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SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 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 Rosenbaum, Hefty and Schwenn present at Town Hall, along with Admin/Clerk Arthur, Deputy Clerk Kalscheur, Treasurer Boelhower-Santi and Patrolman Dahlk. Meeting also broadcast via Zoom. Arthur confirmed posting on 9/15 springdalewi.gov and 9/18 at Town Hall, Mt. Horeb Mail notified 9/15.
2. **Approval of the agenda.** No changes made.
3. **Minutes of previous Town Board meetings**
 - 8/15 TB meeting – **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
 - 9/5 TB meeting w/ Alan Harvey – **MOTION** (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to approve. 2 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Schwenn abstained as he was absent.
 - 9/15 TB meeting w/ Dan Maki – **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

4. **Public comment.** No public comment.

5. **Treasurer’s report and bills.**

Treasurer’s Report: Tax bill printing charges haven’t changed from last year for our 2-piece insert. We will be sending a check in Nov. for their initial print/mail estimate. Register of Deeds (ROD) has a flyer concerning property fraud to include with our tax inserts if we are interested. They send a 1/3-page color insert directly to the printer free of charge (aside from small insertion fee) to include if we would like.

MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to process and mail tax bills via same 3rd party organization with the ROD insert as well. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Check was sent to Dane Co. for 2020 and 2021 unclaimed funds and is now off of our books. County is now in charge of getting that money back to people.

According to the County’s report, only 3 homes have not paid septic and recycling fees for this year. Dog licenses are also up to date. \$5,899 left in Public Works budget; will need to figure out an exact number to cover the deficiency for a budget amendment next month.

Bills: Schwenn – Ridgeview road striping bill from Dane county (\$3,284) is far from the original estimate (\$1,800). The Village of Mount Horeb should reimburse for their portion of the road striping. Hefty – the Town should be wary of hiring the County in the future aside from a firm quote. Devin should measure and present a bill to the Village prorated based on number of feet.

Mowing – Hefty doesn’t feel that the cemetery should have been mowed every week in August with the lack of rain. Schwenn agreed to call Jon Morton and challenge this bill as he said he’d only mow when needed.

MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to pay the bills as presented. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

6. **Patrolman’s report**

- Roadwork update. Finally did ditching on Dahlk circle – charged \$100 less as the job went quicker than expected. Trying to finish patching before weather changes.
- Paulson Rd. bridge update. Finished with hand-laid riprap to bring bridge into compliance with inspection reports.
- Town Hall shop door replacement. Vendors not getting back to Dahlk on the door. Will need to retrofit as it is an oddly sized door. Dahlk will check back in with Hefty’s recommended Minnesota vendor again.

7. **MHAJFD budget update – Fire District Representative for Springdale, Mike Lamberty & MHAJFD Chief Jenny Minter.** Mike Lamberty, Cameron and Carissa (FD members) present at Town Hall. Chief Minter not present. Rosenbaum informed the meeting that the Town pays around \$280,000/yr. for the FD – dues are one of our largest expenditures. FD is seeking a 24% increase in their

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budget. Schwenn and Rosenbaum attended Mt. Horeb FD budget meeting on 9/7 presented by Chief Minter, Town will vote on the budget at the 9/27 FD meeting.

3 new positions requested in budget (deputy chief, part-time admin position and full-time firefighter/EMT). Deputy chief position is currently vacant. Along with assisting the Chief, this position would respond to fire and EMS calls. The full-time firefighter/EMT would add 2,500 hours to help with calls over the year. No separate capital expenses. Almost 50% of ambulance transports are Medicaid, which doesn't cover costs.

- **Board consideration of Springdale support of proposed fire department budget**

Additional shared revenue amount for Springdale is \$65,009, set to receive next year. Under this proposed budget, the entire amount of new money from 2023 Act 12 would be absorbed by the MHAJFD and then some. M. Lamberty – just trying to play catch up now, with all of this extra money available. Hefty inquired if the new shared revenue increase would affect the Town's levy if it all goes to the FD. Boelhower-Santi confirmed that the new aid doesn't change the base levy. Rosenbaum – really concerned about the size of the increase, although FDs all over the state are having the same issue with a lack of volunteers. 188 calls for service in the Town of Springdale last year. Hefty – also concerned that surrendering this new money will come back to haunt us and public works will suffer. Increase is too much but do also want to support the FD and understand the need. Proposed increase for next year is 6%, also very steep.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to support the fire district's budget as proposed. Discussion: Schwenn added that if you ever need the services, you'll be glad they're there. Rosenbaum and Hefty agreed. While the increase is steep, we don't really have much of a choice. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

8. Driveways

- **Jeff & Linda Miller/Sanctified Homes, Lot 3 CSM 15766, Spring Rose Rd.** Rosenbaum – Looking for approval of Part 1, which allows entrance on Spring Rose Rd. Don't know homesite yet, so can't approve Part 2. Rosenbaum confirmed shared driveway agreement is already on file with Dane Co.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to approve for Part 1 only along Spring Rose Rd. for Sanctified Homes, Jeff and Linda Miller. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

- **Justin Anderson/Red Pill Crypto, N. Kollath Rd. (shared).** No rep present from Red Pill. 4-lot division approved, 1 shared drive for all 4 lots. Developer provided accepted shared driveway agreement as recorded with the County. An engineered drawing is required because of the slope, ordinance says max slope is no more than 10%. Each individual homeowner will have to apply for their own driveway. Depending on driveway lengths off of the shared drive, may need to include a turnaround for emergency vehicles.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to approve parts 1 & 2 of the Red Pill Crypto development on N. Kollath Rd. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- **Thomas (TJ) Morris/Premiere Builders, Lot 2 CSM 15206, Hwy 92 (shared).** Morris present at Town Hall. Back in 2016, split was approved for this (Steinhauer) property. A requirement at the time was that the original farmhouse/residence would share a driveway with the other approved parcel. Since Hwy 92 is a state highway, there was a concern about adding more driveways. The driveway is currently only 12' wide; however, since it will be shared, it will need to be at least 18' wide and 16' drive surface to meet ordinance requirements. Shared driveway agreement already recorded years ago with Dane Co. Possible additional complication with Deer Creek as the driveway crosses the river. Owner's engineer will be working with the

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County to secure the shoreland zoning permit. May not be able to widen over the creek. Aside from this complication, everything looks in order.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to approve the driveway permit conditionally on receiving the County shoreland zoning permit. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

- **Howard & Christine Dahlk, 2134 Co. Hwy J (shared).** Gladys Simon (Dahlk realtor) present at Town Hall. County Hwy Dept. has approved the existing agricultural access off of Hwy J to be used for the shared drive. Rosenbaum walked the area with surveyors, everything appears to be in order, no excessive slopes. Have a shared driveway agreement, but not yet recorded with the County.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to approve the driveway permit conditionally on receiving the recorded shared driveway agreement. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

9. **Class “A” Beer and Class “A” Cider Only Alcohol Beverage License Applications, Apple Farmer LLC, Rami Aburomia.** Rami present at Town Hall. Plans are to have Brix Cider ferment and bottle his cider to be sold. Hoping to develop more of a store there at the orchard. Working on a CUP to be able to sell other vendor’s farm products. Admin/Clerk verified all conditions have been met with this application and confirmed w/DOR that the state requires cider-only applicants to first obtain a Class “A” Beer license.

MOTION (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve both licenses for Class “A” Beer and Class “A” Cider only, although beer will not be sold. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

10. **Town Hall Rd. bridge – update on upcoming deadlines for state/federal funding.** Jewell Engineering (retained for bridge project) will be applying for County aid on behalf of the Town in 2024. Bridge construction will not happen until 2025. Arthur applied 9/1 for the federal Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program – a no-match grant for rural infrastructure projects. Applications will be reviewed in batches and moneys are awarded first come, first served from 8/14 until application closes on 9/28. Bureau anticipates awarding 5-10 grants each year. \$1.8 million for FY 2023 is available.
11. **Town Hall roofing and attic repairs update.** Rosenbaum – special meeting with Dan Maki (Facility Engineering) last Friday. He will be drawing up an RFP for roofing repair and truss maintenance.
12. **Town road signage maintenance discussion.** Hefty mentioned some signs around the Town need to be fixed or replaced as they are leaning, insufficiently supported, etc. – need to hire additional help to assist with getting signage looking better, possibly snowplow extra help? Dahlk agreed it would be easier with 2 people. Will need many new signs and posts, lots of hours to complete. Hefty and Rosenbaum volunteered time to help. Will touch base again next month.
13. **Old town hall - update on steps and door replacement.** Will likely be October before Finks can replace the steps. New door was ordered 7 or 8 weeks ago, lead time is 8-10 weeks.
14. **Draft Solar Ordinance – feedback from Atty. Fleming, Murphy Desmond SC.** Plan Commissioner Altschul will summarize attorney edits for PC on Monday. Once the PC gives their blessing, it will be back to the Board in October to adopt the ordinance.
15. **Springdale Capital Improvement Planning Committee update, Treasurer/committee lead Boelhower-Santi.** No quorum was present, so no meeting was held. Rescheduled to next Tuesday. Also lost a member, so trying to find a replacement so there is an odd number of members.
16. **Fly Dane – Dane Co. funding request, determination on Springdale’s buy-in.** Arthur summarized request from the County – looking to have county-wide municipal buy-in for 3-inch imagery vs. the current 6-inch resolution for Access Dane. Arthur requested an example, which was shown on the slides. Difference is barely discernable between the two resolutions. For our purposes, 6-inch resolution is more

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than sufficient. Cost for 3-inch would be \$3,300 – the Town last paid \$1,939.62 in 2017 for 6” resolution. Board consensus is that for a rural town, the extra cost is not in our interest.

17. 2022 levy limit penalty update. Boelhower-Santi confirmed that the July shared revenue payment hit our bank account this month, the last portion will be disbursed in November.

18. Calendar of upcoming events

- Schedule budget work session dates
– agreed on 10/2, 10/9 at 3 PM for 1st two work sessions.
- Discussion/schedule staff reviews
- 9/25 – PC meeting
- 9/26 WTA fall workshops – Barneveld
- 10/23 & 24 – WTA fall convention

19. Adjournment

MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to adjourn at 8:57 PM. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by Administrator/Clerk Jackie Arthur.

