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SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
at Town Hall and via Zoom

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** by Rosenbaum at 7:00 p.m.
Admin/Clerk confirmed meeting was posted in accordance with the open meetings law. Quorum of Rosenbaum, Hefty and Schwenn present.
2. **Approval of the agenda.** Rosenbaum would like to combine items 11, 13 & 16 from the original agenda.
3. **Minutes of past meetings.**
 - 11/16/21 monthly TB meeting - no edits.
MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 11/18/21 public hearing and TB meeting - no edits.
MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 11/22/21 meeting for assessor bids - no edits.
MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 11/22/21 PC/TB meeting - no edits.
MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 12/7/21 ARPA meeting - no edits.
MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 12/14/21 IT meeting - Hefty - add the word “total” to the \$570 amount under costs.
MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve with the edit. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
4. **Public input/non-agenda items.** Resident J. Barker discussed concerns over speed on Ridgeview Rd. near the intersection of Town Hall Rd. and Springdale Lutheran and his driveway. Concerned about speeding when pulling out of his driveway in fog and other low visibility weather situations. Suggested we research a 4 way stop to mitigate speeding. Sup. Hefty agreed to research the viability of a 4 way stop at Town Hall and Ridgeview. No further discussion. S. and A. Gauger - pointed out inaccuracies in the Town Hall Rd. speed study, wondering if Dane Co. even visited this road or if they just looked at aerial/street views to write the report. Directional inaccuracies, mention of Mineral Point rd., suggesting weight limit signs when we already have them, etc. Will continue to investigate other options for controlling speed on this road.
5. **Statement from treasurer.** Rosenbaum read aloud submitted written statement from treasurer: no accounts over budget; public works is significantly under budget by \$40,000; however, salt and other road expenses are in the bills for this month. So far office hours have been well attended. Year-end balance will be above our budget of \$49,000. Taxes were mailed out really quickly; working with BCS for the printing and mailing turned out well.
6. **Patrolman Paulson Rd. bridge inspection update.** Patrolman Dahlk - waiting to hear back from Brian at DOT; everything but the erosion on the wing wall is done. Just need geotextile mat and riprap. Looks worse than it is, need bid in spring. Pictures from DOT report are not current; the 2018 flood likely eroded the wing wall.

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7. **James Huseth lot line adjustment, Lewis Rd. Sec. 31.** J. Huseth and K. Hansen present. Huseth looking to sell the white bordered portion to Hansen to remain farm land, want even lot lines. Lengthy discussion at the PC last month over whether the “finger” of less than ideal agricultural land would technically be “breaking up” tracts of ag. land if the best farmland (white border) would just be added to other farmland. Rosenbaum - Springdale’s lot line ordinance (Title IX, Chapter 6, Regulation of Lot Line Adjustments) is very clear in prohibiting this action:

4) *Prohibited Lot Line Adjustments. The Town Board shall not approve a Lot Line Adjustment if:*

- a) *Additional lots are created;*
- b) *The parcels after the Lot Line Adjustment would be reduced below the minimum sizes required by Chapter 236 of the Wisconsin Statutes or as required to comply with other applicable laws and ordinances, including, but not limited to the Town’s Land Use Plan and the Town’s Land Division and Subdivision Code;*
- c) *The Lot Line Adjustment would result in the loss and/or breakup of land used for agricultural use;*
- d) *The Lot Line Adjustment would result in the conveyance or transfer of development rights; unless the development rights are prohibited from development via a deed restriction or conservation easement.*



Schwenn - disagrees because the finger being cut off doesn’t mean anything; not ideal farmland and the rest would still be farmed together with another parcel. Farmer is trying to save the land from development. Hefty noted that the ordinance does not contain an option for a variance.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to deny the lot line adjustment as proposed; would entertain an alternate arrangement if one was presented. Current ordinance (4c) does not allow for approval. No further discussion. Rosenbaum & Hefty aye, Schwenn nay. Motion carried.

8. **Todd Carlson shared driveway for CSM 10435 and 12742.** T. Carlson present. Rosenbaum visited the location; shared driveway agreement meets Town requirements. No further discussion.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to approve driveway off of Spring Rose Rd. as per application and shared agreement. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

9. **Springdale Lutheran Church sign violation discussion.** Sign does not go off at dusk as per the 2019 agreement between the Church and the Town. Rosenbaum - we should contact the church office to start a dialogue. Schwenn will contact Jim Laufenberg.

10. **Appointment of election inspectors for 2 year term beginning January 1, 2022, ending December 31, 2023.** Wis. Stats. §§ 7.30(4)(a), 7.30(6). Election inspectors up for approval are: Rebecca B. Santi, Luann Smith, Esther Esser, Luann Zander, Loretta Docken (Chief), Trouti Winkelman, Nikki Vullings, Stephen Gauger, Gina Gessler (Chief), Nancy Haak, Rich Henderson, Carol Statz (Chief), David Bradley, Barb Hartman, Sharon Hughes, Rob Helm, Chris Gargan, Lisa Lemberger, Douglas Osborne, Kelly Keyes, Katie Freeman, Christopher Lambrecht, Margaret Hamilton, Maggie Milcarek.

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MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve the 24 election inspectors for the 1/1/22 - 12/31/23 period. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

11. Adoption of Broadband Forward model ordinance 2021-12-1. *Discussed in agenda item 15.*

12. ATC Cardinal Hickory Creek road use agreement discussion. ATC recorded and documented each Town road they would be bringing their heavy machinery through. Town Patrolman verified each ATC PASER rating was correct. Any road damage will be paid for by ATC and restoration standard will be current road ratings. \$5,000 is payable to the Town by ATC in exchange for the permission to operate heavy machinery on our roads. This sum is payable upon execution of the agreement. Every municipality is receiving the same agreement, ATC rep. Jon Callaway stated the agreement can be discussed, but ATC will not change any of the terms. Rosenbaum asked Patrolman Dahlk if any of our roads may not stand up to the abuse; Dahlk feels Witte Rd. may not, it's in pretty bad shape.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to approve the ATC Town road use and reimbursement agreement. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

13. Update from deputy clerk on Town broadband survey. *Discussed in agenda item 15.*

14. Review/approval of 2022-2024 Accurate assessor contract. Rosenbaum addressed a few minor errors with Accurate; mostly the same contract as before except no market reval as that was just performed in 2020.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to approve the revised assessment contract. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

15. Broadband Forward Ordinance/broadband survey/ARPA funds public hearing discussion. Rosenbaum briefly explained ARPA and ~\$210,000 in federal funds coming to the Town over the next few years. Broadband improvement/expansion is a qualified use of the funds; Town is considering partnering with an ISP to expand/improve broadband in the Town. \$100 million in state PSC grant award money for this current grant application window, which goes from 12/1/21 - 3/17/22. Adoption of a "[Broadband Forward!](#)" ordinance enhances an application, as well as letters of support from residents. Resident R. Bernstein offered for consideration the fact that the whole Town wouldn't benefit from an ARPA funded expansion, only select residents. Rosenbaum suggested sending a Town-wide survey to determine where the slowest spots are (upload/download) and hold a public hearing to get whole Town's input on how to spend the ARPA funds. Broadband expansion is only 1 way to spend the money.

MOTION (Hefty/Rosenbaum) to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,000 to print and mail all Springdale residents a letter regarding the internet service survey and proposed public hearing in January. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to adopt Springdale Ordinance 2021-12-1, relating to approval of broadband network projects, as drafted by Town attorney Chris Hughes. This is the "Broadband Forward!" model ordinance that the PSC recommends municipalities adopt to enhance broadband applications. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

16. Review/approval of 2022 Mad City Techs contract and recap of pricing for Town services.

MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve Mad City Techs contract with the Town for IT services in 2022. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

17. Structuring backup help for Patrolman so that leave may be taken without interruption to Town services.

Patrolman Dahlk spoke with Towns of Perry and Verona, and Village of Mt. Horeb about how they handle this. In Perry, the backup receives regular pay for being on-call. Mt. Horeb is a 2 hour minimum pay. Town of Verona is \$50/day, on call, 2 hour minimum for coming in. Dahlk has only missed 1 snowfall in his 13 years with the Town; wants backup help to be compensated for putting their life on hold to be on call for the Town in case of Patrolman absence. Worth it in the long run to attract good help. Would like to square away back up before spring. Hefty -

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suggested a closed session in January to discuss further.

- 18. Town email naming options.** Clerk will have for January meeting, in the process of applying for domain.
MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to secure Town domain springdalewi.gov as soon as possible. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
- 19. Calendar of upcoming events:** Thursday, January 6 sign ordinance committee; Tuesday, January 18, 2022 TB meeting; Monday, January 24, 2022 PC meeting.
- 20. Bills.** Town received mailing from WTA regarding new solicitation for Town Advocacy Council. Admin/Clerk asked if Board would like to contribute to this area of WTA. Rosenbaum - would need to know more about what the money is going for.
MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to learn more about advocacy council in time for 2023 budget discussions. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to pay the bills and issue the hazard pay (ARPA) for election workers. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
- 21. Closed session** for purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, Wis. stat. 19.85(1)(c).
MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) at 9:40 p.m. to enter into a closed session for purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to adjourn.