Village of Sparland

123 Center Street

Sparland, IL

September 5, 2024

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:00pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

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| **Samantha Allen ( Mayor Pro Tem)** | **Present** |
| **Chaela Dentinger ( Trustee)** | **Present** |
| **Tracy Farley ( Trustee)** | **Present** |
| **Jim Mannon (Trustee)** | **Present** |
| **Shelly Urnikis ( Trustee)** | **Present** |
| **Katie Bloomgren (Treasurer)** | **Present** |
| **Jessica Roth (Clerk)** | **Present** |
| **Stan Sayre ( water operator)** | **Present** |
| **Joshua Herman ( Village Attorney)** | **Present** |

**Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes:**

J, Mannon made a motion 2nd by S, Urnikis

**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

**Motion to Approve Bills:**

J, Mannon made a motion 2nd by T, Farley

**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

**Motion to Approve Treasurer Report:**

J, Mannon made a motion 2nd by S, Urnikis

**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

**Public Comments:**

* **Bob Platt** had questions about the Oslad Grant, which were addressed later in the meeting by Village Engineer.
* **Brian Dentinger** had questions about old business items listed on the agenda, wondered about running boards for the Village truck, has offered to help get a quote. Brian also requested a map be made public for the 2024 Street Maintenance program, and had questions about Mayor Pro tem position that was addressed by Village Attorney.
* **Ronnie Squires** expressed his concerns about another Village employee staring at him, as well as would like better communication in regards to donations from vendors.

**Water Report:** Stan expressed the need for a Landscape Rake for the Lagoons, and has asked the board to approve purchasing one but not to exceed $1,120.00 as quoted from John Deer.

Stan also Addressed needing to replace a check valve, and will provide a quote for the board to review along with a rebuild kit for starter well # 3.

**Motion to Approve Purchase of Landscaping Rake for Lagoons:**

The board has given Stan permission to purchase a rake but not to exceed $1,120.00

C, Dentinger made a motion 2nd by J, Mannon:

**Sam Allen Aye, Chalea Dentinger Aye, Tracy Farley Aye, Jim Mannon Aye, Shelly Urnikis Aye,**

**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

**Motion to Establish Water Rates:**

Village Attorney Josh Herman Prepared the ordinance/ C, Dentinger made a motion 2nd by S, Urnikis

**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

**Motion to Approve Payment for Water Usage For Jayne Excavating:**

Using the water rates ordinance provided by attorney Josh Herman the board has approved sending a invoice in the amount of $793.50: $526.00 for water usage, and $267.50 for Sewer. Clerk will send out invoice.

**Motion to Discuss Midland Middle School Water Bill with Possible Action:**

The week of September 16, 2024 Stan and Shawn will have a meeting with the school principal, superintendent, and plumber to discuss what size meter will be needed to record the schools water usage and determine bill. Stan hopes to have more information in October and has asked that this be tabled until then. S, Urnikis made a motion 2nd by J, Mannon **Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

**Motion to Approve Bid from A&B for Vacu Truck:**

Marshall Street and other surrounding areas have storm sewer drains that need to be flushed. Mike Callahan determined it’s on the Village to provide payment and not IDOT. The board has given Stan permission to do so, but not to exceed a limit of $2,030.00

C, Dentinger made a motion 2nd by S, Urnikis **Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

**Motion to Approve Spray Patch Work by Ace in the hole:**

Needs no action, previously approved by board.

**Motion to Approve Seal Coat Work using MFT Funds:**

Seal coat will cost $39,049.60 using pavement maintenance and will begin approximately June of 2025

J, Mannon made a motion 2nd by S, Urnikis **Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

**Motion to Discuss Extreme Backyard Fireworks Per Lacon Fire Department:**

Rich Koch had reached out to the village with questions about the building, it is a concern there still may be fireworks or explosives inside the building, as well as the upkeep of the property has become an eyesore. A county deputy has contacted the ATF in attempt to look inside, village trustee Chalea Dentinger also knows a relative of the owner an will see if she can get any further information on what’s inside the building. Village Attorney will work on preparing a notice to abate giving the business 5 days to clean up the property, if they are not in compliance the village will purse placing a lien on the property.

**Motion to Discuss Streets, and Sidewalks Per Jim Mannon:**

Jim stated there is a lot of traffic coming an going on 2nd street, that there are small children often running around an has asked to look into getting street signs placed that say caution children at play. Later the village clerk was notified that village employee Les Allen has purchased the signs and will donate them to the village and have them installed.

**Motion to Approve OSLAD Resolution:** The village is considered a disadvantage community, if approved the oslad grant will award the village up to 600k to upgrade Frank Park.

T, Farley made a motion 2nd by J, Mannon

**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**

**New Business:**

Trustee C, Dentinger asked the board about the process of obtaining a liquor license in the Village of Sparland as resident Jeff Holocker is considering having gaming machines at his new business.

**Old Business:**

Running Boards were discussed.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 pm

J, Mannon made a motion 2nd by T, Farley

**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0**