

TOWN OF SPRING GREEN REGULAR MEETING MARCH 6, 2008

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Benny Stenner and was posted according to law. Members present were Chairman Benny Stenner, Supervisors Irv Snyder and Jerry Schmidt, Clerk James Blau and Treasurer Anita Bindl. Also present were Patrolman Brad Haas and 15 other residents.

Motion by Irv and seconded by Benny to approve the agenda. M/C.

The minutes from previous were read and a motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Irv and seconded by Benny. M/C.

Treasurers report by Anita Bindl starting balance of \$ 83,603.22 with receipts of \$ 979,172.31 and disbursements of \$ 861,220.46 leaving a balance of \$ 201,555.07. Motion to approve the report by Irv and seconded by Benny. M/C.

Motion to approve and pay the monthly bills by Irv and seconded by Benny. M/C.

Patrolman's report by Brad Haas, Brad stated that he has been plowing and sanding after snow storms and that the town has used 1183 yards of sand & salt so far this year. The usual amount for a year is about 600 yards.

Building inspectors report by Tracy Johnson, only one permit issued last month for a kitchen remodel.

No Emergency Management report.

Plan Commission report by Fred Iausly, the commission has been working on the Land Division ordinance and on the driveway ordinance.

Chairman's report by Benny Stenner, Benny attended several meetings for the ETZ,WTA meeting with other board members and special ordinance meeting. Benny also stated that a special meeting will be held for the fire district's bid opening on March 25th. He also told of the Town's Annual Meeting being held on April 8th at 7:00 pm.

The Wisconsin & Southern Rail Road rep Ken Lucht was present to give a update on the workings of the railroad. It was started in 1980 and for a few years only passed through Spring Green 1 day a week and now is up to 5 times a week. Ken also stated that they have been up grading crossings, bridges, and replacing ties because of the heavier loads the rail cars are hauling. Ken also stated that they are working on a Radio Tower that will provide high speed Internet service possibly in 2 to 3 years.

Spring Green Fire District update by Benny, He stated that 10 contractors have been pre qualified to bid on the building , and the bids have to be in by March 25 at 2:00 pm. Town & Village officials will have a review of the bids at 7:00 pm. Benny also stated that Rural Development will issue a 4.3 % loan.

Brenda Valek was present to ask the boards support for Safe Routes to School Program. She asked the board to write letters of support and send them by April 15. Brenda stated that the

group would like to have cross walks and possible bike or sidewalks along Kennedy Road and other subdivisions.

Fred Iausly stated that the Towns Web site is going good and new things are being added regularly.

Shop Equipment review was tabled until later.

Paula Washow was present and very upset by the snow plowing operations this winter. Paula wanted to be put on record that she is getting up a petition stating herself and others in the area of their complaints about snow removal. Benny stated that we have had a record snowfall this year of around 90 inches and had only two complaints, both of them from you Paula Washow.

Chairman Benny stated that the town has received confirmation of the trip grant for Big Hollow road in the amount of \$ 20,632.00.

The Greater Sauk County Invasive Plant Committee has been dropped for lack of interest.

The Lower Wi. River Valley Road Scenic Byway Project was discussed and more will be updated at future meetings. The Town is in support of it.

Building repairs were discussed because of the snow and ice damage to the eaves of the Town Hall and now of the Park Shelter on Laudon Park. Both have been reported and will be getting bids to repair them in the spring.

Pineland Ass. report by Bill Mertens, Bill stated that Brad Hutnick will be giving a walk through of the community forest on May 25. Bill also told the board that the turtle crossing signs are here and will be put up this spring.

Old Business: the LUCA Program for the census was discussed by Fred Iausly and he stated that the County said it is very difficult to comply with some of the issues for the Town to do alone and that they will ask a few residents for help later in the process.

Anita Bindl asked the board if she should get envelopes for the taxes and possible news letter this fall. She said the price is 10 cents. The board gave the OK.

The Sauk County Sherriffs Office sent the yearly rent check and also thanked the board for letting them use the part of the hall.

Colby Hirth was present and gave the board a letter and map of the proposed rezoning of land near Cardinal Glass from Ag Preservation to M-3. She said many neighbors are upset. Benny and the board said that there is little they could do because of the owner has the power to change the zoning if ok'ed by the Village.

Tim Zum asked the board if the plan commission could draft an ordinance for outdoor lighting and asked if they could work with the village on an ordinance that would give a 10 year window to comply.

Motion to adjourn by Irv and seconded by Jerry. M/C.

Submitted by:

James Blau Town Clerk