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SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** by Rosenbaum at 7:00 PM. Quorum of TB members present at Town Hall – Rosenbaum, Hefty and Schwenn. Also present at Town Hall were Patrolman Dahlk, Treasurer Shatrawka and Admin/Clerk Arthur. Arthur confirmed posting in accordance with the open meetings law 9/10 springdalewi.gov and 9/10 at Town Hall. Mt. Horeb Mail notified 9/10.
2. **Approval of the agenda**
3. **Minutes of previous Town Board meetings**
 - 8/20 TB meeting. **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve the minutes. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 9/9 TB budget work session 1. **MOTION** (Hefty/Rosenbaum) to approve the minutes. 2 ayes, 0 nays, Schwenn abstained due to absence.
4. **Public comment.** None.
5. **Treasurer’s report and bills.** Nothing new to report. Revenues – right on budget. Expecting shared revenue and transportation aid before the end of the year. Expenses –were over by one item in public safety, because we didn’t anticipate/budget paying \$16,800 in fire dues.
MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to pay the bills. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
6. **MHJFD Budget request summary.** Chief Jenny Minter and Mike Lamberty (Springdale representative to the fire district) present. Call volume increased in Town of Springdale from 2022-23. 223 calls for Springdale last year. Biggest concern and cause for increase is staffing. Volunteerism is declining; still missing calls. There were 31 calls that there was no crew for and the mutual aid company had to pick up. A solution for this would be to move full-time staff to a full rotational shift. Fill-in/part time staffing Monday – Friday – weekends have a higher call volume. \$59,900 total additional requested. 11% increase in state health insurance costs. USDA now requires an annual audit for the building loan. \$44,000 for daytime shift workers. 9 brand new firefighters starting class tomorrow night as a result of a media push. Overall ask is 3.9% increase, for a \$13,771 increase for Springdale. Next Wednesday night at 7PM is MHAJFD budget meeting.
MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to support the Joint Fire District budget request on 9/25. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
7. **Driveway |** Brian Riefke, LOT 1 CSM 15089 Hwy | 92. Driveway was staked and visited by Rosenbaum – saw no issues.
MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to approve the driveway as presented. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
8. **Consideration of single-axle plow truck purchase.** This use was approved by PSC for the Town’s ATC monies. The lead time on a new truck is 3-4 months. It is estimated that prices will probably go up 3-3.5% next year. If we order now, it will just sit. If we ordered in December, it would at least be outside at Burke in March/April, ready for snow next year. Could delay whole schedule one year, earn interest on it, \$137,000 in the bank. Schwenn thinks we should wait, gains in interest would be a wash with the price increase. Consensus was to place on the agenda for next year at this time to reconsider. Rosenbaum – we should leave money in the bank, continue to use our truck another year and order new truck December of next year. Capital planning committee is recommending going to a 12-year replacement cycle, we’re at 9 years now. Dahlk disagreed; there is currently no warranty left on it, should replace it and start the cycle over with a new truck.
MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to table the truck purchase at this time, until August 2025 agenda. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
9. **Patrolman’s report**

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- Grimstad Rd. reconstruction update – waiting to hear from Finks, sounds like end of September/beginning of October for work to start. Need to get straw matting for Cheryl Sutter’s yard. Will look at it again in the spring for possible double sealing. There will not be a ditch by the tree farm due to fiber being buried there. Stone will be brought in to bring it up.
- Truck repair estimates from Truckstar and Peterbilt after accident. 2 bids, truck star didn’t include replacement – just repair – of the emissions mix tank. Peterbilt was \$25,016.88. Truck star was \$7,000. Peterbilt didn’t recommend welding as truck star was planning to because it could continue to crack. Dahlk checked with Rural that they would pay for Peterbilt repair after the \$500 deductible.

10. Consideration of assessment company search. Already placed in WTA magazine, deadline for October magazine was yesterday. WTA recommends choosing an assessor in your region, as they know the market better.

11. Town Hall garage ventilation: expected visit by Hein engineer on September 18 at 10A.

12. WTA fall workshop takeaways – Rosenbaum/Shatrawka. Rosenbaum – shared revenue expected to be flat next year, this year about \$84,000. New formula based on sales tax collections; collections projected to be flat. Transportation aids will stay the same per mile. State now offering a new bartender license allowing servers to work anywhere in the state. Shatrawka – geared more towards clerks, but learned that budgeting in categories means you don’t need to amend the budget for each line item. Increase for fire can be added to levy limit worksheet - not part of actual levy.

13. Deputy clerk update. Arthur will not be pursuing another deputy at this late stage before the November election.

14. Calendar of upcoming events

- Set date for employee reviews. 9/30 at 1:00.
- Set further budget work session dates
- 9/18 at 10 AM – TB mtg., garage ventilation
- 9/20 at 8 AM – 2nd budget planning meeting
- 9/23 at 11 AM – BOR hearings
- 9/23 at 7 PM – PC meeting
- 9/24 at 3 PM – BOR hearings
- 9/25 Fire Dept. annual budget meeting
- 10/7 - final BOR meeting

15. Adjournment

MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to adjourn at 8:26PM. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Minutes taken and submitted by Administrator/Clerk Jackie Arthur.