

MINUTES

SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

BUDGET WORK SESSION 2 at 6:00 PM

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** by Rosenbaum at 6:00 PM. Quorum of Rosenbaum, Hefty and Schwenn present at Town Hall, along with Admin/Clerk Arthur and Treasurer Boelhower-Santi. No members of the public were present. Arthur confirmed posting in accordance with the open meetings law on 10/2 springdalewi.gov and at Town Hall. Mt. Horeb Mail notified 10/2. Meeting was not noticed to have a Zoom component and the meeting was not broadcast over Zoom.
2. **Approval of agenda.** No changes.
3. **Discussion of 2024 Springdale budget.**

New info since yesterday – Boom mower rental is estimated to cost \$4,500 - \$5,000.
Mt. Vernon Park assoc. ask is \$3,169 (last year's insurance premium).
Upper Sugar River Watershed Assoc. - \$3,000.

Public Works

- WRS retirement going up from 6.8 to 6.9% employee/employer share.
- Clothing allowance – agreed to raise from \$300/year to \$400.
- Snowplow driver wages – agreed to increase from \$24/hr. to \$25/hr.
- Culverts – keep at \$12,000. Only went over because of emergency culvert on Town Hall Rd.
- Equipment rental – this is mostly the bobcat rental expense. However, need to increase budget from \$6,000 to \$10,000 next year due to the need for rental of a boom mower (didn't rent last year).
- Roadwork/road maintenance – Dahlk would like to do a portion of Messerschmidt in 2024; will talk to Payne + Dolan to see about asphalt pricing. Budget for 2023 was \$183,095 for roadwork, currently we're overbudget at \$219,000. Will budget \$220,000 for 2024.
- Gravel and screenings – bump up to \$12,000 due to increased shouldering potential on Messerschmidt.
- Bridge maintenance and inspection – no further work from Jewell Engineering (\$9,500) so leave it at \$2,500.
- Salt – about on-budget so far this year, leave at \$25,000.
- Seed/soil – budget was \$500, but we're currently at \$1,053 due to Arbor Trace work. Won't do that again next year so leave at \$500.
- Signs – increase by \$500 to \$3,000 due to increasing sign/post theft.
- Equipment-fuels, oil, etc. – 2023 budgeted amount was \$12,000, currently account is at \$20,350. Overbudget because Premier Co-Op propane was accidentally recorded here. In the future we will work to keep that accounted for under 53311-10, Highway Building Utilities. Keep budget at \$12,000 for 2024.
- Employee health ins. – increase to \$23,324.

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Expenses

- Town Hall Maintenance – 2023 budget was set at \$5,500; last meeting increased to \$7,000 for possible salt shed concrete slab. Old Town Hall is in need of exterior paint so increase budget to \$10,000.
- Other ins./workman's comp – budget \$4,000 instead of \$5,000. We don't pay into workman's comp because we haven't had any claims.
- Fire protection – increase from \$280,415 to \$353,106 due to MHAJFD budget increase.
- Building inspection – as discussed yesterday, Tracy Johnson has switched how he is paid. He is now paid through his online portal and then pays the Town our 10% each month instead of all payments coming to the Town. Reduce budget from \$28,000 (2023) to \$1,000 (2024).
- Refuse & Garbage – budget \$172,820 for 2024, adding in for new homes. Annual spring cleanup is included with this category.
- Cemetery – going to create a new MARGE account for Cemetery & Carol's Oak Hill expenses. Maintain \$3,500 budget for this account. Only mowing will go under the Cemetery Expenses category in the future, raise to \$3,000 for 2024.
- Other Health and Human Services – Mt. Horeb Senior Center asking for an increase again this year. Raise budget from \$13,666 to \$14,130.
- Parks – Mt. Vernon Park Assoc. – increase to \$3,200.
- Other Cons. and Development – Upper Sugar River Watershed Assoc. increase to \$3,000.
- Capital Outlay/General Gov. – Keep \$100,000 under General Government as discussed last night for significant roofing/ventilation repairs in '24. Add an additional \$30,000 for 2024 hwy equipment outlay. Need to start beefing up this account so that when we need to purchase a new tractor or truck, we have the money.

4. Adjourn

Motion (Schwenn/Hefty) to adjourn at 7:25 PM. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Minutes taken and submitted by Admin Clerk, Jackie Arthur