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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEETING 1, TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

1. Call to order by Rosenbaum at 7:00 PM. Quorum of Rosenbaum, Hefty, and Schwenn present at Town Hall, along with Administrator/Clerk Arthur, Treasurer Boelhower-Santi, and Deputy Clerk Kalscheur. Meeting *broadcast only* by Zoom (as per the posted meeting notices) due to difficulty of checking elector residency over Zoom.
2. Certification of compliance with open meetings law by Admin/clerk Arthur. Posted 10/18 and 10/31/23 at Town Hall, Mt. Vernon Family Auto, Riley Tavern and Springdalewi.gov. Mt. Horeb Mail notified 10/18/2023.
3. Discussion of current year/budget. Rosenbaum explained the 3 meetings and their purposes.

Major Ongoing Annual Town Expenses (2023)

- Fire department dues - \$280,000
- Contracted road maintenance - \$220,000
- Staff and board salaries - \$152,000
- Debt service - Fire department building - \$77,000

Increasing Costs

- Fire department dues increasing from \$280,415 in 2023 to \$353,106 (+26%).
- Road maintenance costs - asphalt costs continue to be high. Costs per ton in 2019 vs 2023:
 - Overlay costs increased from \$59 to \$77
 - Wedging costs increased from \$77 to \$82
- Spent \$211,143 in 2023 on outside contractors (exceeded budget by \$30K). Budgeting \$220,000 in 2024 for outside contractors.
- Staff salaries - Budgeting for 5% increases for 2023

Non-Recurring Expenses in 2024 Budget

- \$100,000 for repair or replacement of Town Hall roof and certain trusses and supports. Leaks in roof have caused rot in some trusses over the years.
- \$34,300 for reassessment of all properties in the town. Rough valuations compared to market values (Residential – 64%, Commercial – 58%, Agricultural – 70%, MFL land, Forest land, Unimproved land – 75%)

Saving for Capital Needs - We've been saving for capital needs for the past four years and now have \$66,000 set aside to go towards the future purchase of a truck, tractor etc. We've added another \$30,000 to this budget.

4. Presentation of the 2024 Town of Springdale Budget

Proposed Budget

Levy - 2023 levy was \$715,265. 2024 Levy with 1.34% increase (net new construction) = \$724,866.
 Mill Rate - Slight Mill Rate decrease from 1.9875 per thousand in 2023 to 1.9863 per thousand in 2024.
 Impact on \$300,000 property value: -\$.36.

Overview of Other Funds

- ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) and Cardinal Hickory Powerline payments. Springdale received \$105,000 in ARPA funds in both 2021 and 2022. Funds can be

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used for “government services.” Decisions on how to spend remaining funds must be made by 12/31/24 and spent by 12/31/26. We intend to spend \$112,500 of ARPA money on roads in 2024.

- "Environmental Impact Fees" distributed to towns in the path of the Cardinal-Hickory Creek powerline. Springdale received \$310,000 in June 2022.

Springdale Debt – only Town debt is the mortgage on Mt. Horeb Fire Department and Public Safety Building. Total loan amount is \$7,130,000. Paying \$77,121.59 /year through 2029 (mortgage + reserve fund payments). Paying \$70,110.54 /year through 2059 (once reserve fund is full).

Reminder that Town taxes are a small percentage (approx. 10-12%) of the total property tax bill, depending on school district!

	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	% change
Cash Balance January 1	\$71,000	\$162,850	129.37%
REVENUES:			
Taxes	\$715,265	\$724,866	1.34%
Intergovernmental	\$220,317	\$270,790	22.91%
Licenses/ Permits	\$31,500	\$6,000	-80.95%
Fines/Forfeitures/Penalties	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Public Charges for Services	\$7,500	\$7,000	-6.67%
Intergovernmental Charges	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$2,000	\$1,000	-50.00%
Special Assessments	\$156,160	\$157,920	1.13%
Other Financing Sources	\$1,000	\$132,500	13,150%
Total Revenues and Cash	\$1,204,742	\$1,462,926	21.43%
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	\$195,039	\$243,962	25.08%
Public Safety	\$313,715	\$360,106	14.79%
Public Works	\$565,166	\$624,906	10.57%
Health and Human Services	\$19,666	\$20,630	4.90%
Culture/Recreation/Education	\$3,100	\$3,200	3.23%
Conservation and Development	\$2,935	\$3,000	2.21%
Capital Outlay	\$28,000	\$130,000	364.29%
Debt Service	\$77,122	\$77,122	0.00%
Other Financing Sources	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$1,204,742	\$1,462,926	21.43%

All Government and Proprietary Funds	Fund Balance January 1	Total Revenues	Total Expenditures	Fund Balance Dec. 31	Property Tax Contribution
General Fund	\$162,850	\$1,297,576	\$1,460,426	\$0	\$724,866
Capital Fund	\$66,700	\$30,000	\$0	\$96,700	\$30,000
ARPA Funds	\$137,022	\$0	\$112,500	\$24,522	\$0
Powerline Environmental Impact	\$310,041	\$0	\$0	\$310,041	\$0

Cash - Still getting some \$ from ATC for roads (Witte), money hasn’t come in yet.

Licenses/Permits – decrease because Tracy Johnson (building inspector) now receiving money for building inspections and giving us our 10% instead of the other way around it had been.

Misc. Rev –

Other financing sources – big bulk is taking \$ from ARPA and putting it into general fund. Rest is accounting for more interest continuing for next year.

Expenses

Gen. Gov – most for reassessment

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Public safety – FD increase

Public works – more roads

Capital outlay – building/roof/trusses

No current budgeted plans to spend powerline funds next year

5. Public comments

K. Hacker – when go to full time fire? M. Lamberty – hopefully not soon. Doing alright right now. 7 full time paid, total 65 or 70 members. Not getting a lot of new interest. Maybe 10 years.

S. Gauger – exciting to see improvements to the old town hall. Mt. Vernon Park has expressed interest in using some of the ATC funds. Roof project – don't just patch (Schwenn)...building is becoming less functional. Include Town Hall in the planning for elections and offices and such.

Rosenbaum – conserve ATC funds until we know what's wrong with the building structurally. Hesitant to commit to spending that money until we have a better handle on the building costs.

Steve – consider the functionality of the building before putting a 40-year roof on it, space usefulness is limited.

6. Adjournment.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to adjourn. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Minutes taken and submitted by Administrator/Clerk, Jackie Arthur

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MEETING 2, TOWN ELECTORS MEETING

1. Call to order by Rosenbaum at 7:00 PM. Quorum of Town Board members (Rosenbaum, Hefty, Schwenn) present at Town Hall, along with the below-named Town electors. Meeting *broadcast only* by Zoom (as per the posted meeting notices) due to difficulty of checking elector residency over Zoom.

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| 1. John Rosenbaum | 6. Mike Lamberty |
| 2. Rebecca Boelhower-Santi | 7. Steve Gauger |
| 3. Wayne Hefty | 8. Craig Judd |
| 4. Mary Spaay | 9. Karl Hacker |
| 5. Warren Wilson | |

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2. Approval of 2022 electors budget meeting minutes

MOTION (Hacker/Wilson) to approve the minutes from the 2022 elector meeting. 9 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

3. Town electors vote to **approve Resolution 2023-10-3** to use last year’s unused levy limit capacity as determined by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue in the amount of **\$1,028**.

MOTION (Hacker/Lamberty) to approve the TB resolution to use last year’s unused levy limit capacity as determined by the Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue in the amount of \$1,028. No further discussion. 9 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

4. Town electors vote to approve **Resolution 2023-11-1, Adoption of the Springdale Town Tax Levy.**

MOTION (Hacker/Spaay) 1 abstention, Steve Gauger.

5. Adjournment

MOTION (Wilson/Hacker) to adjourn at 7:54. 9 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by Administrator/Clerk, Jackie Arthur

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MEETING 3, TOWN BOARD MEETING

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3. Board vote to adopt 2024 Town of Springdale budget

MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to adopt the 2024 budget as proposed. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

4. Adjournment. **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Minutes taken and submitted by Administrator/Clerk, Jackie Arthur