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SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** at 7:03 by Rosenbaum. Admin/Clerk Arthur confirmed posting 3/10 on web and sent to Mt. Horeb mail; 3/14 at Town Hall. Rosenbaum attending via Zoom; Hefty & Schwenn in person at Town Hall along with Admin/Clerk Arthur, Treasurer Boelhower-Santi and Patrolman Dahlk. Deputy Clerk Milcarek via Zoom.
2. **Approval of the agenda**
MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to move item 14 (sign thefts) to follow item 5, Deputy Gagner's safety report. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
3. **Minutes of previous Town Board meetings**
 - 2/22 TB meeting – **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve with 2 edits (mention Hughes present via Zoom, and fix Brian Rice spelling). 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 2/28 PC/TB meeting – **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve with no changes. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
4. **Public comment.** S. Gauger passed around article from community in Door County regarding ATC damaged roads. Would like to be part of a Mt. Horeb boundary agreement discussion.
5. **Biannual Springdale safety report from Dane Co. Deputy Sheriff Brooke Gagner.** Deputy Gagner went over calls for service reports. There were 769 calls for service in 2021, 718 in 2020, and 815 in 2019. So far in 2022 there have been 99 calls for service. Last year 40% of calls were traffic related, 15% disturbance (domestic/juvenile). Other Towns 2021 calls: Cross Plains had 654, Blue Mounds had 451. Increase in wellness check calls, had 32 in 2021. Continuing to see car thefts.
6. **Town Road sign thefts.** 8 total signs taken so far this year. Patrolman Dahlk is working to install signs more robustly as well as implementing several techniques to make them harder to steal. Perry and Blue Mounds are also reporting similar thefts. Patrolman suggests a Town-wide email to raise awareness, all agree. Hefty asked Deputy Gagner about the no parking signs on Town Hall and how violators are handled. Ganger explained that she leaves her card on the windshield, get calls back saying they didn't know they were parked illegally. Hasn't written a ticket yet but encourages folks to keep reporting when they see violators parked. Hefty also asked Dep. Gagner about weight limit enforcement for Town Hall Rd. Gagner doesn't have training in weighing vehicles, can only write failure to follow signs ticket.
7. **Statement from treasurer.** So far within budget in all categories. Working on Form CT next week.
8. **ATC environmental impact fee for Springdale.** ATC route shown on the screen. Rosenbaum explained that state requires power companies to reimburse municipalities via an environmental impact fee. Was just made aware on Friday that if the line goes through, Springdale is eligible for ~\$272,000 one time payment and annual payments of ~\$32,000. Line is still tied up in court but will likely be built. Specific conservation related uses for the funds, but municipalities can request approval for other uses.
9. **James Graham, Mt. Vernon Park Assoc.** Graham presented income and expenses for 2021. 3 major events, 4th of July, car show, and 175th celebration. Association doesn't spend any money except from donations. Largest recurring expense is insurance for the park; longstanding donation from Town of Springdale to cover the rising premiums. 21 park rentals in 2021. Will be purchasing additional playground equipment in near future, have funds set aside to make improvements this year or next. Interested in putting on some type of fall festival/homecoming event due to success of the 175th celebration; encourage interested individuals to submit ideas.
10. **Yamil and Rebecca Arbaje driveway approval, 1717 Gammeter Rd.** Hefty visited the driveway. Straightforward; ability for Y turns and EMS vehicle access. Gave Town construction guide to the owners, don't see any issues.
MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve the Arbaje driveway. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

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- 11. Randy Kahl, Lust Rd. upgrade.** Randy Kahl present via Zoom. Town attorney Hughes says Springdale should continue to rely on 1999 ordinance 5-2-1A that states developer of 3rd or more lot pays for road upgrade. Rosenbaum suggested that an agreement be drafted by Hughes that addresses timing of the upgrade, Town road specifications, letter of credit from Kahl of 125% of the project cost. Suggest that Town & Country Engineering draw up plans/specs for upgrading the road with an estimate. Once agreement reached, Town would put it out for bid. Kahl will discuss this week with M. Rooney.
- 12. Old Springdale records and the Wisconsin Historical Society** - approving certain record transfers to the WHS (1985, 1989, 2000 and 2005 tax rolls, along with certain minute and highway books) **and** approving destruction or further retention (at Town Hall or Mt. Horeb Historical Society via an agreement) of all other historical records eligible for disposal.
- MOTION** (Hefty/Schwenn) suggest admin/clerk Arthur contact Mt. Horeb Historical Society 1st to have them look at the records then decide what to do after we hear from them. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
- 13. Springdale Sign Ordinance changes** - discussion of committee recommendations/scheduling public hearing. Rosenbaum thanked Hefty and volunteers for their work to recommend changes to the ordinance. Hefty reminded that when we adopted Dane Co. zoning, we adopted their sign rules. We can only be more restrictive, not less. Rosenbaum pointed out that the recommendations only address road signs, not building signs or roof signs – an oversight that should be addressed. Also, an allowance for variances should be considered as current ordinance doesn't allow for variance. Not ready for a public hearing yet; will need more work first.
- 14. Election inspector pay** - should the Town compensate chief inspectors as election inspectors (\$7.50) or as chief inspectors (\$10) when not performing chief inspector duties on election day (only 1 chief/shift). Deputy/Elections Clerk Milcarek explained that only one person can serve as chief of the polling place at a time/shift, doesn't make sense to pay more than one person if they aren't performing the duties.
- MOTION** (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to compensate chief election inspectors with chief wages only during chief inspector shift. When not performing chief inspector duties, paid as election inspector. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
- Discussion – Deputy Clerk to come up with policy regarding training pay to be discussed in the future.
- 15. Letter from Town Board to Mt. Horeb Re: Comprehensive Plan Update.** Draft letter from Hefty shown on the screen. Needs to be sent to Mt. Horeb before their next meeting on the 30th. Letter frames discussion with 2021 speed study results of overweight vehicles violating weight limits on Town Hall Rd. as the basis for requesting a new N/S connector road to direct future traffic away from Town Hall and Ridgeview roads. Situation will only get worse with all the planned development near Springdale border in the comprehensive plan draft. Rosenbaum voiced reservations with our proposed road following Cardinal Hickory Creek line due to it cutting through an ag field.
- MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to present letter drafted by Wayne to the Village. Schwenn, Hefty aye, Rosenbaum nay. Motion passed; Rosenbaum agreed to sign despite having reservations about the ag field.
- 16. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law update.** Rosenbaum explained trend for road funding is increasingly grant-based. BIL is 80/20 funding. Patrolman feels we should focus on Town Hall Rd., as it is the most heavily travelled. Will discuss further when Rosenbaum is back in town. Schedule road tour for 3/29 at 8:00 a.m.
- 17. Springdale garbage and recycling contract discussion on soliciting bids.** Agreed that admin/clerk will begin to prepare RFP so we can start soliciting bids.
- 18. Town Hall bathroom remodeling update from Supervisor Schwenn/Patrolman.** Haven't visited Habitat for Humanity yet, carryover to April agenda.

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19. **Title searches to confirm lot lines/ROW, update from Admin/Clerk.** Still waiting to hear back from title company; will revisit for April meeting.
20. **Mad City Techs progress update from Admin/Clerk.** Will maintain update each month.
21. **WTA district meeting update from Supervisor Schwenn.** Reported back on BOR training.
22. **Calendar of upcoming events.** Absentee voting on 3/22, 24, 29, & 31. 4/5 is the spring election.
MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to schedule the annual meeting at 6:00 p.m. and the Board meeting at 7 p.m. on 4/19. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

23. **Bills**
MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to pay the bills as presented. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
24. **Adjournment**
MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by Jackie Arthur, Administrator/Clerk