

MINUTES

SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 AT 4:00 P.M.

BUDGET WORK SESSION 2

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** by Rosenbaum at 4 PM. A quorum of TB members present at town hall including Rosenbaum, Altschul and Schwenn. Treasurer Shatrawka and Admin/Clerk Arthur also present. Arthur confirmed posting 9/5 springdalewi.gov and 9/8 at Town Hall, Mt. Horeb Mail & Sunlight Report notified 9/8, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.84(1)(b) in accordance with the open meeting law.
2. **Approval of the agenda** by unanimous consent.
3. **Work on the 2026 Town of Springdale Budget.**
 - Discussion began with info from DOR that confirms we cannot base our 2025 payable 2026 levy on last year's exceeded levy as originally planned. It is documented in the minutes from 2024 that taxpayers were told it was a one-time increase, so we must start with the lower levy amount.
 - Altschul returned from WTA session on fire district funding and will contact Chief Jenny Minter to get EMS and fire separate call volume for each municipality in the MHAFD to better understand our funding structure as it relates to equalized value vs %/location of calls.
 - LRIP – budgeting zero for now because we're still working on receiving the funds in 2025.
 - \$800,000 new bridge estimate from Jewell. Subtract the total reimbursable DOT (\$330,505) to get \$469,495 (Springdale cost). Dane County pays 50% of town cost; \$234,748. Line 42 is bridge borrowing where the \$234,748 is recorded. Bridge Expenses:
 - Construction - \$575,000
 - Engineering - \$75,000
 - ROW acquisition – 8,700
 - Land costs – \$126,300
 - Supervision of construction - \$15,000
 - = \$800,000
 - Elections – this is where Shatrawka's hours will go (wages) if needed for training and fill-in for IPAV. Could be 4 election year, likely will only be 3.
 - Line 28 – salt shed estimate pending, Schwenn still working on Tri Brothers Builders out of Fennimore to estimate. Will fill in \$4,000 for now. Category with pest control should be \$4,600.
 - Line 73 – Altschul communicating with General Engineering. They will look at the bids we received. Schwenn disputes the need for a new system and feels that all we need is an intake and a fan, anything else is a waste of money. Already used \$5,700 of the \$40,000 of the budgeted amount for 2025. Would need an amendment to transfer the \$40,000 into capital projects fund and budget zero for 2026.
 - Budgeted \$220,000 for road contractors, Rosenbaum would like to ratchet down to \$200,000 based on where we're sitting at \$185,000 for this year. Budget is currently at an 8.8% increase to taxpayers, trying to see where we can make adjustments. Next year will be a big chipseal year with some wedging. Following year would be an overlay/paving year (LRIP).
 - Altschul feels we should reduce legal expenses by eliminating the recodification project (~\$12,000).
 - \$137,000 hole in our cash budget after the changes. Will make some additional alterations before the next meeting which will be in early October when Rosenbaum returns.

4. Adjournment

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Altschul) to adjourn at 6:40 PM. 2 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by Admin/Clerk Jackie Arthur.