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SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** by Rosenbaum at 7 PM.
Admin/Clerk Arthur confirmed posting online 6/17, and 6/20 at Town Hall. Mt. Horeb Mail notified 6/17. A quorum of all members present at Town Hall, as well as Admin/Clerk Arthur, Deputy Milcarek, Treasurer Boelhower-Santi and Patrolman Dahlk.
2. **Approval of the agenda. MOTION** (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve the agenda. 3 ayes, motion carried.
3. **Minutes of previous Town Board meetings**
 - 5/17 TB meeting. Hefty noted that “bids” throughout should be referred to as proposals. Rosenbaum suggested that item 12 be reworded to “S. Gauger to lead a resident committee to ~~restore the building~~ explore uses for possible restoration...” **MOTION** (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to approve with these edits. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
 - 5/23 TB mtg. for bridge aid expenses. **MOTION** (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
4. **Public comment** – none.
5. **Treasurer report.** Boelhower-Santi presented a new report from MARGE software to the Board; nothing out of balance for the month. The ARPA roadwork spending authorized by the Board at the May 3 meeting will require a budget amendment for next month when we get the bill. Second batch of ARPA deposited today - \$105,087.23. Also mentioned was that some Town-issued checks have not been cashed; treasurer unable to reach some individuals due to lack of contact information. Can give Dane Co. the uncashed sum and they will work to find the people. Election workers/PC members will be contacted regarding their uncashed checks.
6. **Lust Rd. update.** Permanent stormwater management is not needed per Dane Co. Could put out for bid in July. Longitudinal slope issue identified by Town & Country Engineering – slope for the last ~200’ is 12%; max slope per Town code is 8% which is not possible here without lowering the elevation of the cul-de-sac. 10% may be achievable but would eliminate salvaging a good bit of the current road and requires more blending to match the lots to the east. Patrolman has no issues plowing w/existing slope.
MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to table the slope issue until the 6/27 meeting in order to further investigate Springdale road specifications/possibility for variance. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
7. **Liquor and operator licenses.** Riley Tavern and Mt. Vernon Park Assoc. submitted renewals by the deadline, did not receive Mt. Vernon Tap on time to make this meeting.
 - Riley Tavern, renewal of combination Class B (beer and liquor) retail license and operators. Admin/clerk confirmed background checks and building inspection were performed and returned no concerns.
MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to approve the renewal for the Riley Tavern. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to approve renewing operators for Sandra Hall, Cody Bauer, Kelly Carden, Amber Mieden, Jessica Docken, Ryley O’Brien, Danette Dahlk, Tracey Young and Charles and Kathryn Teasdale. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
 - Mt. Vernon Park Assoc. Admin/Clerk confirmed background checks revealed no issues.
MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve 2 picnic/temporary Class “B” retailer licenses for the July 4 fireworks and the July 30 car show. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to approve 4 temporary operator licenses – 2 for James Graham and 2 for Craig Judd for the July 4 and July 30 events. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
8. **Fireworks permit – Mt. Vernon Park Association July 4 display. Discussion – keep on agenda in future years? Ordinance does not mention board approval.**
MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to approve the permit. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

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MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to authorize the administrator/clerk to approve fireworks permits in the future. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- 9. Jesse Vogel, Lot 1 CSM 15770 CTH G (Sec. 25), rezone from SFR 2 to RR 2.** Rosenbaum explained that animals not allowed under SFR-2 (current zoning), J. Vogel wishes to keep a horse or cow.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to approve the PC recommendation to rezone this lot from SFR-2 to RR-2. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- 10. Town trail system discussion, pursue regardless of ATC monies.**

- 11. Conservation easement discussion with Stephanie Judge, conservation director with Driftless Area Land Conservancy.** Rosenbaum introduced S. Judge who presented slides on conservation easements. Resident M. Healy requested that the Board think about Town trail system to connect with Donald Park. Shared [rough map of suggested trail corridors](#) with the meeting. Rosenbaum suggested M. Healy lead a volunteer committee to identify possible interested residents willing to donate an easement for this purpose; interested landowners could be invited to a dedicated meeting for this topic. Town could work with Healy to send email blast to subscribers if he drew up language for an email.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to authorize M. Healy to craft an email to be sent via Town email system to gauge resident interest in conservation easements/trail system. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

- 12. Consideration of Town garbage/recycling proposals for 2023-2027.** Admin/clerk explained spreadsheet detailing the proposals received and the cost to the Town. Rosenbaum suggested visiting recycling facilities to learn more about how they operate.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to table decision on proposals until after facility visit(s). Will address again at August meeting. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- 13. Old town hall - status of citizen committee to rehabilitate.** S. Gauger walked through the old town hall with an architect; building is in surprisingly good condition. Requesting TB approval to get estimates for tuckpointing, porch canopy repair, gutters (none currently). Gauger passed around [a report from the citizen committee to the Board](#).

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to authorize the citizen committee to get estimates on the above items. Estimators should be aware that we would need bids for this work to be completed. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- 14. Driveway safety discussion concerning 2789 Town Hall Rd.** Hefty - rustic road designation could lower speed on Town Hall Rd to 45 or even 35; Town should apply. Could cite Town Hall Rd. unique features of interest such as Donald Park/Donald Rock, the honey facility, historic town hall, Norwegian cemetery. Board needs resolution to apply for rustic road status as well as 6 or more Town petitioners.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to approve Hefty to proceed with rustic road application process. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to authorize the purchase/installation of a "hill blocks view" sign with a speed limit of 35 beneath it. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- 15. Sign ordinance review – Wayne Hefty variance proposal.** Discussion concerning past draft that allowed the Board too much latitude for variances; new submitted draft language from Hefty shown in the slides for consideration. Rosenbaum – good compromise; suggest that ground signs be allowed, shouldn't be forced to put a sign up in the air. Lighted signs should also be allowed as long as the business is open but should be turned off when closed.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to allow ground signs that were for some reason disallowed on page 5, under (3), zoning for certain on-premise signs for properties zoned GC (General Commercial), LC (Limited Commercial), or HAM-M (Hamlet-Mixed Use). No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to amend the draft to allow signs for commercial/HAM-M to be lit only when the business is open. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

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MOTION (Hefty/Rosenbaum) to adopt Hefty's submitted variance language as presented and shown in the slides, which is essentially Dane County's variance language. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Rosenbaum agreed to incorporate these changes and submit a new draft for adoption at July's meeting.

16. Land Division and Subdivision Code, changes to public hearing language via Ordinance 2022-6-1.

Admin/clerk submitted draft of amended land division and subdivision code. Draft language was forwarded to A. Jester, PC chair, but she has not yet had time to review.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to table until July. Discussion – would like Jester to have an opportunity to provide feedback on the amendments as it concerns the Plan Commission. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

17. Hybrid meeting rules. New draft submitted by Rosenbaum, different than what was presented by admin/clerk last month. One main difference is that this version leaves virtual/in-person participation to the discretion of the presiding chair.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) that the draft policy as presented be adopted. Hefty suggested removing "Board" before residents in (4) of the draft and changing "residents" to "persons." Rosenbaum agreed to incorporate the edits into the draft to be adopted, no objections. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Admin/clerk will post these rules online as a Town Board policy.

18. Set fee for large wind energy system ordinance (07-10-3). Admin/clerk discovered the ordinance didn't have a fee associated with it when reviewing it for a resident inquiry.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to implement a fee of \$100 into the ordinance and Town fee schedule for action at July's meeting. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

19. BIL and 2023 Dane Co. Bridge Aid App update from patrolman/clerk, TB decision on status of County Bridge Aid Application. Hefty – recommendation that, due to incomplete information from KL Engineering, Town should request to withdraw our application from the County. Jewell Engineering is reasonably sure that BIL funding for next year will cover bridges under 20' at 80/20 County/Town cost share and we could also still apply for 50/50 County aid to make the Town's portion ~10%.

MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to withdraw the Town's application from the County bridge aid program, citing inadequate information causing the requested funding to be much less than actual costs. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

20. Open records training update from admin/clerk. Estimated cost from Town attorney for a ~1 hour-long training and preparation would be ~\$800. Discussion: admin/clerk should check with neighboring Towns to see if there is interest in attending and cost-sharing. Keep on agenda for July.

21. Update on attempt to visit Mr. Lester at 1668 Liberty St. in Mt. Vernon regarding overgrown arborvitae. Due to difficulties locating Mr. Lester both by mail and at his home, Patrolman will trim the arborvitae for safety purposes.

22. Calendar of upcoming events. Deputy Milcarek suggested we add August 9 primary to calendar.

- 6/27: TB meeting @ 1:30 p.m.; TB meeting @ 6:30 p.m.; PC meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 7/28 Open Book (4:00-6:00 p.m.)
- 8/16 BOR (3:00-5:00 p.m.)

23. Bills. New propane contract just came in the mail, will add to 6/27 agenda to approve. Admin/clerk also proposed that the Town switch to annual billing for Mad City Techs in order to defray some of the cost increase they are passing on from Microsoft's nearly 10% cost increase on subscription services.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to switch to annual billing for Mad City. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

24. Adjournment. **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to adjourn at 10:08 p.m. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

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