

MINUTES

SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** by Altschul at 6 PM. A quorum of TB members present, including Altschul and Schwenn. Rosenbaum out of town. Also present were Treasurer Shatravka, Patrolman Dahlk, and Admin/Clerk Arthur. Arthur confirmed posting in accordance with the open meetings law 2/18&23 springdalewi.gov and 2/18&23 at Town Hall. Mt. Horeb Mail & Sunlight Report notified 2/18, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.84(1)(b).
2. **Approval of the agenda** by unanimous consent.
3. **Minutes of previous Town Board meetings**
 - 1/20 TB meeting. **MOTION** (Schwenn/Altschul) to approve as presented. 2 ayes, 0 nays.
4. **Public comment.** None.
5. **Treasurer's report: discussion of revenues, expenses and payment of the bills.** **Revenues** – received first installment of tax collections. The misc. income for approx.. \$6,000 was the insurance monies from the plow truck collision. It wasn't deposited in '25 because it was a '26 expense. Bridge expenses were intermingled, but now are separated (w/Rosenbaum's OK) to be more clear. **Expenses** – paid \$232,000 (60%) fire department dues last month. Jan/Feb sanitation is being paid altogether in Feb., due to partial month service in January. Town hall bridge replacement was pulled from public works (includes engineering costs and ROW acquisition). Next month will provide a separate report on bridge costs, as costs have been accumulating since 2023. Total tax bill was \$7.6 million. Collected 82% through the end of January. Shatravka explained her successful plan to hold the tax monies for the maximum amount of time, 3 extra days, which earned the town \$1,200 in additional interest. Encouraged residents to pay as much of their taxes as soon as possible going forward, so the town can earn more interest. After Feb 6, everything must go to the County and then Dane County earns the interest. Bills – **MOTION** (Altschul/Schwenn) to pay the bills. 2 ayes, 0 nay.
6. **Patrolman's report**
 - Paulson Rd. turnaround (tabled at January mtg.). Plow turnaround point has always been the Paulson Rd. farm. Can no longer use this driveway for a turnaround, so agreed with Town of Verona to have Springdale just plow Paulson (Timber and up to J to turn around) and Town of Verona plow Spring Rose in order to save money on installing a culvert/turnaround.
7. **Town Hall Shop ventilation update – summary from Rosenbaum.** Schwenn read the typed message from Rosenbaum aloud; expressed frustration at the project and that it has been sent out again. Summary main points were:
 - General Engineering has delegated authority to approve, and has approved, plan by Design Air. Incoming air would not need to be heated. DSPS variance (to allow the intake and exhaust to run only when Carbon monoxide or nitrogen oxide exceed allowable levels) could not be obtained due to the requirement to have a “design review professional” and a “supervising professional” listed on the application for variance.
 - Design Air will not allow their credentials to be listed on the variance. Fans will still be able to be controlled manually.
 - New requests for bids have been sent to four contractors who were interested last summer. Arthur will publish bid advertisement again as required due to design plan specs having changed since last bid let.
8. **Election report and request for purchase of 3rd badger book and refrigerator – Arthur.** 4 new election day registrations (EDRs) for a new total of 1,586 registered voters. 42 absentees returned out of 70 issued (60% return rate). 128 voters through town hall, 174 voters total (11% turnout). This was the first election in which badger books were used (electronic poll books). It was a good, slow election to

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get voters and election workers used to using them. Very easy to use and no issues. **MOTION** (Altschul/Schwenn) to approve purchase of a new fridge with haul away as presented in the bill file, as the current '70's model is covered in black mold. 2 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. *Badger book purchase approved above with the bills as the invoice was printed for check issue in order to place the order.*

9. **Pellitteri progress report – Arthur.** Open records request received on 2/17 from Godfrey & Kahn/Republic; working with Stafford to compile and submit the records. Request asked for copies of and communications relating to resident complaints and issues with Republic Services. Rural has been notified and will cover the town in the event of litigation.
10. **Update on town hall road bridge property acquisitions – Arthur.** Kopras (parcel 2) meeting with Jewell on the 2/24. Sounds like they will be signing the acquisition paperwork.
11. **Fire/EMS funding allocation committee update – Altschul.** No update, still trying to set a date for a joint meeting. Need to just pick one and go with it.
12. **Calendar of upcoming events**
 - 3/3 – Capital Planning Committee, 6P
 - Open Book/BOR dates confirmation for Catalis Assessor
 - Open Book 5/11 from 3-5 PM
 - BOR 6/8 from 3-5PM
 - 8/10-8/14 – Pellitteri town cleanup week.
 - March meeting moved to 3/16 due to Schwenn legion prior engagement.
13. **Adjournment MOTION** (Schwenn/Altschul) to adjourn at 6:45 PM. 2 ayes, 0 nays.

Minutes taken and submitted by Administrator/Clerk, Jackie Arthur.