

Minutes -Town of Springdale August 21, 2017, Board Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE: Board Chair, Mike Fagan; Supervisor I, John Rosenbaum; Supervisor II, Richard Schwenn; and Clerk, Susan Duerst Severson.

NOTICE OF THE MEETING: pursuant to Wisconsin Open Meeting Law was confirmed. Notice of the meeting was published in the *Mt. Horeb Mail* on 8/17/2017. The agenda was posted in the three customary locations in the Town of Springdale on 8/17/17, as required by law. Quorum present.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM by Board Chair, Mike Fagan.

MINUTES: MOTION by Rosenbaum/Schwenn to approve the minutes of July 17 Town Board meeting as distributed with corrected spelling of Birschbach. MOTION carried 3-0.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Isaac Vetter spoke on behalf of several Springdale residents who were in attendance seeking Board support of citizens forming a subcommittee to identify a need for improved internet/broadband in the township and identify viable solutions as well as possible grant monies. Discussion by Board and citizens recapped how something similar is being discussed in the neighboring Town of Vermont. Vetter offered to provide the Town information, modified documents, and a plan of action at the next scheduled Board meeting (September 18). Fagan wondered about legal requirements should the town endorse the group, including budgeting for cost, and meeting Open Meeting requirement. It was agreed that this could be a topic for a future Town Board agenda.
- Mike Lamberty, citizen liaison between the Town and the Mt. Horeb Fire Dept., gave a verbal update of progress being made in the building of a new Fire/Police Dept. with projected cost, timelines, and staffing.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION RECAP OF MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS Rosenbaum reported briefly on a meeting he and Vicki Anderson attended on August 10 in the Town of Dunn regarding farmland preservation programs. John was intrigued by the "Agricultural Enterprise Areas" program and the potential for tax incentives for farmers, if Springdale could qualify for inclusion in such a program. Currently Towns must have A1-Exclusive zoning and meet other criteria for farmers to qualify for the tax credits. However, Dane county is currently working towards redefining zoning definitions county-wide. There may be an opening for Springdale to be reconsidered as a Town with "Farmland Preservation" zoning in the future. The Board agreed that the new zoning parameters need to be finalized before considering further work on this topic. All Board members, the PC Deputy Clerk, Clerk, and some Plan Commission members will attend the August 28 meeting regarding the proposed zoning changes; it will be posted according to Open Meeting requirements. No action required.

UPDATE ON STORM DAMAGE CLEAN-UP AND RELATED COST Fagan reported that the Town Patrolman was pleased with the progress made and that the cost came in (\$3400 for hired equipment and labor + some overtime) well below the amount allocated (\$5000). The Patrolman believes he can finish clean up on his own. No action required.

UPDATE ON TOWN HALL RD BRIDGE MAINTENANCE Fagan reported that the Town Patrolman was pleased with the progress made and that the cost (\$17,924), for hired equipment/labor and including asphalt, was well below the amount of the other bid (\$43,841), and completed on schedule! No action required.

TRASH RECYCLE BIDS Discussion: The Town's contract with Town and Country expires December 31. The Board will review the current contract, solicit input from neighboring Townships, and discuss it further at the regular September Board meeting. No action required.

ATTENDING WTA CONVENTION IN OCTOBER Option discussed. No action required.

ATTENDING WTA WORKSHOP IN SEPT Option discussed, Treasurer, PC Deputy Clerk, and Clerk will attend. No action required.

BILLS: MOTION by Schwenn/Rosenbaum to approve payment of bills submitted for Board review. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURN: MOTION by Schwenn/Fagan to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Duerst Severson, Town Clerk