

MINUTES

SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** by Rosenbaum at 7:00 PM. A quorum of TB members present at town hall – Rosenbaum, Hefty and Schwenn. Also present at town hall were Treasurer Shatrawka and Admin/Clerk Arthur. Patrolman Dahlk absent. Arthur confirmed posting 12/13 springdalewi.gov and 12/16 at Town Hall, Mt. Horeb Mail notified 12/13 in accordance with the open meetings law.
2. **Approval of the agenda** by unanimous consent.
3. **Minutes of previous Town Board meetings**
 - 11/19 monthly TB mtg. **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve w/ no edits. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 11/26 TB meeting, assessor. **MOTION** (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve w/ no edits. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 12/2 TB meeting, assessor. **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve w/ no edits. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 12/9 TB meeting, ventilation in town hall shop. **MOTION** (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve w/ no edits. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
4. **Public comment.** Lynne Westphal – would like to continue the Zoom option for those with disabilities. Suggested that maybe a high school student could manage the Zoom. No further public comment.
5. **New Dane Co. Deputy for Springdale, Hayley Collins, introduction to the Town and safety update, including discussion on parking on town roads and enforcement of town signage.** Hayley Collins present at town hall. Statistics for calls for service through 12/16 presented (see final page of minutes for the data). There were 669 calls since the beginning of the year. Safety hazard calls are the majority. EMS calls are paging the Sheriff as well as EMS.

Hefty – what enforcement actions can the County do within the town, specifically regarding parking on Town Hall Rd.? Collins – the Town first needs to pass a no-parking ordinance. Deputies cannot enforce the *Town* ordinance, but could use failure to obey a posted sign, which is County citation. Deputy would need to be contracted by the Town to enforce the local ordinance.

Hefty – could the deputy enforce ATV/UTV traffic because the Town does not allow them? Collins – yes; County could enforce the operation of ATV/UTV on Town roads as it is against state law.

Resident Karl Hacker, inquired after speed “traps” on Hwy G – the current spot where deputies sit is known by travellers, could another location be chosen? Collins responded that spring speed boards could be an option, and that since one deputy covers 4 towns, it is difficult to sit in one spot for an extended period. Can see what the options are in the spring.

Collins also made the meeting aware of a free, “Stop the bleed” training from Dane County Emergency Management. Collins could present this 2-hour training at town hall for anyone interested. Will be in contact with Admin/Clerk Arthur to potentially set this up.
6. **Treasurer’s report: discussion of revenues, expenses and payment of the bills.** Interest income this month dropped to 4.7%. 2025 rates are expected between 3.75 and 4%. Public works went over this month because of \$30,000 in truck repairs, and \$24,000 from insurance received. Projection for cash in general fund \$105,000. Budgeted starting balance for 2025 is \$114,000.

MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to pay the bills. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
7. **Patrolman’s report.** Dahlk couldn’t attend the meeting, so Rosenbaum filled in. Dahlk will report each month going forward with the progress on signs. Fire inspection revealed fridge plugged in with extension cord and fire extinguishers hadn’t been checked this year. Jefferson Fire has been contacted. Jewell engineering earlier said that the borings would take place this fall, but schedule has been readjusted and they will come to January’s meeting with drawings and plans to consider then. K. Hacker raised concern about potentially straightening out the road when the bridge is built. Will raise the question with Jewell next month.

MINUTES

SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

8. Driveway

- Midwest Homes/Sommer/Park, Davis St., 0607-343-0045-0. Owners Sommer/Park not present at town hall. Rosenbaum viewed the driveway, no issues.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to approve the driveway. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

9. **Update on assessor RFP** by Rosenbaum. Town has signed a 3-year contract with Catalis Tax and CAMA. Hefty put together a suggestion. Since Catalis has divided up the \$87,000 contract into 2 smaller contracts (2 years maintenance and 1 year revaluation) and since we already budgeted \$50,000 for '25, we should put some of the over-budgeted amount into interest bearing account so the amount due from taxpayers at a later date would be lessened. Shatrawka reminded the meeting that the over-budgeted amount could also be used to lessen the draw on the powerline funds to cover the current \$60,000 shortfall. Will discuss the possibilities again in January.

10. Review draft of town meetings policy especially concerning transitioning away from Zoom.

Discussed last month, new revised policy drawn up and presented. Essentially stating that Covid is over, and Zoom was in response to Covid, we can simplify the meetings by discontinuing. Checked with neighboring towns, only one (Town of Cross Plains) is still offering Zoom. If staff or board member needs to phone in, will allow that. Rosenbaum – could simplify even more and drop all of paragraph 2. Beginning in January. Arthur will investigate conference calling logistics.

11. **Update on mandatory voting equipment audit, Admin/Clerk Arthur.** Explained that the machine and audit totals now match. Arthur sent the amended audit report to WEC.

12. Calendar of upcoming events

- No December PC meeting
- 1/7/25 at 5 PM – signature filing deadline to appear on the spring ballot
- 2/7 – WTA district meetings

13. Adjournment

MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to adjourn at 8:11PM. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Minutes taken and submitted by Administrator/Clerk Jackie Arthur.

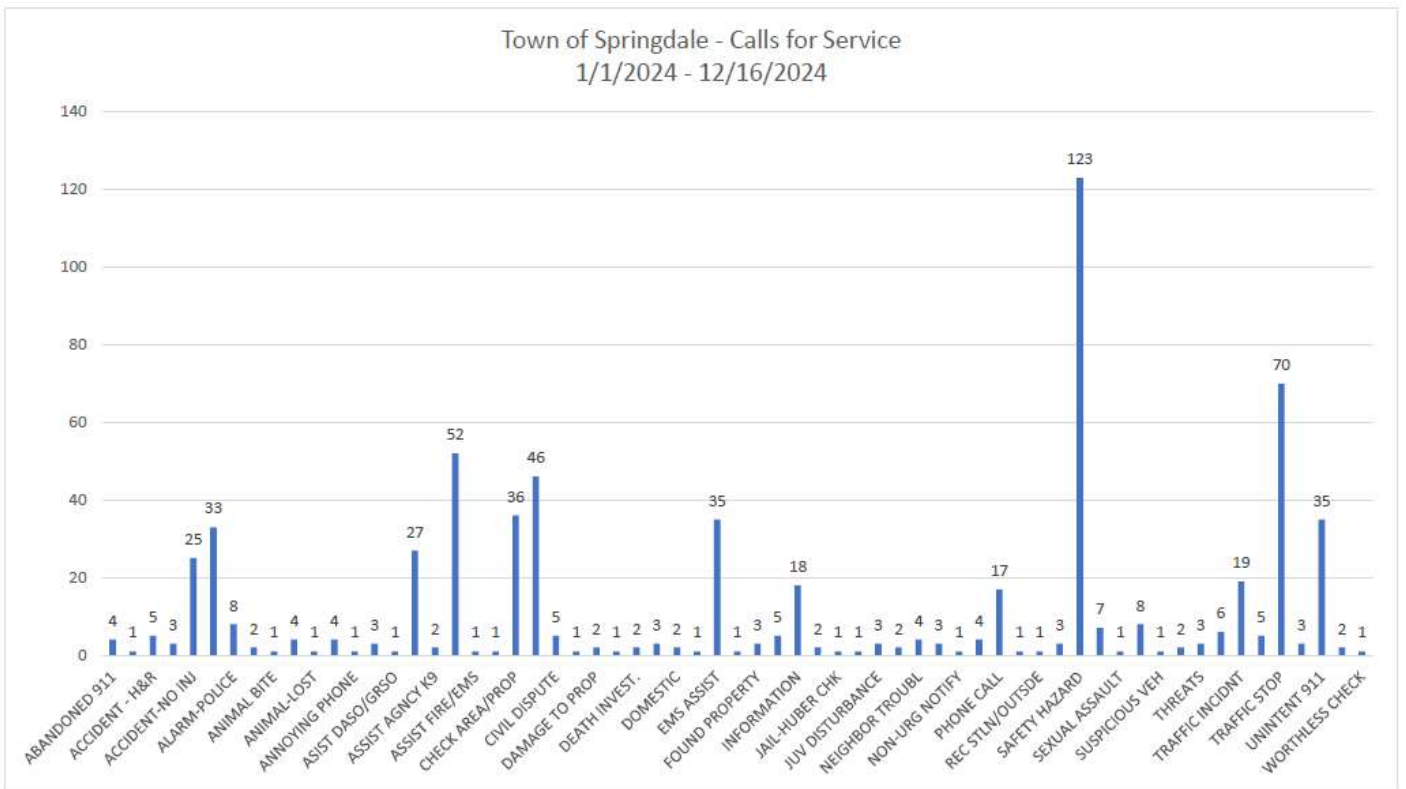
MINUTES

SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.



Town of Springdale – Calls for Service (1/1/2024 through 12/16/2024)



APPK