

MINUTES

SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD

TUESDAY, MARCH 21 2023 AT 7:00 PM

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** by Rosenbaum at 7:00 PM. Quorum of Rosenbaum, Hefty and Schwenn present at Town Hall. Also present at Town Hall were Admin/Clerk Arthur, Treasurer Boelhower-Santi, and Deputy Clerk Kalscheur. Patrolman Dahlk not present. Arthur confirmed posting in compliance with the open meeting law on 3/18 online and 3/20 at Town Hall. Mt. Horeb Mail notified 3/18.
2. **Introduction of new Deputy Clerk, Peggy Kalscheur.** Arthur introduced Kalscheur as the new Deputy and Elections Clerk as the former deputy clerk left in November 2022. The Board and meeting attendees welcomed Peggy to the Town.
3. **Approval of the agenda.** The discussion about the old town hall was moved to after the Farley Center discussion by unanimous consent.
4. **Minutes of previous Town Board meetings**
 - 2/28 TB meeting – **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to clarify agenda item 23 that Rosenbaum also attended the 3/10 WTA meeting and approve the remainder of the minutes with no changes. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
 - 3/14 TB meetings – **MOTION** (Schwenn/Rosenbaum) to approve meeting 1 minutes with no edits. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. **MOTION** (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve meeting 2 minutes with no edits. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
5. **Public comment.** Resident S. Gauger thanked Hefty for his work on the rustic road designation for Town Hall Rd., and Patrolman Dahlk for erecting the accompanying 45 mph signs for Town Hall Rd.
6. **Treasurer report and bills.** Boelhower-Santi reported that only one personal property tax payment is missing now. An FYI for budgeting, only have about \$1,900 remaining in budget (\$9,450) for rest of 2023 for plow drivers/extra help, which may not be enough. Only budgeted \$2,500 for bridges – the engineering bill for Town Hall Rd. bridge from Jewell Engineering was \$9,500; the overbudget amount will need to come out of the generic road budget. Would also like to get something in the works for a capital plan (new truck, building, equipment, etc.) and the rest of the ARPA money. Propose regular meetings to start planning.

MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to pay the bills. No questions or concerns. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
7. **James Graham, Mt. Vernon Park Association Annual Report.** James Graham, Assoc. Treasurer, present in Town Hall. Assoc. President, Craig Judd, is out of town. As usual, 4 major events for the association this year: July 4 fireworks, chicken BBQ, car show and fall fest. For the fireworks, they only spend the designated amount and no more. Danny Dahlk donated all the chicken for last year's BBQ. \$5,800 positive for events. Car show was \$5,500 positive. Fall fest only made \$600, but the community seems to love the event. Tug of war had international teams (from Canada and Northern Ireland). Thankful for Springdale's contribution which covers the park insurance. Rosenbaum inquired about the balance of the checking/savings accounts; Graham estimated about a year's worth of budget, approximately \$30,000. Graham will forward the reporting. Graham also mentioned the planned playground expansion this year, as well as bathroom maintenance.
8. **Shedd Farley, Farley Center Annual Report.** Shedd Farley not present at Town Hall. Postpone agenda item until he arrives or put off until April TB meeting.
9. **Old Town Hall steps meeting discussion** – Rosenbaum proposed that Steve Gauger's group meet one evening in April to come up with the design of what the new steps should look like so that the project can be bid out. The Board could also meet that night to get the work started. Consensus was Tuesday,

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4/11 at 6:00 PM on the steps of the old town hall. Discussion will be the steps and the outhouses still standing between the hall and the salt shed.

- 10. Status update from Cleary regarding Town Hall ventilation.** Rosenbaum received an email from Nick at Cleary. Eave venting is incredibly expensive and tough to pull off. Without eave venting, however, building code requires 2xs as much natural ventilation requiring 6 30x30 louvers in the gables. Cannot install louvers in a masonry wall at the end of the gable, will need to contract with an HVAC company/engineer. Schwenn's suggestion was to bite the bullet and re-roof, thereby allowing eave vents by raising the roof/extending the trusses. Since the rafters are all black, better off getting new rafters. Rosenbaum's suggestion was to hire an engineering consultant/HVAC engineer to look at the whole building. Rosenbaum will look after finding a consultant.
- 11. L. Lester, 1668 Liberty St. DC Ordinance violation – update.** Larry Lester present at Town Hall. Rosenbaum had, weeks prior, written a letter to Lester, advising that the trees in the ROW were problematic for plowing, mail delivery, pedestrians/equestrians and general safety. Rosenbaum provided the deadline of 4/1/23 to cut the trees to ground level otherwise the Town would remove them. The Town is legally tasked with maintaining safe and passable roadways. L. Lester proposed that he compromise and instead trim the branches back as the screening of the trees is necessary for the value of his property. Rosenbaum reminded that the sale of private property is not the Town's concern, only safety. Schwenn and Hefty also reminded the meeting that this has been going on for years, and Mr. Lester has not upheld his end of the bargain to keep the limbs in check over time. As such, now is the time for action so that this does not continue to drag out. Trees shouldn't be in the ROW anyway, as they cause a hazard.
- 12. Highlights from WTA district meeting, 3/10.** Rosenbaum and Schwenn attended. Highlights were frustrations with state aids (shared revenues) not increasing or keeping up with inflation. Frustration around complex grant applications that are increasingly used for funding programs. Lack of state aids leave municipalities to turn to levy limit increases and referendums. WTA is lobbying for Towns to be able to lower speed limits. DOT wants to start inventorying bridges under 20' spans.
- 13. Upcoming events**
- March 22 – in-person absentee voting at Town Hall, 2-4 PM
 - March 27 – PC meeting
 - March 28 – in-person absentee voting at Town Hall, 2-4 PM
 - April 4 – Spring election
 - April 18 – Annual electors meeting (6 PM) and TB meeting (7 PM)
 - May 9 – Town board meeting with Rural Insurance (1 PM)

To schedule -

- Reschedule road bid opening meeting – possibly for 4/3. Consensus that it should be 3/29 at 6 PM so that it isn't so close to the election.
- Old town hall step replacement – schedule meeting for April

- 14. Adjournment** at 8:20. **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to adjourn. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by Administrator/Clerk Jackie Arthur