

MINUTES

SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** by Rosenbaum at 7PM. A quorum of TB members were present – Rosenbaum, Altschul, and Schwenn. Also present were Treasurer Shatrawka, Patrolman Dahlk, and Admin/Clerk Arthur. Arthur confirmed posting on springdalewi.gov and at town hall on 10/14. Mt. Horeb Mail & Sunlight Report notified 10/14, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.84(1)(b).
2. **Approval of the agenda** by unanimous consent.
3. **Minutes of previous Town Board meetings**
 - 9/16 town board monthly meeting. **MOTION** (Schwenn/Altschul) to approve as drafted. Motion carried 3-0.
 - 10/6: Meeting 1, 12:30 bridge meeting. **MOTION** (Rosenbaum/Altschul) to approve as drafted. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting 2, 1PM budget work session 3. **MOTION** (Schwenn/Altschul) to approve as drafted. Motion carried 3-0.
4. **Public comment.**
5. **Treasurer's report: discussion of revenues, expenses and payment of the bills.** Budget variance column will be added quarterly to the treasurer's report. 93% total revenues as far as budget, state shared revenue of \$73,426 comes in November. **MOTION** (Schwenn/Altschul) to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried 3-0.
6. **Patrolman's report**
 - Tree trimming progress – extension of \$5,000 took the trimming up Malone and Sharpes Corner.
 - Electrical repair update – 2 circuits were added to bring the office into compliance with fire inspection from earlier in the summer. Invoice in bills for payment tonight.
 - Salt shed repairs – each year an inspection is performed by the state to determine if there is any damage or spills. Town was written up for some holes in the wall. A quote from Tri-Brothers was received for \$5,800 but will still need to advertise for bids. Dahlk will work with Arthur on bid ad language.
7. **New Driveway(s)**
 - Ray O'Donnell & Kim Tews, 2134 Co. Hwy J. **MOTION** (Rosenbaum/Altschul) to approve the driveway for lot 1, which branches off from shared driveway for the 4-lot division. Discussion: Rosenbaum viewed the driveway and didn't see any problems with it. Motion carried 3-0.
8. **CUP # 02681 - consideration of 9/22/25 Plan Commission comments to recommend to Dane County for 10/28 public hearing RE: extension of mineral extraction area/Sec. 14.** Yahara representatives present. Proposal is to expand the quarry to the north and extend the CUP 20 years. CUP has been in existence close to 40 years. PC reviewed the request last month, recommendations were to:
 - add blasting hours of 8-3 M-F (even though that is current practice) and no blasting on weekends or holidays to the CUP language, and
 - consider requiring Yahara to *proactively* offer pre-blast surveys (and blast notifications, TB recommendation) rather than waiting for residents to request them.

Yahara has no problem with adding the hours, state regulations allow blasting from sun-up to sun-down, Yahara's policy is to get in at 6AM and load the holes. Give a day's notice and time of blast, which is usually between 10 and 2 PM. Distance of notification radius is the state standard, and then adding those that have specifically requested to be pre-notified. A resident present at the meeting stated they weren't ever pre-notified. Blasting company representative also present at the meeting, said they base the pre-blast surveys and notifications on state regs, scale of distance. They also double the required radius.

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MOTION (Altschul/Rosenbaum) to approve the CUP with additional language recommended by the plan commission of blasting hours language, proactive notification and pre-blast surveys. Motion carried 3-0.

9. **Resolution 2025-10-1, a resolution to propose exceeding the Town's levy limit.** Arthur explained that, due to complications with the Department of Revenue (DOR), we are unable to pass this resolution tonight. DOR is questioning numbers from the MHAJFD that are used to calculate the amount we are asking to exceed our levy by. Arthur will continue working with Jenny Minter from MHAJFD and Andrea from DOR to arrive at final numbers so we can pass the resolution ASAP.
10. **Resolution 2025-10-2, a resolution to authorize a levy limit exception for charges assessed by the Mount Horeb Area Joint Fire Department.** Arthur explained that this resolution is necessary in order to allow any of the members of the MHAJFD to use the levy limit exception this year for the increase from the fire department. **MOTION** (Rosenbaum/Altschul) to pass Resolution 2025-10-2, to authorize us to utilize a levy limit exception for increase from the Fire Department. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
11. **Update on MHAJFD budget meeting – Altschul, Schwenn.** At a recent WTA training, Altschul discovered that the preferred funding structure should be based more on calls, not equalized value, as Springdale's (MHAJFD) is currently set up. Altschul reported that most municipalities use a three-pronged approach, using equalized value, location of calls (rolling 3 year average) and population averaged together. UW recommends solely based on 3-year rolling average of calls, which, using this method, Springdale is paying double what we should be. TID aren't included in Mt. Horeb equalized value calculations. Any change to the MHAJFD bylaws must be passed unanimously, Mt. Horeb would need to vote yes, which would increase their portion as a result. Will start a subcommittee after the budget process is done. The 3-prong method could save Springdale up to approximately \$200,000/ year. **MOTION** (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) formally nominated Altschul as the representative from Springdale on any negotiation levy calculation subcommittee that may form as a result of these discussions. No further discussion. Motion carried 2-0, Altschul abstained.
12. **Report on Oct. 8th 18-151 meeting in Mt. Horeb – Rosenbaum.** DOT looking to cut down or eliminate the at-grade crossings over the course of this project span. Hefty spoke to his letter that also touched on heavy truck traffic from both local quarries with the roads.
13. **Update on town garbage service and conference call – Arthur.** Rosenbaum and Arthur had a conference call with Republic representatives to discuss the situation with missed pickups and broken garbage cans. Republic promised to "expedite" an audit of the route. Supervisor will ride along on the route to ensure procedure is being followed. Missed garbage should stop – drivers check off each stop as they do it on their tablets. Cameras will be implemented in January. Jackie emailed Susan all survey responses that registered complaints of missed garbage, thrown or damaged bins in last 2 months Susan said they would cover the costs of all damaged bins if it was a result of their drivers. Arthur will follow up with Susan to ensure the costs are covered.
14. **Consideration of contract renewal with General Engineering (GEC).** GEC contract is up at the end of this year, we need to renew by 11/21. **MOTION** (Rosenbaum/Altschul) to extend the GEC contract for 2026. No price increases confirmed by Rosenbaum. 2 ayes, Schwenn abstained.
15. **Update on Town's code of ordinances and possible legal action to obtain code book from Community Code Service/Alan J. Harvey in DeForest.** Jackie will file OLR complaint, no further replevin actions will occur, Arthur will inform Hughes.
16. **Report on September 30 WEC clerk conference – Arthur.** Good networking and badger book learning opportunities, first conference by Wisconsin Elections Commission for clerks.
17. **Calendar of upcoming events**

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- 10/27 PC meeting
- 11/3 PC work session, 6 PM
- 11/10 Budget/Elector Meeting, 7 PM

18. Adjournment

MOTION (Schwenn/Altschul) to adjourn at 8:45 PM. 3 ayes, motion carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by Administrator/Clerk, Jackie Arthur.

TB APPROVED