

MINUTES

SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** by Rosenbaum at 7:00 PM. A quorum of TB members were present including Rosenbaum, Altschul and Schwenn. Also present were Treasurer Shatravka and Admin/Clerk Arthur. Patrolman Dahlk absent due to snowstorm earlier in the day. Arthur confirmed posting in accordance with the open meetings law, 3/13 springdalewi.gov and 3/10 at Town Hall. Mt. Horeb Mail & Sunlight Report notified 3/13, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.84(1)(b).
2. **Approval of the agenda** – remove items 6 (Salerno not present) and patrolman’s report (due to Dahlk’s absence from the snowstorm) by unanimous consent.
3. **Minutes of previous Town Board meetings**
 - 2/23 TB meeting – Altschul believes that the Mt. Horeb Mail article covering this meeting mischaracterized her comments concerning Rosenbaum; would like to clarify that the Town minutes more accurately reflect the discussion. **MOTION** (Schwenn/Altschul) to approve as written. Rosenbaum abstained due to travel-related absence. 2 ayes, 0 nays.
4. **Public comment** – K. Hacker on recycling missed pickup due to windy day. Arthur advised contacting Pellitteri.
5. **Treasurer’s report: discussion of revenues, expenses and payment of the bills.** Month of February. Final share of property tax revenues will arrive in August. \$165,000 for Feb. is from tax settlement for garbage and recycling fees. 3.88% monthly interest fee is starting to trend downwards. Expenditures. Repairs on Peterbilt and Dodge trucks ~\$7,000. Sanitation – last month no expenses because Jan and Feb were paid together. Line 21, Town Hall Rd. bridge replacement ~\$9,500 for land acquisition. Budgeted \$100,000 for capital projects fund, Shatravka will wait to move it over to the capital fund. Especially with the bridge expenses upfront, we don’t want to end up short. We will not have to worry about using it for the truck, as the equipment package is delayed.
MOTION (Schwenn/Altschul) to pay the bills as presented. Discussion: invoice from Dale Kelter, fix town garage doors. Rosenbaum/Altschul – can’t read parts of the invoice, unclear amounts and questionable-looking invoice. Will issue payment tonight and address with Dahlk separately on better process going forward. Need to be able to read and understand what is being submitted for payment. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
6. **Dr. Steve Salerno, update on Mt. Horeb School District.** Salerno not present, removed from agenda.
7. **Patrolman’s report**
 - Town Hall generator
 - Burke truck build time delay – letter from Burke about swamped with orders causing delay.
 - Town of Verona, Spring Rose Rd. chipseal
 - List of roads needing contracted work this summer – Altschul asked if the PASER ratings were being used for this list. Rosenbaum asked to get the bids out ASAP. Altschul asked to schedule a quick meeting with Devin before April meeting so we don’t have to wait a month.
8. **Mt. Vernon Park Association Annual Report, James Graham, Jim Ryan and Gail Trainor.** James Graham present, treasurer of Park Assoc. Now they have a 9-person board with 3-person rotation for 3-year terms. Hope to do the e-cycling event again this fall. Financial statement shown to the meeting. Insurance premium is paid by the Town each year. New playground equipment and lawnmower were large purchases. This year grounds around playground will be re-done with new border around playcenter and new surface, run drain tile underneath as well to divert the water. Tug of war was discussed.

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9. **Farley Center Annual Report, Dustin Duve.** Dustin not present. Board had no questions on the submitted annual report.
10. **Rezone Petition #12252, L. and G. Farley Center, 2299 Spring Rose Rd., 25 ac zoned AT 35 to RE (Recreational Zoning District).**
MOTION (Rosenbaum/Altschul) to approve the recommendation of the PC, which is a 25-ac rezone from AT-35 to RE. Discussion: land for cemetery has been zoned AT-35, which is AG zoning. Should have been zoned in RE (recreational) district, but apparently cemeteries are conditional uses in recreational districts. Cemetery isn't an ag use. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
11. **CUP #2697, 2299 Spring Rose Rd., Natural Path Sanctuary L. and G. Farley, Agent: Dustin Duve.**
MOTION (Altschul/Schwenn) to approve the recommendation of the PC to revise the CUP as a maximum increase from 2,700-7,500, and to clarify that flush grave markers are allowed; change language from "family & friends-based burials" to "informal memorial services, "; and a full burial maximum increase from 2,700 to 7,500. Discussion: want to use the other half of the area for the cemetery as well and make clarifications. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
12. **CUP#2699, 3160 Co. Hwy J., Windy Acres LLC, S. Niebuhr.**
MOTION (Altschul/Schwenn) to approve the recommendation of the PC to renew the CUP, removing the previously assigned 2-year expiration date. Discussion – Altschul, no more complaints since the last meeting with the PC. PC agreed that as such, 2-year expiration could be removed. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
13. **Bid opening for back hall/bathroom/closet remodel.** 3 sealed bids received. Bids were compared against the bid publication to ensure accuracy to published specifications.
- Alpencraft Carpentry, Black Earth - \$14,050.
 - Start to Finish (Jeremy Pings) - \$36,163.
 - Premiere Building Solutions - \$28,104.
- MOTION** (Rosenbaum/Altschul) to table this decision until Rosenbaum and Arthur can compare bids and check references. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
14. **New Driveway.** Smith, 8607 Lust Rd. **MOTION** (Rosenbaum/Altschul) to approve the driveway as presented at 8607 Lust Rd. no further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
15. **Appointment of members to Capital Planning Committee.** **MOTION** (Altschul/Schwenn) to appoint 8 Springdale residents - Isaac Vetter, Chris Gargan, Brigid Stark, John Schulting, Tony O'Rourke, John Riley, Barry Crook, and Karl Hacker – along with 9th member patrolman Devin Dahlk to the new capital planning committee, as well as appointing Brigid Stark as chair. Discussion: clarified that it will only be 1 single committee, not 3 separate as per recent confusion. Rosenbaum clarified that he floated sub-groups, and those are now off the table. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
16. **Update on Fire & EMS funding restructuring meeting – Altschul.** Waiting to hear back from MHAJFD Chief J. Minter on dates from the last email. Altschul will attend the next fire board meeting Wednesday night to discuss with Minter if the big meeting room will be available. Trying to get a member of all district towns together to negotiate the funding allocation changes.
17. **Update on Town Hall Rd. Bridge ROW acquisition process – Rosenbaum.** Update given on Rosenbaum/Arthur phone call with Faith Prem and Laura Humphry from Jewell. Status of final parcel (2), Kopras and Lancaster – they did not accept the \$2,200 re-offered by the Town. Jewell responded by asking what their ideal price would be. Kopras/Lancaster requested \$4,500. Board needs to decide if we want to stick with original offer or increase it to some different amount. No matter what amount is accepted, Town will own the land via eminent domain. Jewell fees are \$160/hr. for their work on this. Initially \$8,700 was quoted for the ROW acquisition work, but that assumed all offers would be

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accepted. Parcel 2 has until 3/25 to get their own appraisal and submit it to us. If we want to stick with our original offer of \$2,200, Rosenbaum needs to sign and send the Jurisdictional Offer tonight.

MOTION (Altschul/Schwenn) to sign the JO and proceed. Discussion: Rosenbaum asked what we are on the hook for if they challenge this in court. The Town would be responsible for our court costs, owner would be responsible for theirs, *except* if the court decides their value exceeds the Town's offer by 15% or more – then Town must pay owner's fees. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

- 18. Town garbage service status updates – Arthur.** Town's responsive records were turned over by Arthur to Godfrey Kahn on 3/13 with assistance from Stafford Rosenbaum.
- 19. Update on small structure bridge grant program, \$500 "desktop review" proposal from Jewell on culvert/bridge across Freye's Feeder (near 2279 Town Hall Rd).** Rosenbaum reminded the meeting that in 2024, the Town performed an inventory (initiated by Wis DOT) on all small bridges, defined as between 6 and 20' span, as they are deteriorating rapidly. Springdale has 10 small structures/culverts. Dane County inspected them all last year and rated them 1-10. The lowest ratings we have are rated 4, 2 (Town Hall Rd. bridge and the one over Freyes Feeder). \$30,000,000 for whole state to address these failures. Can apply for grant to get a portion towards fixing the structure. Brand new program. Jewell will write the grant application for us for \$500 (a "desktop review") which includes inspection report review, the highway structures inventory, Google Earth-based, and based on their engineering judgment will come up with proposed replacement structure and estimate a cost. Will reach out to DNR as necessary as well. Applications are due by 5/1. **MOTION** (Rosenbaum/Altschul) to go ahead with the desktop review for \$500 to apply for the new grant program. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
- 20. Resolution 2026-3-1 for transportation funding.** Rosenbaum attended Barneveld meeting of WTA and their opinion that highway funds will become scarcer in the future, so many competing forces (healthcare, education, etc.) that roads will get pinched further. WTA wants all towns to implore their state legislators to come up with longer-term funding strategy for rural roads.
MOTION (Altschul/Schwenn) to approve resolution 2026-3-1. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Roll call was done as that's how the sample resolution was written.
- 21. Ordinance 2026-3-1, amending the recycling ordinance.** Minor changes required by the state.
MOTION (Altschul/Schwenn) to approve the updated recycling ordinance. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
- 22. Calendar of upcoming events**
- 3/23 PC meeting
 - 4/7 Spring Election
 - 4/21 TB mtg. and annual town meeting
 - 5/11 - Open Book from 3-5 PM
 - 6/8 - Board of Review from 3-5 PM
 - 8/10-8/14 town cleanup
- 23. Adjournment MOTION** (Schwenn/Altschul) to adjourn at 8:37 PM. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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