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2022 ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

- Town Board chair call to order** at 6:03 PM by Town Board Chairman John Rosenbaum. 14 Town electors present at the meeting: John Rosenbaum, Wayne Hefty, Richard Schwenn, Rebecca Boelhower-Santi, Marion Namenwirth, Gina Gessler, Carol Statz, Coleman & Jessica Dockter, Mary Spaay, Stephen Gauger, Jeff Barker, Warren Wilson, Amy Jester.
- Approval of minutes from April 20, 2021 annual meeting.** Minutes were shown on the screen, as well as distributed to the Town email blast list prior to the meeting.
MOTION (Wilson/Gauger) to approve the minutes from the 2021 annual meeting with no changes. 14 aye, 0 nay, motion carried.

- 2021 Springdale financial report** Treasurer Boelhower-Santi provided an overview of the Town’s finances for 2021 using the chart shown.

Revenues	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Taxes	665,592	665,524
Cash on hand Jan. 1	54,000	179,436.30
Intergovernmental Revenue	163,788	166,540.69
Licenses & Permits	1,500	68,152.56
Public Charges for Services	103,258	102,377
Intergovernmental Charges	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,000	6,592.75
TRIP Funds	14,000	0
Sale of Property	0	0
Pass-thru septic/overpaid taxes	0	28,549.92
ARPA funds	Not budgeted	105,087.23
Total Revenues	1,003,138.00	1,322,260.45
Expenditures		
General Government	155,700	139,799
Public Safety	251,741	296,509.84
Public Works	352,207	326,823.73
Health & Human Services	15,490	14,136
Culture, Rec. & Education	5,440	8,874.16
Capital Outlay	30,500	41,324.06
Debt Service	77,122	77,121.59
Recycling	114,938	110,146.30
Pass-throughs	0	29,898.98
Total Expenditures	1,003,138	1,044,633.66
ARPA Fund Balance	0	104,891.59
Capital Funds Balance	0	28,003.44
Cash Balance	0	144,731.76
Total Expenditures and Cash	1,003,138	1,322,260.45

- Town chair updates.** Chairman Rosenbaum provided an update on the following topics:
 - ARPA funds** – ARPA was federal legislation signed into law in March 2021 that allocated funds to municipalities to mitigate the effects of COVID-19. Town allocations are based on population. Springdale's allocation will total \$210,174 over two installments (2021 and 2022). Originally, ARPA was limited to specific uses, but the law was changed to allow broader use for “government services”, which generally includes any service traditionally provided by a government, such as road maintenance, public health and safety, premium pay for “essential” workers, broadband infrastructure and improvement efforts, etc. Non-allowable uses are debt service payments, satisfaction of legal judgements, and contributions to pension plans. Projects must be identified by December 31, 2024, must be completed by December 31, 2026 and any unused funds must be returned to the Treasury Department. Springdale has spent \$3,515 to date on Election worker

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hazard pay (\$2,134), hybrid meeting hardware (\$220) and air purifiers for meeting room and office (\$1,162).

- **Broadband improvement efforts** – Rosenbaum explained that the Town is in communication with ISPs (Mt. Horeb Telephone Company/MHTC and TDS) to see if there is any hope of using ARPA monies to partner for a broadband improvement grant from the PSC.
 - **ATC environmental impact fees payable to Springdale** – Rosenbaum explained that owners of high-voltage powerlines (American Transmission Company for the Cardinal-Hickory Creek Line) are required to remit to the PSC a one-time impact fee equal to 5% of the cost of the line, and an annual impact fee equal to 0.3% of the cost of the line. The PSC distributes the fees to the affected municipalities. The fees may only be used for park, conservancy, wetland or other similar environmental programs, unless the commission approves a different use. Springdale will receive a one-time distribution of \$272,000 and annual distributions of \$32,600.
5. **Thank you to Town workers and volunteers.** Names of Springdale election inspectors, Plan Commission members, snowplow drivers, cemetery caretakers, and volunteers for the Upper Sugar River Watershed Association, Friends of Donald Park Board, and Mt. Vernon Park Board were shown on the screen and thanked by the meeting.
6. **Topics of interest for discussion/action items from Town residents/electors** (actionable items limited to elector powers found in Wis. Stat. 60.10).
- **S. Gauger** – Board has a wonderful opportunity to improve the Town with ARPA and ATC monies – old town hall, current town hall, Mt. Vernon improvements. Town residents should have the opportunity to weigh in on the use of this money. Rosenbaum suggested a volunteer task force to investigate concerning old town hall and lead those efforts.
 - **W. Hefty** – asked about a definition from the PSC on “conservancy” for use of the funds. Rosenbaum stated that PSC only gave a very broad definition of the use of the funds, may have to get more specifics from the Town attorney.
 - **R. Boelhower-Santi** – recommended installing solar panels on the current town hall to reduce energy costs. Also try to continue with hybrid style meetings as it provides more access for the public. Rosenbaum polled the meeting and 8 of 14 electors indicated they would like to continue with the hybrid meeting style.
7. **Set date for 2023 annual meeting** – April 18, 2023 is the 3rd Tuesday. The annual town meeting may set a different date than the 3rd Tuesday in April provided it is within 10 days after the 3rd Tuesday.
- MOTION** (Statz/Barker) to approve the 2023 annual meeting date as 4/18/23. No further discussion. 14 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
8. **Adjournment. MOTION** (Barker/Jester) to adjourn. No further discussion. 14 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by Jackie Arthur, Administrator/Clerk