

MINUTES

SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** by Rosenbaum at 7:33 PM. Quorum of Rosenbaum, Hefty and Schwenn present at Town Hall along with Patrolman Dahlk, Deputy Clerk Kalscheur, Treasurer Boelhower-Santi, and Admin/Clerk Arthur. Arthur confirmed posting on 4/14 online and 4/17 at Town Hall, Mt. Horeb Mail notified 4/13 in accordance with open meetings law.
2. **Approval of the agenda.** No changes.
3. **Minutes of previous Town Board meetings**
 - 3/21 TB meeting: **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve with no changes. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 3/27 Joint PC/TB mtg: **MOTION** (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve w/ no changes. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 3/29 TB meeting: **MOTION** (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve with no changes. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 4/11 TB meeting: **MOTION** (Hefty/Rosenbaum) to approve with no changes. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
4. **Public comment.** Schwenn mentioned that John Morton who mows Oak Hill Cemetery will be raising his rate from \$60 to \$75 this year due to the need to pick up beer cans and bottles before he mows.
5. **Treasurer report and bills.** The Town's annual financial report (CT) for the state will be finalized before the May 15 deadline. Recycling grant annual report will be passed off to deputy clerk going forward. Nothing else out of the ordinary. NAPA bill for \$1,000 motor oil is a 55-gallon drum. Oil changes performed once a year on the trucks; drum will last 4 or so years.
MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to pay the bills. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
6. **Chuck Teasdale/Riley Tavern request for special permit for amplified sound, pursuant to Springdale Code 7-2-17(c), Special Permit For Events with Amplified Sound or Music in the Outdoor Consumption Area:**
 - Saturday, 5/6 from 2 – 5:00 PM
 - Saturday, 5/20 from 2 – 5:00 PM
 - Saturday, 6/10 from 4 – 7:00 PM
 - Saturday, 6/24 from 2 – 5:00 PM
 - Saturday, 7/22 from 6 – 9:00 PM

Amplified, live music in the outdoor consumption area designated and approved in the liquor license. There will be no additional tenting or dance floor, music will begin and end at the time(s) indicated above, no anticipated surge in attendance over normal operations, and there will be a licensed operator working in the outdoor consumption area throughout the day. **MOTION** (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve the proposed events for amplified music. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
7. **Shedd Farley, Farley Center Annual Report.** Shedd Farley present at Town Hall, presented annual report and answered various questions. Financial report was shown to the meeting on PowerPoint. Natural burials are becoming more popular. After the last site is sold, it is estimated they will need to be around for another 75 years minimum for those who will yet pass on.

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The following report has been prepared in compliance with the **Memorandum of Agreement** between the Town of Springdale and the Linda and Gene Farley Center for Peace, Justice & Sustainability, Inc. (dated June 9, 2011). As specified in the MOA, the following information is being provided:

Number of Burial Rights sold (January 1st, 2022 thru December 31, 2022):
Body burial rights = 195 Cremains rights = 32

Cumulative sales total (from June 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2022):
Body burial rights = 870 Cremains rights = 124

Number of burials (January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022):
Body burials = 51 Cremains burials = 12

Cumulative total (from June 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2022):
Body burials = 251 Cremains burials = 60

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8. **Driveway - Premiere Builders/Circle R Ranch**, Lot 1 CSM 12292, Bruner Rd. parcel 0607-104-9160-0. Rosenbaum thought everything looked fine, no issues. No board questions.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to approve driveway for Circle R Ranch. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

9. **Driveway - Tim O'Brien Homes/Hemanth & Debra Sheno**i, Gammeter Rd. parcel 0607-363-9865-0. After the site visit and in consultation with Dane County, Rosenbaum requested that the driveway access be at least 150' from the edge of Spring Rose Rd. as the original submission from Tim O'Brien Homes was only 106' from the southern edge of the driveway to Spring Rose Road. PowerPoint slides reflect 154' of distance.

Discussion: Hefty questioned whether Springdale's ordinance specified the actual distance from intersection for the driveway. Arthur read aloud the ordinance requirement of 250' of horizontal distance from the centerline of the access point to the centerline of an intersecting street, road or highway, Section 3.8 (11) of Springdale's Driveway Ordinance. The ordinance requirement of 250' would be off the lot. Gammeter is a dead-end road with very minimal traffic. Ordinance does allow for a variance, Arthur directed the Board to section 3.12:

3.12 VARIANCE. Where the Town Board finds that an undue hardship may result from strict compliance with the provisions of this chapter, it may consider granting a variance to one or more provisions so that substantial justice may be done and the public interest secured, provided that any such variance shall not have the effect of nullifying the purpose and intent of this chapter and provided that the Town Board shall making findings based upon information presented to it in each specific request that all the following are applicable:

(1) Safety. The granting of the variance will not be detrimental to the public safety, health or welfare; (2) Uniqueness. The conditions upon which the variance request is based are unique to the property for which the variance is sought and are not generally applicable to other properties; (3) Hardship. Because of the particular physical surroundings or topographical conditions of the specific property involved, an undue hardship to the property owner would result, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience or financial considerations, if the strict letter of the regulations were enforced. (4) Measures of Protection Provided. The variance shall include measures to provide an equivalent level of health, safety, and environmental protection as the chapter provision being varied and shall under no circumstances prevent access of public safety vehicles and equipment to structures served by the driveway.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to approve Sheno*i* driveway off Gammeter Rd., with the understanding that the driveway would be ~187' from the centerline of Spring Rose Rd. Variance will not be detrimental to public health, safety, or welfare because of the low traffic. Conditions are unique to this property. Hardship would be that owners could not put in driveway. Chairman does not feel that any other measures of protection are applicable. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

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- 10. April 4 election recap and thank you to election inspectors.** Arthur provided the meeting with an election recap and thanked the inspectors for their great work. **1551** registered voters in Springdale, **979** total votes cast, **63%** turnout, **209** absentees issued, **184** absentees returned/counted, **795** voters through town hall on election day, **43** in-person absentee voters on the 2 days (4 hours total) of IPAV voting.

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Rich Henderson
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11. Old Town Hall

- Request for bids for steps - deliverable from 4/11 meeting with S. Gauger's volunteer group. S. Gauger present with Springdale resident and architect Rod Helt. Helt suggestions: raise up the concrete slab so there is no threshold to the door. 7" max stair rises (currently 8"), standard wrought iron rail with 4" max opening, will need wooden ramp eventually. Door will have to swing out to the North (currently swings out to the South) when it is replaced. Helt suggested obtaining a general contractor to do this work. Dahlk and Rosenbaum will contact GCs and report back for the May meeting.
- Disposition of old outhouses. Outhouses are currently in bad shape and at risk of being blown over or falling down. Karl Hacker, Springdale resident and former board chairman, feels that as part of the historic property and considering Town Hall Road's rustic road status, we should keep them. They currently sit on a cement pad that was added years ago. Hefty noted that if we ever wanted to obtain historic status for the building, we would need to have replicas or facsimiles anyway. Important for preserving historic value. Schwenn agreed that we should save them. Rosenbaum – wary of spending too much Town money on them; who will do the work? Discussion was tabled until more can be decided. Karl Hacker and resident Jim Esser will take a closer look at them in the meantime.

- 12. Pavement marking estimate from Dane Co.** came back at \$1,800 for Dane County to re-stripe the very faded current markings on Ridgeview Rd. from Kwik Trip to CTH P.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to approve Dane Co. re-stripping of Ridgeview Rd. for \$1,800. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- 13. Building evaluation estimate from Facility Engineering Madison.** Rosenbaum proposed hiring Facility Engineering to evaluate the status of the town hall in order to get a better plan for the insulation needs as well as the general useful life of the structure and any other needed items. Facility Engineering will charge \$2,500 and will be able to provide a report at the June 20 meeting.

MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to go ahead with the proposed evaluation from facility engineering. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- 14. Dane County Emergency Response Planning.** Town received an email from Dane County Emergency management Department on 4/4 notifying municipalities in the southwest quadrant of the County of the

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statutory requirement to have an emergency manager and emergency response plan. Hefty recalled (corroborated by K. Hacker in audience) that Springdale may already have one from around the time of the Barneveld tornado (1984). Deputy Kalscheur will investigate the possible existence of such a plan for the May meeting.

- 15. Year-round weight limit posting of Springdale roads – discussion.** Admin/Clerk Arthur read in Wisconsin Transportation Bulletin No. 8 (Using Weight Limits to Protect Local Roads) that posting road weight limits year-round, as Springdale does, requires an ordinance and an official classification of “Class B” roadway. No such ordinance could be found on record. Hefty – this action of classifying Town roads as Class B was voted down a long time ago; we shouldn’t be posting year-round. Dahlk estimates we have been posting for about 10 years. No board action taken.
- 16. DS200 issues from Spring Election – discussion.** Clerk explained the DS200 freezes/malfunctions during public testing of the election machines and on election day (4/4). While there were no errors in tabulation during the multiple public tests or on election day, Arthur will ensure the issues are taken care of and that the machine is properly serviced prior to the next election in 2024.
- 17. Calendar of upcoming events**
- 4/24 PC meeting – 7 PM
 - 5/5 AE COM mtg. – 1PM
 - 5/9 TB meeting with Rural Insurance – 1 PM
- 18. Adjournment**
- MOTION** (Schwenn/hefty) to adjourn at 9:15 PM. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by Administrator/Clerk Jackie Arthur