

MINUTES OF SPRINGDALE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at 7 PM via Zoom

1. Call to order.

Fagan, 7:02, quorum present.

2. Minutes of 2019 annual meeting.

Rosenbaum - correct instance of 2017 to 2018 on first page.

MOTION(Fagan) to approve minutes with correction of date on annual financial report. Steve Gauger second. Steve Gauger, Shane Santi, Rebecca Boelhower Santi, Fagan, Rosenbaum, Schwenn all aye. 0 nays, motion carried.

3. Certification of compliance with the open meeting law, approval of the agenda.

Per Clerk (Susan Duerst Severson), posted and published the 4/21 “meet to adjourn” on 4/16; posted tonight’s meeting (5/19) on 5/15, published the notice only on 5/14/20.

4. Elector input: non-agenda items.

Citizen Steve Gauger thought election went well, nicely organized. Compliment Patrolman on signage for truckers coming down Town Hall Rd. Concerned about traffic density and speed on Town Hall road. Fagan - someone should research if the app “Waze” is sending people that way, volunteer to try to petition to be removed from their system as a good alternate route. Rosenbaum mentioned entire town will be reassessed this year. State law requires assessments be brought up to date at certain intervals, we’re at the maximum interval now even though we’d prefer to defer due to COVID. Citizens may see assessor in yard, not going into homes this year, do the best they can based on visual review of property.

5. Discussion and potential action on matters of interest to town residents (discussions subject to a motion and second by town residents).

None.

6. 2019 annual financial report.

Town Treasurer Rebecca Boelhower Santi went over things that were unexpected or different from 2018. Town received a state grant for election security. TRIP funds coming in but not until January, so it appears we didn’t get them in 2019. Didn’t know fire building sale amount before beginning of year so put into budget later. FEMA award. Rosenbaum - if we made budget adjustments during the year those are reflected? Treasurer affirmed. Expenses: Treasurer and chair discussion about keeping more money in money market account because of higher interest, thus lower checking account balance. Did have to increase public works budget, still went over a little bit. Capital outlay was supposed to be for something different, ended up being down payment for truck purchase this year. Debt service for fire station building will be smaller in coming years because of a better loan rate. Cemetery upkeep and soldiers graves; we get county subsidy which is sent out right away to local cemeteries. Fagan - question on tax payments - mortgage company has escrow account for a lot of people, company sends us all the money which is never equal to what the actual tax bill is. Is there a movement with all treasurers to fight that? Treasurer - UW credit union is biggest offender. same customers/citizens every year that we have refunds for. We haven’t seen an increase in taxes in three years; bank is assuming some increase so when that doesn’t happen they get money back. Fagan - anything we should look out for moving forward?

Treasurer - bigger expenses with staff and 2020 elections, less money from truck sale. Budgeted less for public works due to spending more for the truck.

7. Recognize committee members, election inspectors, volunteers.

Fagan - all election people did a great job, Clerk and dep. clerk pulled off a miracle for election. Good staff of town workers - sorry to see Susan leave. Treasurer does a great job. Carol (deputy clerk) as well. Vicki Anderson continues with PC, very important. Devin Dahlk (Patrolman) wonderful job. Snowplow operators, Tyler and Braydon. Joe Heyser still doing work. Thank you to Plan Commission members, cemetery officials, Mike Lamberty fire board representative, friends of Donald Park, Mt. Vernon Park Association, Upper Sugar River Watershed Assoc., weed commissioner Eric Birschbach, Wayne Hefty. Clerk brought up SCUR; should we remove it from web? Fagan - ATC disbanded, once it was determined where the line would go, now it's in appeals. Gauger comments: the line is going to go through some high value property, impact that part of township. Fagan - if their assessed values go down, landowner gets paid. Town also gets paid. Substantial amount. Money from ATC upfront, big number. Yearly payments to off-set as well. Feel like its blood money, but as a township, we are losing value in collected taxes due to falling assessments in affected properties.

8. Any other business that is by law required or permitted to be transacted at the annual meeting.

None.

9. Set date for 2021 annual meeting.

WI statute requires third Tuesday in April – April 20, 2021.

MOTION (Citizen Steven Gauger) that we have the next annual meeting on 4/20/2021. Boelhower-Santi second. Gauger, Rosenbaum, Boelhower-Santi, Schwenn, Santi, Fagan all aye. 6 ayes, 0 nay, motion carried.

10. Adjourn

MOTION (Schwenn) to adjourn. Gauger second. Boelhower-Santi, Gauger, Rosenbaum, Schwenn, Fagan, Santi aye; 0 nay, motion carried.