

# MINUTES

## SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 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 present at town hall, including Rosenbaum, Altschul and Schwenn. Also present were Admin/Clerk Arthur and Treasurer Shatravka. Dahlk is absent. Arthur confirmed posting 1/16 springdalewi.gov and 1/19 at Town Hall. Mt. Horeb Mail & Sunlight Report notified 1/16, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.84(1)(b) and in accordance with the open meetings law.
2. **Approval of the agenda** by unanimous consent.
3. **Minutes of previous Town Board meetings**
  - 12/16 monthly TB meeting. Rosenbaum directed Arthur to change to “members of the fire district” instead of “fire departments.” **MOTION** (Schwenn/Altschul) to approve with the edit. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
  - 12/29 TB meeting. **MOTION** (Altschul/Schwenn) to approve as written. 3 ayes, 0 nay.
4. **Public comment.** Resident J. Hensey asked if meeting minutes could be posted sooner. Speed of posting to the web is workload specific for the admin/clerk, varying from month to month. Arthur offered that if specific minutes are desired, to make a direct request and if they have been board-approved, they can be sent to the requestor directly.
5. **Treasurer’s report: discussion of revenues, expenses and payment of the bills.** Year-end summary of 2025 budget.
  - Revenues: For December, all of the biggest revenue was from taxes/shared revenue. EOY interest income was the largest item. YTD actuals for revenue were comparable to the budget, at 103% of budgeted revenues.
  - Expenditures: General Government was at 98% of budget, public safety 100%, public works 95%, and sanitation at 81% because of withholding payments to Republic. Capital outlay budgeted \$40,000 (for ventilation), spent about \$5,700 on ventilation. \$28,000 was moved last month into capital projects fund so it that it doesn’t get spent. Peterbilt truck was \$140,000 – an anticipated expense for 2026 – so was not budgeted in 2025.  
**MOTION** (Altschul/Schwenn) to pay the bills as presented. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
6. **Patrolman’s report.** Dahlk not present, so Rosenbaum provided an update.
  - Paulson Rd. turnaround discussion. Historically, both the Towns of Verona and Springdale have turned around at the Hamilton farm, but that is no longer an option due to the cone blocking the driveway. The Town of Verona would like to share the cost of a new turnaround with Springdale. The ditch will be filled with gravel and a culvert will be added. Could be up to \$3,000 for the cost share. Schwenn’s idea is to switch plowing Paulson every other year with T of Verona. **MOTION** (Rosenbaum/Altschul) to table until next month when we can speak to Dahlk. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
  - Salt shed repairs update from Schwenn. Quote/invoice has arrived and is in the bills to be paid. Project will be started when the weather allows.
7. **Pellitteri switch progress update, Arthur.** Arthur provided an update.
8. **Town Hall Rd. bridge discussion of Offering Price Reports, appraisals, and eminent domain property acquisition process.** 3 parcels need to be acquired for the rebuild of the town hall road bridge over Schlapbach Creek. 1 parcel is being paid for tonight, with the owners having accepted the town’s offer. Looking to approve the offer packages for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> parcels tonight. Jewell Engineering proposes we again offer the town’s *original* offers, even after considering the recent, lower appraisals. Parcel 2 (0.04 Ac.) was offered \$2,200; appraisal is \$1,200. Parcel 3 (0.13 Ac.) was offered \$7,150; appraisal is \$4,700. If the landowners don’t accept, they have the right to hire their own appraiser. Timeline of acquisition process is as follows:

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- 1/21 offer packages to property owners; 3/25 – 63rd day for owners to obtain own appraisal and reach a mutual agreement with the town. If agreement is not reached, town issues formal “Jurisdictional Offer” outlining amount and rights being acquired. The property owners can accept the offer, continue to discuss terms, or challenge the compensation amount through the appeal process; 3/26 – jurisdictional offers mailed; 4/15 – 20-day timeframe to expire on jurisdictional offers; 4/16 – all parcels will be acquired by this date, either by conveyance or award of damages. When the acquisition is finalized, either by a signed conveyance or through a formal award, moneys are paid and the property rights are recorded.

**MOTION** (Rosenbaum/Altschul) re-offer the original offers for parcels 2 and 3 (\$2,200 and \$7,150 respectively) in the interest of wrapping this up and maintaining good relationships with the landowners. Discussion: Altschul seconded only with the intent of “wrapping this up” but not in the interest of maintaining good relationships with the property owners. Vote: Rosenbaum/Altschul aye, Schwenn nay. Schwenn commented that he would be embarrassed to take this kind of money from the town, and would have donated it, especially as it is useless land. Motion carried.

9. **Capital Planning Committee update, Rosenbaum.** The board is looking to rejuvenate the committee from last year that was formerly led by resident (and then Treasurer) Rebecca Boelhower-Santi. 9 have volunteered to attend the first meeting at 6PM on 2/3. Rosenbaum wants to provide a short history to the first meeting and would like K. Hacker and Dahlk to provide a summary of what was done years ago with regard to the capital equipment needs. Rosenbaum hopes a few enthusiastic leaders will emerge.
10. **Recodification quote update, Arthur.** Arthur will forward the following questions to the two companies: Can we sign a short-term contract for the “subscription service” for code updates? Sample contract? Can we make changes? Can we see a sample legal memo summarizing how they proceed with changes and comparing old and new? Do they do proactive legal updates for WI law changes?
11. **Fire/EMS funding allocation committee, Rosenbaum.** Brief overview was given by Altschul. Springdale is currently paying 50% of all MHJFD calls due to our higher equalized value, but Springdale’s actual portion of calls for service is much lower. Current recommendations from UW Extension and others suggest that fees be based on a 3-year rolling average for calls. However, a change in the MHAJFD agreement would require a unanimous vote, and Mt. Horeb has 2 votes. Mt. Horeb’s share would be increasing and both fire board members would need to agree to absorb their fair share of the costs. Rosenbaum offered to set up a meeting with Jenny Minter. Altschul emailed Minter for a list of available dates through March for their meeting room. Altschul will email all the dates out to the member towns to get some consensus for the next 3 months.
12. **Town garage ventilation update – Rosenbaum.** Harker needs to get new drawings/plan without heater on air intake so Rosenbaum can submit it to the DSPS for a variance.
13. **Update on town hall bathroom/back hall project.** Arthur will post/publish the advertisement again, as no bids were received the 1<sup>st</sup> round.
14. **Calendar of upcoming events**
  - 1/26 PC meeting
  - 2/3 Capital Planning Committee/Board mtg. at 6PM
  - 2/6 WTA District Meetings
  - February 17<sup>th</sup> is Spring Primary – need to reschedule Feb. board mtg – agreed on 6PM 2/23 to approve bills.
  - March board mtg. – reschedule for Schwenn’s legion mtg., as he hasn’t missed a TB meeting in 39 years. Move to Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.
15. **Adjournment. MOTION** (Schwenn/Altschul) to adjourn at 8:30 PM. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. *Minutes taken and submitted by Administrator/Clerk Jackie Arthur.*