MINUTES

SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD
MEETING UPNET
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 AT 3:30 P.M.
at Town Hall

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with the open meetings law.** Call to order by Rosenbaum at 3:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Quorum of Town Board members present, along with Deputy Clerk, Admin/Clerk, and Treasurer. Admin/Clerk confirmed meeting was posted 11/23 at Town Hall and townofspringdale.org: Mt. Horeb Mail notified 11/23.

2. **Approval of the agenda.** No changes made.

3. **Town Board discussion of utilizing ARPA funding for broadband expansion in the Town**. General discussion regarding fiber to the home as the standard to receive a broadband grant from the PSC, as well as the need to have letters of support from Springdale community members to help secure a grant. Discussed a survey of Town residents to ask them who their ISP is, and what their speed is.

4. **Discussion with Martin DeLuca from UpNet regarding potential broadband expansion into Springdale.** 4:00 p.m., Martin from UpNet joined the meeting via Zoom. DeLuca explained UpNet's "rural only" business model and how an expansion may be deployed in Springdale. Additional discussion items:
    *   FCC Fixed Broadband Deployment map - can be deceiving when looking at coverage and listed speeds depending on where the customers are located on the line
    *   Avoid duplicating infrastructure; figure out what areas are in need of service, and focus on small pockets for grants
    *   Springdale's work for a successful grant involves acquiring resident input in reporting bad service, support for broadband expansion and customer interest in upgrading service should an expansion move forward

    No motions were made during the meeting.

5. **Adjournment** at 5:52; MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to adjourn.