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SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY

APRIL 27, 2023

6 PM

Trustee Clerina Absent

Trustee Grossman Arrived at 6:05 PM

APIF= All Present In Favor

1. Call to Order **6:03 PM**

2. Roll Call **Clerk Montgomery**

3. Pledge of Allegiance **Waived**

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Con't. Public Hearing- Considering Tentative Budget for
Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

Re-open Public Hearing- **Moved by Mayor Simon, Seconded by
Trustee Eisenbach, APIF**

Larry Sparber (CSEA Labor Relations Specialist) spoke on the membership not having a contract in five years and are falling behind financially. Demanded the Village Board approve a fair contract.

Emilia White of Spring Valley said the Village shouldn't raise taxes due to lack of services being provided. Trustees are overpaid. Village is filthy. Said she will withhold her tax payments.

Joel Sofer of 1 Collins Avenue said Spring Valley is the worst place to live and is not worth the taxes he currently pays. He feels the Village should raise money by fining violators, not by raising taxes.

Michael Steinmetz of 4 Nancy Lane said potholes are not being repaired and taxes are already too high. They shouldn't be raised.

Wilma Adams of 22 Rose Avenue said there is garbage all over Rose Avenue. People are losing their homes because they can't afford them and are being pressured to sell. Services are subpar. Taxes should not be raised.

Edna Edwards of Spring Valley said the Village is not being serviced. Pothole situation is bad. Residents are being overtaxed and certain segments of the population are being discriminated against.

Steven White of 10 Garden Place said that people should be notified via email when meetings are being held. Considering how much new construction is being done, there should not be any need to raise taxes. Questioned whether property assessments are correct. Services provided to residents are poor.

Sonia Barton of Spring Valley said the Village is disgusting. Graffiti is everywhere and there are no benefits that go along with tax increases. People of color are being forced out. Questioned whether Trustees care about people or only their own political fortunes.

Shea Green of Spring Valley asked if the Village could justify increasing taxes. Road openings are not being repaired. The parks are filthy and there are drug needles lying around. Cameras in the park are not in working order. Said taxes should be raised if it can be justified.

Edna Edwards of Spring Valley spoke for a second time and said the parks in the Village are in poor condition. The Memorial Park bridge needs to be repaired.

Irving Frye of 26 Union Road said the Village is filthy and all the wildlife is gone due to all the construction. Union Road is in disrepair and he feels that Trustee Grossman is disrespectful toward constituents.

Richard Zamler, president of the Spring Valley Home Owners Association of Blueberry & Dana said he will leave Spring Valley if taxes are increased.

6:52 PM- Motion to Close Public Hearing moved by Deputy Mayor Gross, Seconded by Mayor Simon, APIF

Trustee Grossman responded to some of the residents concerns. He stated that the Village Board wants to pass a new CSEA contract, and will do so after the resolve certain labor issues.

The Village of Spring Valley has actually had a net decrease in taxes over the last four years.

He said he is not aware of the police issuing parking tickets and not following up.

The budget that residents were concerned about was proposed to the Board, it is not determinative.

New construction does not equate with new revenue. New residents do.

Avon Gardens held 200 units before being demolished. The construction that replaced it is slowly being filled with new residents.

Trustee Grossman has advocated for sidewalk/street repair and will continue to do so.

7:00 PM- Motion to go into Executive Session moved by Deputy Mayor Gross, Seconded by Mayor Simon, APIF

8:09 PM- Motion to exit Executive Session moved by Mayor Simon, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gross, APIF

Adopt budget discussed in Executive Session (Attached) resulting in a 1.93% property tax increase-

Moved by All Present, Seconded by All Present, All Present in Favor.

Trustee Eisenbach said taxes needed to be slightly increased so the Board could settle the CSEA contract.

Mayor Simon expressed gratitude to the Village Board for all the hard work they put in to complete the budget.

5. Motion to Adjourn.

**Moved at 8:17 PM by Deputy Mayor Gross, Seconded by
Mayor Simon, APIF**