

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF SPRING GROVE

December 12, 2023

HELD AT QUAKER HILL CONFERENCE CENTER 6:00 P.M.

Board members present included Doug Brenneke, Robert Erbse, Jerry Catron, Annemarie Chasteen and Zane Carrell.

Also present was Jenney Holthouse, Jeff Holthouse, and April and Ivy Carrell.

Vouchers were distributed. Vouchers included RPL for street lights, Greenleaf for final fall clean-up, Liberty Mutual for bonds for Mr. Brenneke and Ms. Glenn (who is still a bank signatory), City of Richmond for the second half of 2023 fire contract, BBCFS for the second half of the annual legal retainer, and the annual checks for board members and clerk-treasurer.

Minutes from the November meeting were presented. Mr. Catron moved to approve; Ms. Chasteen seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ms. Holthouse presented financials for November (balance \$750,667.65).

AJ Sickmann brought proposals to change ordinances to prohibit roosters, as he did not find anything covered in the current ordinance. Ms. Chasteen pointed out that under the current ordinance regarding land use, no livestock or poultry was allowed. He advised that the board may consider revising the ordinance as appropriate, including exotic animals, limits on number of pets, etc. However, any new ordinance will not address the current rooster issue, as it would be grandfathered. Mr. Holthouse suggested we consider allowing three hens, as is allowed in the city of Richmond, and as Mr. Sickmann has presented as proposed Keeping of Animals Standards. Mr. Sickmann will review the land use section of current ordinance and report back for further discussion.

Mr. Holthouse reported that the new speed humps, striping, and signage have been completed, and that traffic has responded appropriately. He will contact Chad Rinehart to alert the snowplows about the new speed humps.

Ms. Chasteen reported that she owes Irongate additional information before more progress can be made.

Ms. Chasteen recommended that Mr. Holthouse be paid as Planning Commission President. Mr. Brenneke reported that new ordinance language would be required. The board supported this suggestion.

Mr. Brenneke reported that he will bring Rinehart's snow removal contract to the January meeting. The annual retainer agreement with BBCFS for outside counsel was presented. Mr. Carrell moved to approve; Mr. Erbse seconded. All in favor. The annual mowing contract with Greenleaf was discussed; no current board members know exactly what spaces they mow. Mr. Holthouse offered to investigate what plots are owned by the Town of Spring Grove and try to get further information from Greenleaf. Ms. Chasteen suggested that once the job has been defined, the job should be put out for bid. Mr. Holthouse will proceed with information gathering.

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Chasteen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Carrell seconded. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.






