

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 7 p.m. Via Zoom due to Covid-19

1. Call to order, Fagan, 7 p.m.

Present: Chair Mike Fagan, Supervisor 1 John Rosenbaum, Supervisor 2 Richard Schwenn, Town Patrolman Devin Dahlk, Admin/Clerk Jackie Arthur, Treasurer Rebecca Boelhower Santi, Recording Secretary-Interim Deputy Clerk Vicki Anderson.

2. Certification of compliance with Open Meetings Law Confirmed posted TH and online.

3. Approval of the agenda

4. Minutes of previous Town Board meetings

03/22/2021 TB meeting and 01/25/2021, 02/22/2021, and 03/22/2021 TB actions during joint PC and TB meetings. MOTION (Fagan) Schwenn seconded, to approve all minutes. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

5. Public input/non-agenda items Fagan opened to public input.

Town Patrolman Devin Dahlk was thanked by resident Steve Gauger for filling the holes in Town Hall Rd.

Training for Treasurer Rebecca and Admin/Clerk Jackie supported and encouraged by the Town Board. John Rosenbaum reminded the Town officers that the TB has already adopted a policy to support trainings for Town officers up to a certain dollar amount without TB approval. Admin/Clerk Jackie will research the exact language and fee limit. The TB asks to be notified of the Town officer's plans to attend a training, but no specific approval required when less than the fee limit.

Cemetery mowing Richard Schwenn affirmed that John Morton has agreed to mow and trim Oak Hill Cemetery on an as-needed basis for \$45/per mow & trim. His contact information, certificate of insurance and necessary payroll forms will be obtained by the Town.

6. Community Deputy Sheriff Brooke Gagner

Annual report of service calls. Deputy Gagner provided her annual report on calls for sheriff services in Springdale for 2020. Generally speaking, the calls for service decreased slightly from 815 calls in 2019 to 718 calls in 2020. The calls involve 911 disconnect, check property, juvenile activities and theft from vehicles.

Springdale residents urged to be mindful of two types of illegal activities

- Lock your vehicles to prevent theft of items from vehicles such as car keys and garage openers. Deputy Gagner reports an uptick in thefts from unlocked vehicles with the coming of nice weather. She stated that a group of individuals will drive up and down streets, check for unlocked vehicles and steal whatever they find. The individuals do not break into cars so by locking your cars, the theft may be easily prevented.
- Beware of a telemarketing scam by which elderly people are called and persuaded that a relative is in legal trouble and needs immediate cash.

Improved safety on Town Hall Rd. from Ridgeview Road north to CTH S. As a follow-up to the concerns expressed in the March TB meeting regarding large trucks using Town Hall Rd. as a cut-through to and from US/Hwy 18-151, Deputy Sheriff Gagner and the Town Board and residents discussed next steps.

- Reduce the speed limit to 35 m.p.h. – Deputy Gagner and the TB would support the steps needing to complete a speed study to reduce the speed. As an unposted road now, the speed limit is considered 55 m.p.h. All agreed that it is unsafe to drive 55 m.p.h. on the curvy, hilly town road with a hard-to-see bike trail crossing

across the road. Also, with the goal of reducing cut-through truck traffic, with a reduced speed limit, the road may not be designated on the WAZE route app used by truck drivers.

Next step TB Chair M. Fagan will contact Dane County Highway-Pam Dumphy about initiating the process.

b. Enforce the posted weight limit on the road by Dane County Sheriffs Deputy Gagner will research the following points towards the goal of enforcing the posted weight limit to discourage the large truck traffic. Resident Wayne Hefty pointed out that the Dane County Sheriffs could be instrumental in enforcing the weight limit on the road in multiple ways. #1 By stopping all trucks of a certain size that by design, even empty, would exceed the posted weight limit. #2 By stopping all manure tankers that by design, with most loads, would exceed the posted weight limit. #3 Even though Deputy Sheriffs are not trained to cite trucks for overweight loads and do not carry a scale, the truck driver could be escorted to the Premier Coop scale in the Village of Mt. Horeb and met by a State Trooper there to evaluate the truck weight.

Next step Deputy Sheriff Gagner will research

c. Remove Town Hall Rd. from the WAZE route app by designating it as a one-way designation.

Lots of questions re: this designation. Does it mean one-way for truck traffic?

Next step TB Chair M. Fagan to research.

d. Improve Town Hall Rd. safety at the bike crossing Resident Steve Gauger strives to improve the road safety on Town Hall Rd. With the concerns with the large truck traffic due to WAZE and the increased use of the bike trail, the safety of the bike trail crossing on this road is highlighted. It was generally agreed that the Sheriffs Department, the DNR-Military Ridge Bike Trail group, the Town of Springdale and the Village of Mt. Horeb could all work together to install safety measures. Steve Gauger will form a citizen committee to look at the safety issues at the bike trail crossing.

7. Monthly Treasurer Statement

Capital Account – Treasurer Rebecca Boelhower Santi completed further research on interest rates for the Capital Account the TB has targeted funds for upcoming equipment purchases, bridge/road work and town hall maintenance. Approximately \$28,000 was budgeted for a 2021 deposit. Money market account rates are basically the same in various institutions for this sum of money. Interest rates on CDs for terms of 3, 4 or 5 years could amount to \$300. However, a long-term CD would limit the Town access to funds in case of an emergency.

Next step For the May TB meeting, Treasure Rebecca will determine what specific action the TB must take, whether there are any legal issues for the Town with a long-term CD and the comparison of interest rates.

8. Mt. Vernon Park 175th Anniversary Celebration and Parade Insurance

As a follow up to the March TB meeting, Supervisor J. Rosenbaum reports that the Town insurance carrier Rural Insurance cannot provide insurance for the Mt. Vernon Park events. The Park Board will need to rely upon their insurance carrier. Park Board President Craig Judd reports that a committee is finalizing the details of the celebration. The additional cost of insurance for the celebration may be \$900.

Next steps

a. At the May TB meeting, the TB will discuss sharing the insurance costs with the Park Board if a parade were to be held.

b. C. Judd and Town Admin/Clerk J. Arthur will start to discuss the process and paperwork if a parade were to be held in October, 2021. According to the research completed by C. Judd, if a parade were scheduled, no less than thirty days prior to the scheduled event, the Town would submit to Dane County Highway, on behalf of the Park Board, the permit for a parade and road closures with proof of insurance from the Park Board.

9. Resolution authorizing an exception to the levy limits for charges for the Mt. Horeb Joint Fire District, MHJFD

MOTION (Rosenbaum), Fagan seconded, to NOT approve the Resolution. Discussion: Act 484 created Section 66.0602(3)(h) Wis. Stats. which would allow that levy limits otherwise applicable do not apply to the amount that a town may levy in that year to pay for charges assessed by the joint fire department to the extent that the amount levied to pay for such charges would cause the town to exceed the limits imposed under Sec. 66.0602 Wis. Stats. In the draft resolution circulating among the member municipalities of the MHJFD, it is unclear whether the purpose is to place a maximum limit on the annual budget of the MHJFD or rather, to allow an individual town to exceed their levy limit by their portion of the fire district levy, because the fire budget is adopted by the district, not an individual town. It was generally agreed, that these life and fire safety services are valuable services. The fire district does due diligence in keeping costs down and we do not want to handcuff the annual budget process. The annual fire district budget meeting is attended by representatives from the towns and the Villages it serves. The municipalities have a say on the budget and can limit it during this annual budget process. MHJFD Representative Mike Lamberty reported that the MHJFD Board is opposed to this resolution. Motion to not approved carried: 3 ayes, 0 naves, 7:55 p.m.

Other information Tours of the 2019 fire station will return in the future. Due to Covid-19 health precautions, the tours were temporarily suspended. The architects of the fire station were awarded a silver medal for the design with best use of space. FYI for newer residents of Springdale: small towns such as Springdale cannot afford our own fire and EMS department. Therefore, the shared services model by which the municipalities in a geographical area join forces to provide the services works well for us. The station is staffed by sixty volunteers and only 7 full-time staff. The MHAJFD services the Villages of Blue Mounds and Mt. Horeb, Towns of Blue Mounds, Perry and Springdale and portions of Cross Plains, Primrose and Vermont. The Town representative on the fire board has been Mike Lamberty since 1988.

10. Permits/Culvert Removal

a. Steve Burns/Culvert removal at driveway/Ridgeview Rd./Sect. 8 MOTION (Fagan), Schwenn seconded to remove the (requirement for the) culvert at 8946 Ridgeview Rd. since it is unnecessary. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 naves.

b. Kevin Campbell/Colby Rd./Sec. 32 MOTION (Fagan), Schwenn seconded to approve the Driveway Permit Part 1 and 2 on Colby Rd. with the conditions of a culvert and cutback of the bank at the entryway. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 naves. 8:02 p.m.

c. John Stevens/Lewis Rd./Sec. 29-shared access MOTION (Fagan), Schwenn seconded to approve the previously approved Driveway Permit Part 1 and 2 on Lewis Rd. extended approximately 40' due to a change in the building envelope. Discussion: This driveway permit was previously approved by the TB but with the 3/22/2021 approved change to the building envelope, the driveway has to be a little longer. There is no substantive change. The shared driveway agreement has been submitted. Motion to approve carried 3 ayes, 0 naves.

d. Timothy and Rebecca Drews/Town Hall Rd./Sec. 8-shared access MOTION (Fagan), Rosenbaum seconded to approve Driveway Permit Part 1 and 2 on Town Hall Rd. with the requirement for a culvert and contingent upon the Town receipt of the executed shared driveway agreement. Discussion: Applicants for a shared driveway are required to include language in the shared driveway agreement regarding dispute resolution. See the text from the Town of Springdale Driveway Ordinance.

“ Shared Driveway Agreement. An agreement between the parties sharing any portion of a driveway that shall at a minimum address the rights of the parties concerning access and contain language addressing how any

disputes or conflicts between the parties, or their heirs, successors or assigns will be resolved and furthermore shall contain language that absolves the Town from responsibility for or involvement in any dispute resolution."
Motion to approve carried 3ayes, 0 naves. 8:09 p.m.

e. Brad & Lindsay Reitzner/Springdale Center Rd./Sec. 28-shared access MOTION (Fagan), Rosenbaum seconded to approve Driveway Permit Part 2 on Springdale Center Rd.with the requirement for a culvert and contingent upon the Town receipt of the shared driveway agreement updated with the dispute resolution language. Discussion: In this location, the shared driveway will be shared by family members. The shared driveway agreement with dispute resolution will serve future owners, too. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 naves, 8:10 p.m.

f. Beth Hill/Getz Rd./Sec. 6-shared access MOTION (Fagan), Rosenbaum seconded to approve Driveway Permit Part 2 on Getz Rd. with the requirement for a culvert. Discussion: A shared driveway agreement is on file for the other users of the shared access point. Motion to approve carried 3 ayes, 0 naves. 8:17 p.m.

11. Riley Tavern/Permit for amplified music in outdoor consumption area and parking/road shoulder improvements along Klevenville-Riley Rd./Sec. 2

Amplified music in outdoor consumption area MOTION (Fagan), Rosenbaum seconded to approve the four dates: Saturdays from 4-8 p.m.: May 8, June 12, July 24 and August 7. Motion carried 3 ayes, 1 naves. 8:20 p.m.

Parking/road shoulder improvements on north side of Klevenville-Riley Rd. Discussion only.

a. Are road shoulder improvements needed? In response to neighbors' comments regarding the number of cars parked along both sides of the road during events at Riley Tavern, the TB and Town Patrolman began to research whether road shoulder improvements on the north side of the road would enhance public safety to allow cars to travel unimpeded in both directions of the road.

b. Riley Tavern is researching options for off-road parking Riley Tavern owner Kate reiterated that they are researching various options to address the bigger than anticipated need for more parking. They did not initiate the conversation with the Town regarding road shoulder work. They are not asking taxpayers to incur such expenses. She will keep the Town informed of their approaches to parking issues.

c. If road shoulder improvements were to be considered, the following variables would be further researched:

i. Are there any neighboring lands which could be rented as parking space/

ii. Wetland identification/delineation by DNR Eric Heggeland to determine whether the road shoulder could be expanded in this area.

iii. Survey of the Town road right-of-way and the Deneen property if the project were to proceed.

iv. Rough estimate of the road shoulder improvement project – add 2' to the road shoulder - dig out dirt, compact gravel, refill with dirt, seed it at estimated cost of \$8000.

v. Who pays for the project – cost sharing?

Next steps TB Supervisor J. Rosenbaum will arrange an meeting with DNR staff Eric Heggeland re: wetland identification and Riley Tavern owner Kate will notify the Town of their parking solutions.

12. Resolution: Fees as amended

MOTION (Fagan), Schwenn seconded to adopt the formal resolution. Discussion: The amendment was adopted at the March TB meeting. This action adopts it as a resolution. J. Rosenbaum explained the goal of the fees is to require the developer or landowner benefitting from the project to pay the Town costs vs. the taxpayers subsidizing the project. The fees contribute to the costs of the Plan Commission and Town officials' compensation for their work during a project. Also, the fee chart is designed to inform the applicants as clearly as possible of potential costs. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 naves, 8:37 p.m.

13. American Rescue Act Plan for Towns/Dane County Solar Group Buy Supervisor Rosenbaum looks forward to more information and guidance from Wisconsin Towns Association to Towns about the possible federal funds available to state, county and local governments through the American Rescue Act. It is understood that the monies may only be spent on specific projects. The Dane County Solar Group Buy may be an opportunity for Springdale residents to save money on solar power. To learn more, see the Legacy Solar Co-op website. The program is designed to help residents reduce solar installation costs and facilitate project financing.

14. Calendar of upcoming events: Spring Clean up-Saturday, June 12; Open Book-Thursday, Aug. 5, 12- 2 p.m.; Board of Review-Thursday, August 26, 4-6 p.m.

15. Bills.

Monthly bills-MOTION (Schwenn), Rosenbaum seconded to pay the bills. Discussion: Treasurer Rebecca verified that the negotiated sum has been charged for the additional tonnage of recycling picked up by Town and Country Sanitation and explained the pass-through payments of Payments in Lieu of Taxes. Motion to pay the bills carried: 3 ayes, 0 nays.

16. Adjournment. MOTION (Schwenn), Rosenbaum seconded to adjourn. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by Interim Deputy Clerk Vicki Anderson