

**TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, August 14, 2023 following public hearings at 6pm**  
**Orfordville Fire District Meeting Room**  
**173 N. Wright St., Orfordville, WI**

Attending: Chairman Steve Hazeltine, Supervisors Dave Brethauer, Micah Ends, Clerk Dela Ends, Treasurer Betty Anderson. Residents: Dawn Manley, Linda Smith, Victor Ferrel, Lee Larsen, Linda Olsen, John Matthews, others

Steve Hazeltine called the meeting to order at 6:36

Agenda Motion to approve the agenda by Dave Brethauer, Second by Micah Ends.

Motion carried 3-0

Verification The Agenda was published in the Independent Register, Posted on the town website, Sugar River Bank, Bank of Brodhead

Secretary's Report Dela Ends read the minutes from date July 10, 2023 meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Dave Brethauer, Second by Micah Ends, Motion carried 3-0

Treasurers Report was given by Betty Anderson. Current finances were reviewed. As of July 31, 2023 the current balance was \$ 356,113.90 with expenses of \$76,411.65

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Dave Brethauer, Second by Micah Ends.

Motion carried 3-0

Reports

\* Supervisors Report Dave heard new Newark chair resigned

\* Chairman's Report Fire/ EMS Wednesday night meeting for Orfordville. Newark still does not have a signed agreement with Beloit. Still waiting for Newarks situation to be resolved before changing agreement. Taxation rules are complicating ability to spend on services. \$64,000 of collected taxes are being held until the situation is resolved. Our town will get an extra \$42,000 from state aid. The goal for fire /EMS is to provide 24/7 coverage. Volunteers are no longer coming forward. Personnel needs to be hired which costs a lot more.

\* Other Reports -

Audience Communication Vic is grateful for the board and said thank you.

Old Business

\* Rock County Public Works/Road work Steve has called in down trees. Pot holes are getting bad again. Resident asked if we can have someone from DPW come to our meeting. County has to pay them to come so it is unlikely. They have done what we contracted. Hafeman to Dickey is washing out again and needs some more work

\* Fire/EMS Meeting Theres a meeting at 6pm Wednesday in Orfordville. Brodhead Fire Meeting on Friday. Barn burned in Betty's neighborhood. Orfordville responded fastest. although she is in the Brodhead district. Both Fire departments respond when there is a call. Orfordville has Beloit, Footville, Brodhead auto response as well

\* Trash Complaint Attorney said property is in foreclosure and we shouldn't waste money trying to collect fines. Call Mark to see if we can put a lien on the property for clean up.

## New Business

\*Decision on Resolution vacating the roads We cannot abandon Wyatt Rd because we would land lock Vic Ferrell's property so resolution needs to be amended. Strike Wyatt Rd. from the final resolution. Motion to table the resolution until next meeting by Dave 2nd Micah Ends Motion carried 3-0

\*Decision on BugTussel tower CUP P&Z approved the cell tower but with hesitation regarding the location. Motion to approve the Bug Tussel cell tower on Co.K by Dave Brethauer Second Micah. Ends Motion carries 2-1

What are future plans? Is there is an ability to not approve more if the towers get too dense? Bug Tussel engineer responded that this tower should provide enough coverage so more won't be needed.

Bug Tussel Fiber Optic Bug Tussel fiber optic plan is only partial in the township. There is no problem moving forward with that. All the documents have been submitted to show where the cables will be installed

\*Review CUPS Blonhaven Hunt Club CUP was reviewed. Linda Olsen has concerns with Blonhaven regarding her personal safety. The fence has not been maintained and hunters are crossing into her property and shoot into her woods. Each hunting zone has 5 hunters assigned. For 7 months, 6 days a week the hunters are there. Blonhaven has violations of the CUP issued.

Linda is asking for a buffer and a fence tall enough to keep hunters off her land. Linda doesn't want to shut down Blonhaven; she just wants to feel safe. John Matthews from Blonhaven wants to commit to the fence repair and annual inspection of the fence. More "No trespassing" signs will be posted. Mowing will be maintained around the edges. John wants to get along. Linda says John has told her to call the police. Linda doesn't feel she has fair treatment.

John is going to take Steve to inspect the boundaries. Hooper and Behm(Grayless) have high fences because their houses are close to the edges of the hunt club property. There is a 300 foot buffer for the Hooper house.

On March 18 Linda was upset. because one hunter came over the fence cursing. On the 22nd and 24th their truck was shot at by hunters. Linda will patrol her fence lines until something is done. She is asking for a woven fence along her property to deter hunters from crossing. John said please call when incident happens. There should not be alcohol on the Blonhaven property but it seems there has been which is a CUP violation.

Micah has asked if the CUP can be amended. Dave asked about the fence which follows the property line. Linda wants a fence within the buffer to keep hunters from trespassing. Steve said this is the first complaint that has been brought to the board in 14 years. So the board will move forward with the present rules to see Blonhaven's (John's) commitment to improve the situation and follow the CUP conditions. CUP conditions need to be enforced. Dave said we need to address the violations that are current according to John's lawyers statements. Then the board can look at amending the CUP. State statutes say they cannot shoot on other peoples property.

Dawn:asked "Why are they not putting up an 8 foot fence to solve the problem?" Board currently can enforce only the items written in the CUP. Other changes can come at the next review in August.2024. John and Linda can work together. Board and residents can

work together to resolve the problem. If the problems are not resolved then the permit can be pulled. There was a suggestion that Linda put up cameras to monitor situation. Future Agenda Items new CUP, Roads, public works, Fire/EMS, decision on vacating roads, Blonhaven

Payment of Bills. Motion to pay the bills of \$24,662.40 by Dave Brethauer, Second by Micah Ends. Motion carries 3-0

Adjournment 8:12

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Respectfully submitted,  
Dela Ends, Clerk