

MINUTES

SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023 AT 8:00 AM

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** by Rosenbaum at 8:10 a.m. Quorum of Rosenbaum, Hefty and Schwenn present at Town Hall, along with AECOM representative Jeff Whitman and Majid Allen from Dane County. Admin/Clerk Arthur present via Zoom. Arthur confirmed posting on 4/25 in accordance with the open meeting law.
2. **Approval of the agenda.** No changes.
3. **Meeting with AECOM Technical Services representative Jeff Whitman to discuss broadband improvement initiatives in Springdale.** General discussion, no action. Springdale is a difficult place to provide large-scale broadband improvements due to the rural, dispersed nature of the homes. Not financially lucrative enough for telecoms to invest large amounts of money in small clusters of homes. Imposing requirements on developers to lay conduit when other utilities are going in is an AECOM suggestion; however, unlike villages and cities, Springdale is 100% private sewer and water, and the Town does not allow subdivision development where this would usually occur. MHTC and TDS are the two providers of broadband in the Town. MHTC is, independent of Town incentives, working to expand broadband reach into Springdale. TDS (the largest territory in Springdale) occasionally lays fiber cable to small clusters of homes. Past attempts to partner with TDS for grant monies have not been successful. Whitman also emphasized that most grant monies are awarded to *unserved* or severely underserved areas; most of Springdale is served.
4. **Adjournment**
MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. no further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

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