

**VILLAGE OF SPRING VALLEY
VILLAGE BOARD
JANUARY 16, 2024 8:50 PM**

Present: Mayor Simon
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach
Trustee Grossman
Trustee Gross

Absent: Trustee Smith

Also Present: Village Attorney Darius Chafizadeh

Village Clerk Montgomery read the roll call

Assemblage saluted the flag led by Deputy Mayor Eisenbach

Resolution No. T-001-1.16.24

Moved by Trustee Grossman, Seconded by Trustee Gross

**RESOLUTION REFERRING THE APPLICATION OF
131 ROUTE 59 SEEKING A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT
TO PERMIT MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS IN
THE HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT TO THE
PLANNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, the owner of property located at 131 Route 59 has submitted an application requesting an amendment to the Village Zoning Code allowing for the construction of multi-family dwellings in the Village's Highway Business District; and

WHEREAS, the Village Code requires that such application be referred to the Planning Board for its recommendation; and

WHEREAS, review of the project is also required under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA").

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. The Village hereby ratifies and affirms each and every "Whereas" paragraph above and refers the Zoning Text Amendment Application, submitted by the owner of 131 Route 59, to the Village Planning Board for its report and recommendation.

Section 2. The Village Board further refers this application to the Planning Board for review under SEQRA, the issuance of a notice of intent for the Planning Board to serve as lead agency under SEQRA and to solicit comments under the General Municipal Law.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

On Roll:

Mayor Simon	Yes
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach	Yes
Trustee Grossman	Yes
Trustee Gross	Yes
Trustee Smith	Absent

Dated: January 16, 2024

Resolution No. T-002-01.16.24

Moved by Mayor Simon, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Eisenbach

WHEREAS, Mayor Simon and the members of the Spring Valley Board of Trustees have reviewed bills to be paid reflecting such expenditures, and

WHEREAS, Abstracts require the approval of the Village of Spring Valley Board of Trustees, now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Village of Spring Valley Board of Trustees hereby approves the payment of the bills of the Village of Spring Valley set forth below and authorizes the Treasurer of the Village of Spring Valley to pay such bills, with the exceptions noted below.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

GENERAL FUND 2023/13

Amount \$814,751.14

Claim #'s 56061733 thru 56061974

On Roll:

Mayor Simon	Yes
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach	Yes
Trustee Grossman	Yes
Trustee Gross	Yes
Trustee Smith	Absent

POST AUDITED GENERAL ABSTRACT 2023/13

Amount \$555,475.37

Claim #'s 56061738 thru 56061954

On Roll:

Mayor Simon	Yes
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach	Yes
Trustee Grossman	Yes
Trustee Gross	Yes
Trustee Smith	Absent

Dated: January 16, 2024

Resolution No. T-003-01.16.24

Moved by Mayor Simon, Seconded by Trustee Gross

RESOLUTION APPROVING SECTION 8 ABSTRACT # 836

WHEREAS, Section 8 requests approval of Abstract # 836

and;

WHEREAS, such requests require the approval of The Board of Trustees, Village of Spring Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Section 8's request for approval of Abstract #836 is hereby approved.

SECTION 8	AMOUNT
Abstract #836	\$4,184.62

On Roll:

Mayor Simon	Yes
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach	Yes
Trustee Grossman	Yes
Trustee Gross	Yes
Trustee Smith	Absent

Dated: January 16, 2024

Public Participation:

No one present wishing to speak.

Resolution No. T-004-1.16.24

Moved by Trustee Gross, Seconded by Trustee Grossman

**RESOLUTION HIRING NANCY MOLINA TO THE POSITION
OF FULL TIME, UNCERTIFIED, SPANISH SPEAKING POLICE
OFFICER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Village Police Department is in need of a Police Officer to serve and protect the Village and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Molina has applied for a full-time Police Officer position with the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes hire Ms. Molina's as a full-time Spanish speaking Police Officer, effective January 31, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. The Village hereby authorizes the hiring of Ms. Molina as an uncertified, full-time Spanish speaking Police Officer with the Village, effective January 31, 2024.

Section 2. The Village Board authorizes any necessary staff to execute any documents required to hire Ms. Molina.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

On Roll:

Mayor Simon	Yes
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach	Yes
Trustee Grossman	Yes
Trustee Gross	Yes
Trustee Smith	Absent

Dated: January 16, 2024

Resolution No. T-005-1.16.24

Moved by Trustee Gross, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Eisenbach

**RESOLUTION HIRING LUIS HERNANDEZ TO THE POSITION
OF FULL TIME, UNCERTIFIED, SPANISH SPEAKING POLICE
OFFICER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Village Police Department is in need of a Police Officer to serve and protect the Village and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Luis Hernandez has applied for a full-time Police Officer position with the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes hire Mr. Hernandez as a full-time Spanish speaking Police Officer, effective January 31, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. The Village hereby authorizes the hiring of Mr. Hernandez as an uncertified, full-time Spanish speaking Police Officer with the Village, effective January 31, 2024.

Section 2. The Village Board authorizes any necessary staff to execute any documents required to hire Mr. Hernandez.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

On Roll:

Mayor Simon	Yes
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach	Yes
Trustee Grossman	Yes
Trustee Gross	Yes
Trustee Smith	Absent

Dated: January 16, 2024

Applicant of Exclusive Kitchen located at 156 North Main Street seeking a Liquor License decision to be revisited was adjourned until February 6, 2024 to await the Chief's response.

Trustee Grossman read the December 2023 Police Department Report into the record.

Resolution No. T-006-1.16.24

Moved by Trustee Gross, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Eisenbach

**RESOLUTION ISSUING AN UNFAVORABLE
RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE LIQUOR LICENSE
APPLICATION FOR 51 NORTH MAIN STREET**

WHEREAS, the Village has received notice that there has been an application seeking a liquor license for the premises located at 51 North Main Street in Spring Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Village Chief of Police has provided a report mentioning that the above listed property is located in a Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Zone; and

WHEREAS, due to the number of police calls to the above listed property, the Village Police Department has recommended denying such request; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. The Village hereby ratifies and affirms each and every “Whereas” paragraph above and issues an **unfavorable** recommendation as to the applicant’s request for a liquor license at 51 North Main Street Spring Valley.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

On Roll:

Mayor Simon	Yes
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach	Yes
Trustee Grossman	Yes
Trustee Gross	Yes
Trustee Smith	Absent

Dated: January 16, 2024

Resolution No. T-007-1.16.24

Moved by Trustee Grossman, Seconded by Trustee Gross

**RESOLUTION RENEWING REGINALD ANDERSON’S
CONSULTING CONTRACT AS ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR**

WHEREAS, within the Village of Spring Valley, New York (“Village”) there comes from time-to-time a need to hire certain personnel for the purposes of allowing the Village to carry out its municipal duties to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Village Residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees (“Village Board”) in January of 2023 hired Reginald Anderson for a period of 3 months with a compensation cap of \$22,750.00; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board granted a series of renewals for Mr. Anderson’s services thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees (“Village Board”) wishes to again enter into a consulting contract with Reginald Anderson (“Anderson”) to serve as an Assistant to the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires Anderson’s contract to run until May 15, 2024 with his compensation being the prorated amount of an annual fee not to exceed Ninety-One Thousand Dollars (\$91,000);

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. The Village hereby ratifies and affirms each and every “Whereas” paragraph above.

Section 2. The Village Board authorizes Mr. Anderson to be retained for the purposes, compensation and period of time stated above.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

On Roll:

Mayor Simon	Yes
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach	Yes
Trustee Grossman	Yes
Trustee Gross	Yes
Trustee Smith	Absent

Dated: January 16, 2024

Resolution No. T-008-1.16.24

Moved by Trustee Grossman, Seconded by Trustee Gross

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO
PURCHASE A PLOW TRUCK FOR \$5,000 AND STREET
SWEEPER FOR \$30,000 FROM ROCKLAND COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Village is looking to purchase a plow truck and street sweeper; and

WHEREAS, Rockland County is selling surplus vehicles, including a plow truck for \$5,000 and a street sweeper for \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, the Village receives monies from sale tax collections; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. The Village hereby ratifies and affirms each and every “Whereas” paragraph above and authorizes the purchase of a plow truck for \$5,000 and a street sweeper for \$30,000 from Rockland County using sales tax monies.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

On Roll:

Mayor Simon	Yes
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach	Yes
Trustee Grossman	Yes
Trustee Gross	Yes
Trustee Smith	Absent

Dated: January 16, 2024

Resolution No. T-009-1.16.24

Moved by Trustee Gross, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Eisenbach

**RESOLUTION HIRING OLGA SWEET TO THE POSITION
OF DEPUTY CLERK EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk’s Office is in need of a Deputy Clerk to serve the Village and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Olga Sweet has applied for a full-time Deputy Clerk position with the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board would like Ms. Sweet to attend all regular and special meetings of the Village Board;

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes hire Ms. Sweet to the position of Deputy Clerk, effective January 17, 2024 at a salary of \$65,000.00 with family health benefits and other benefits as provided in the Village of Spring Valley Employee Handbook, dated June 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. The Village hereby authorizes the hiring of Ms. Sweet to the position of Deputy Clerk, effective January 17, 2024 at a salary of \$65,000.00 with family health benefits and other benefits as provided in the Village of Spring Valley Employee Handbook, dated June 2008.

Section 2. The Village Board requires that Ms. Sweet’s working hours will be from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM and she will attend all regular and special meetings of the Village Board;

Section 3. The Village Board authorizes any necessary staff to execute any documents required to hire Ms. Sweet.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

On Roll:

Mayor Simon	Yes
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach	Yes
Trustee Grossman	Yes
Trustee Gross	Yes
Trustee Smith	Absent

Dated: January 16, 2024

Resolution No. T-010-1.16.24

Moved by Trustee Gross, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Eisenbach

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY HARRIS BEACH, PLLC
\$2,375.00 FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED**

WHEREAS, Harris Beach, PLLC was retained to represent the Village in various legal matters;

WHEREAS, Harris Beach, PLLC has rendered services totaling \$2,375.00; and

WHEREAS, the work done in this matter can be reimbursed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. The Village hereby ratifies and affirms each and every “Whereas” paragraph above and authorizes payment of Harris Beach, PLLC in the amount of \$2,375.00 for legal services rendered in various matters with such funds being reimbursed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 2. The Village Board authorizes the Village staff to take whatever actions necessary to make the above detailed payment.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

On Roll:

Mayor Simon	Yes
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach	Yes
Trustee Grossman	Yes
Trustee Gross	Yes
Trustee Smith	Absent

Dated: January 16, 2024

Resolution No. T-011-1.16.24

Moved by Trustee Gross, Seconded by Mayor Simon

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY HARRIS BEACH, PLLC
\$26,044.44 FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED**

WHEREAS, Harris Beach, PLLC was retained to represent the Village in various legal matters; and

WHEREAS, Harris Beach, PLLC has rendered services and fees totaling \$26,044.44 for various matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. The Village hereby ratifies and affirms each and every “Whereas” paragraph above and authorizes payment of Harris Beach, PLLC in the amount of \$26,044.44 for various matters.

Section 2. The Village Board authorizes the Village staff to take whatever actions necessary to make the above detailed payment.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

On Roll:

Mayor Simon	Yes
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach	Yes
Trustee Grossman	Yes
Trustee Gross	Yes
Trustee Smith	Absent

Dated: January 16, 2024

Resolution No. T-012-1.16.24

Moved by Trustee Gross, Seconded by Mayor Simon

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO
APPROPRIATE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS
FOR LOST REVENUES IN 2024 AND AUTHORIZE THE
VILLAGE TO SEEK LEASING/FINANCING TERMS FOR
A FIRETRUCK PURCHASED FROM FIREMATIC**

WHEREAS, the Village of Spring Valley (the “Village”) is anticipating lost revenues for the 2023/2024 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the Village has received American Rescue Plan Act (hereinafter “ARPA”) Funds from the United States Department of the Treasury which can be used to cover lost public sector revenues;

WHEREAS, the Village has also approved the purchase of a 107’ aerial/ladder firetruck under Village Bid Number 609 from Firematic which ladder truck is anticipated to be delivered in or around October of 2024 at a cost of \$1,478,062 with the Village approval requiring same to be paid for through ARPA funds;

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to apply for financing for the first pumper truck (already paid for) and leasing of the second (ladder) truck; and

WHEREAS, the financing and/or leasing of the firetruck will make ARPA monies available to the Village in its general fund which monies may be used to offset lost Village revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. The Village Board hereby ratifies and affirms each and every “Whereas” paragraph above and authorizes the Village Treasurer to the concept of financing (through a formal bond financing and bond resolution) and/or leasing of the firetruck at the most advantageous rates and terms for the Village subject to final terms of financing and leasing.

Section 2. The Village Board further authorizes the Treasurer, after final borrowing/leasing, to reallocate the ARPA monies previously dedicated to the purchase of the firetruck to cover lost public sector revenues.

Section 3. The Village Board authorizes the Village staff to take whatever actions necessary to effectuate the above.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

On Roll:

Mayor Simon	Yes
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach	Yes
Trustee Grossman	Yes
Trustee Gross	Yes
Trustee Smith	Absent

Dated: January 16, 2024

Resolution No. T-013-1.16.24

Moved by Trustee Gross, Seconded by Trustee Grossman

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY SOKOLOFF & STERN
\$38,981.68 FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED**

WHEREAS, the law firm of Sokoloff & Stern was retained to represent the Village in various legal matters; and

WHEREAS, Sokoloff & Stern has rendered services and fees totaling \$38,981.68 for various matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. The Village hereby ratifies and affirms each and every “Whereas” paragraph above and authorizes payment of Sokoloff & Stern in the amount of \$38,981.68 for various matters.

Section 2. The Village Board authorizes the Village staff to take whatever actions necessary to make the above detailed payment.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

On Roll:

Mayor Simon	Yes
Deputy Mayor Eisenbach	Yes
Trustee Grossman	Yes
Trustee Gross	Yes
Trustee Smith	Absent

Dated: January 16, 2024

Old Business:

Deputy Mayor Eisenbach requested a follow up from Mr. Anderson on the signs on Parker & Maple. Deputy Mayor also requested that Mr. Anderson follow up on the plates on the roadway of Van Orden.

Trustee Report:

Deputy Mayor Eisenbach reported that he accompanied Spring Valley Police Department on a ride along and was very impressed.

At 9:21 pm Mayor Simon moved to adjourn the Village Board meeting, Seconded by Trustee Gross and carried by all present.