

# MINUTES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 at 8:00 AM

## TOWN BOARD BUDGET WORK SESSION 2

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** by Rosenbaum at 8 AM. Quorum of TB members present including Rosenbaum, Schwenn, and Hefty. Also present at Town Hall include Patrolman Dahlk, Treasurer Shatrawka and Admin/Clerk Arthur. Arthur confirmed posting in accordance with the open meetings law on 9/13 & 9/17/24 springdalewi.gov and 9/16 & 9/17 at town hall. Mt. Horeb Mail notified 9/13/24.
2. **Approval of agenda** by unanimous consent
3. **Discussion of 2025 Springdale budget.**

### Expenses

- Combine snowplow and road work extra help categories as they are essentially tracking the same thing. \$16,500 approximately on the two accounts for 2024. 2025 Budget: \$17,000.
- Equipment Fuel/Oils: 2025 Budget: \$17,000.
- Town Hall Properties – garage insulation plus pest control expenses, as well as smart thermostat for the shop so we can control the heat over the weekend. 2025 Budget: \$12,600.
- Spring Cleanup – fees will be added to tax bills. Will still budget for expense. 2025 Budget: \$3,600.
- Southwest Dane (Mt. Horeb Senior Center) – increase requested for 2025. 2025 Budget: \$14,597.
- Mt. Vernon Park – premiums from 2024 (to be paid in 2025) are \$3,370. 2025 Budget: \$3,370.
- Capital Outlay and General Public Buildings – Overbudget by \$7,601. Between \$30,000 and \$50,000 estimated yet to be determined for spending this year for ventilation expenses. \$100,000 budgeted was supposed to be for the roof. \$24,300 for salt shed exterior pad is also in this category. General public buildings account definition from the state chart of accounts is “expenditures for constructing or remodeling of general municipal buildings such as town hall, additions to parking lots, and acquisition of land for future expansion.” Shop door repair expenses for 2024 should be coded under town hall maintenance/properties. Salt shed concrete should still be under General Public Buildings.
- Transfer to Capital Projects Fund: \$100,000 was the recommendation of the Capital Planning Committee. Will leave this amount for now and see how the budget comes out.

### Revenues

- Town portion property taxes - \$733,000 (levy with net new construction)
- State shared revenues - \$86,400.
- Transportation aid - \$130,700.
- 2% dues - \$16,800.
- TRIP (town road improvement program) - can apply next summer; should get check before end of the year. 2025 Budget: \$17,500
- State grant for recycling - 2025 Budget: \$7,900
- ATC annual payment is same every year. 2025 Budget: \$32,600
- Licenses and permits. 2025 Budget: \$7,000
- Garbage and Recycling. 2025 Budget: \$154,900
- Interest income – fed just adjusted interest rates. They will continue to go down. Money market account (tax) is biggest driver, currently around 5%. 2025 Budget: Will figure around 3%/\$30,000.

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## Public Works

- WRS retirement going up from 6.9 to 6.95% EE/ER share.
- Clothing allowance – \$400.
- Snowplow driver wages – increase from \$25/hr. to \$26/hr.
- Employee health ins. – increase to \$25,300.
- Highway building utilities – \$10,000 for propane.
- Shop supplies – estimated expense for 2024 is under budget; put in \$3,000 for '25.
- Equipment maintenance and parts – at \$13,000.
- Culverts – we typically replace 3 culverts/year. This year about \$9,600. Set at \$12,000 for '25.
- Add new line for bridge replacement, separate from bridge maintenance. Separate Jewell bills from maintenance and add into replacement account.
- Equipment rental – probably won't rent boom mower next year because we rented in '24. Consider purchasing a used bobcat for the future to reduce rental costs. Budget \$7,000 for '25.
- Roadwork/Road maintenance – spring valley tree clearing is the only thing in here, \$4,200. Where does brushwork go? Rename account to be "roadwork/road maintenance/cleanup." Budget \$5,000.
- Cold mix - \$14,000 under budget for both cold and hot mix. Done with cold and hot for the year. Keep cold and hot separate; last year we included cold in the hot mix. Used 12 loads in 2024. Budget \$5,000 for '25.
- Hot mix - \$17,500 for TRIP in '25. Rather do more hot mix wedging, cheaper and it stays put. Budget \$250,000 as trial for hot mix in '25. See where that puts us for the next meeting.
- Gravel and screenings – mix screenings with the salt, but mostly gravel for shouldering. The more hot mix wedging done, the more gravel needed for the shoulders. Keep at \$12,000.
- Bridge inspections – Dane Co. inspections. Do we need to separate them all out? Rename to "bridges." Jewell's estimate for engineering fees for the town hall bridge replacement was \$85,000. Arthur will ask Jewell to get closer to what we might expect in '25 vs '26.
- Salt – went up \$6.95 per ton from last year. Get half this year, half in '25. First half will be \$14,000. Budget \$29,000 for '25.
- Seed and Soil – \$1,400.
- Signs - \$1,000 left this year, but more we need to replace. \$2,500 for next year.
- Mailbox replacement – leave at \$500.
- Street lighting – leave at \$2,400.
- Highway building outlay – pallet racking expenses here, probably shouldn't have gone there. Budgeted \$5,000 for both shelving and racking. Budget zero in this category for '25 because it's for highway/construction related outlays.

**4. Set additional budget meeting dates.** Tuesday 10/1 at 1:00 PM.

**5. Adjourn**

**MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to adjourn at 10:18 AM.

*Minutes taken and submitted by Jackie Arthur, Admin/Clerk.*