting.

Billy Eichhorn believes that five minutes is not a sufficient amount of time for the public to speak. He expressed concern that, in the past, businesses have come into the town and then left their property in disrepair. He mentioned the gravel pit as an example. He is concerned that the same thing will occur with the plans being discussed around Kim Blickenstaff's interest in the Village.

An attendee wanted to borrow the Illinois Municipal Journal. Additionally, he asked what a reasonable height is for grass. It was explained that there is an ordinance that defines the height. Donny Bishel explained that copies of the ordinances are available at the library.

Angie Angle communicated a suggestion that she had heard that Spring Bay, Bayview and Spring Bay Township work together to hire a full time police officer for all three areas. Scott replied that he has conducted research on a similar idea. She also asked about the comment made earlier regarding more than one zoning officer. She feels it may be time to reconsider the ability of the current zoning officer's ability to perform the function. She also asked Josh why there was a sense of urgency when a meeting in February had to be canceled but the same urgency was not required when the recent special meeting related to the police department was canceled.

Theresa stated that she feels it is a fantastic idea that Josh is attending. This was the calmest meeting since she has been coming to the meetings.

An attendee questioned whether the chemicals used for mosquito spraying were safe for the water supply. The Board assured her that they are.

Ralph motioned to enter into executive session to discuss the compensation of a specific employee. Sonny seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ralph motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Maria Warner, Village Clerk