

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, March 16, 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, 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 -Agreed to reverse the order for agenda items #9 and #10 since the review of the Driveway Permit will require less time than the discussion re: possible upgrades to Lust Rd.

4. Minutes of previous Town Board meeting

02/17/2021 TB meeting. MOTION (Fagan) to approve, Schwenn seconded. Discussion: The TB needs to act on the TB meeting minutes for actions taken during the joint PC/TB meetings that may have been missed by the Interim Deputy Clerk. The Interim Deputy clerk will add these minutes for approval to the April TB meeting. 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

Riley Tavern parking solution along Klevenville Riley Road: Neighbors to Riley Tavern request the TB explore shoulder improvements to that section of roadway by the tavern to better accommodate off-road parking by customers. The TB will include a review of this issue during their annual road tour with the Town Patrolman to identify road projects for 2021.

While on the road tour, it was recommended that the TB and Town Patrolman look at Bakken Road. The 2020 roadwork on portions of Bakken Rd. does not appear to be holding up well.

In-Person Absentee Voting is scheduled in the Town Hall for Tuesdays: March 23 and 30 from 2-4 p.m. and Saturdays, March 27 and April 3 from 10 a.m. – noon and by appointment.

6. Monthly Treasurer Statement

Capital Account – Treasurer Rebecca Boelhower Santi researched a Capital Account with the State Bank of Cross Plains, SBCP. The account would be targeted for the purpose of saving money for upcoming equipment purchases, bridge work and road work. This action had been approved by the Town Board during budget season. The account, a Public Money Market account, would earn a minimal interest rate at this time, no minimum balance is required and 8 withdrawals are allowed per month. It was generally agreed that this type of account is more liquid than a certificate of deposit, a feature which could be helpful to the Town in cases of emergency. The Treasurer was encouraged to check rates at a couple of other banks but to open this account if there is no meaningful difference between the SBCP and other institutions. The Treasurer pointed out the wonderful service the SBCP has provided to Springdale taxpayers over the years. And, in this year of Covid, the bank collected taxes which was a huge benefit to our taxpayers.

Department of Revenue Annual Financial Report CT: The Treasurer was happy to report that the CT report will be completed by the April deadline.

7. Mt. Vernon Park Association/Annual report and Parade – October, 2021

Annual Report Representatives to the Mt. Vernon Park Board, Craig Judd, President, and James Graham, Treasurer, provided an overview of the 2021 Park Board, Budget and 2021 proposed activities. Traditionally, the Town of Springdale donates a sum for the mandatory annual insurance premium for the Park, Town property, and its activities. The donation of @\$2900 is a small amount towards the multitude of responsibilities

fulfilled by the Park Board. Routine responsibilities include the electricity for the shelter and field lights, maintenance of the grounds, buildings, playground equipment, septic, etc. In addition, each year they aspire to make an improvement. In 2020, sidewalks were added near the shelter to make walking easier for senior citizens.

2021 Park Board Members: Judd, President, Graham, Treasurer, mentioned above; Tressa Proctor, Vice President/Park Scheduler; Lindsay Jenson, Secretary; Jack Northrup and Scot Austin, Park Grounds Keepers; Courtney Wollersheim, Troy Kemp and Jim Ryan, Directors.

Park Events: Due to Covid-19, the revenue from events, shelter rentals, etc. has decreased. They are optimistic about a return to more activities in 2021 but must take a wait-and-see attitude. However, a committee has been formed to plan events for the 175th of Mt. Vernon Celebration and Parade for Oct. 8 – 10, 2021. Possible events may include a history book, ball tournaments, parade, etc.

Questions: As these events are being researched, some questions need to be researched:

- a. Is an insurance rider/endorsement needed for a parade on state and county highways with Dane County Highway or State Department of Transportation listed as an additional insured?
- b. Is an insurance rider/endorsement needed for other activities that weekend?
- c. If required, will the Town or the Park Board pay for the additional insurance?
- d. It is understood that the state and county highway departments will require a road closure permit.

Next steps: TB Supervisor 1 Rosenbaum will research insurance questions and the matter will be placed on the April TB agenda.

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

MOTION (Fagan), Rosenbaum seconded, for the Town to table future discussion until more information is available. 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 the 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 Village it serves. All vote on the budget. MHJFD Representative Mike Lamberty reported that the MHJFD Board is researching this and more information will be forthcoming. Motion to table carried: 3 ayes, 0 nays.

10. Driveway Permit/Todd Seiler/S. Sharpes Corner Rd./Sec. 32

MOTION (Fagan) Schwenn seconded, to approve the residential driveway, Driveway Permit Part 1 and 2, as depicted on the slide, 3/16/2021. Discussion: Due to the terrain, the driveway will course closer to the edges of the woods and the agricultural field. Motion to approve carried: 3 ayes, 0 nays.

9. Lust Road/process for required improvements/additional users:

Background: Since October, 2020, Randy Kahl has discussed with the Town the required upgrade to Lust Rd. a dead-end Town road which serves two residences and provides the required frontage for three CSM lots Kahl developed in the late 1990s. As Kahl is considering selling one or two lots to be served by Lust Rd., the upgrade consists of two phases.

Phase 1: A development agreement for up-front costs in the bidding process between the Town and Randy.

Phase 2: An apportionment of costs agreement between the Town and all benefitting property owners, a total of five residential lots, for costs incurred by the Town in the satisfactory upgrade of the road. The draft agreement

was reviewed and summarized by Kahl. If the Town road is constructed, all costs are shared. If the Town road is researched, but never constructed, the Kahls absorb those costs.

Rough estimate provided by Town Engineer at no cost: For the purposes of discussion, the Town Engineer provided a rough estimate for a reconstruction of a 20' wide dead-end Town road without any specific examination of the current status of Lust Rd. At the time of the meeting, based on that rough estimate, the road project would cost between \$135,000-\$168,000. After the meeting, a more detailed inquiry was made and the rough estimate was \$110,000-\$135,000.

Next steps: Kahl will do further research, which may include, but may not be limited to the following: *decreasing the lots from five to four to allow the use of a shared private driveway rather than a reconstructed Town road, *additional access point(s) on State Rd. 92, *selling land via lot line adjustment to neighboring property owners, etc.

11. Mowing Oak Hill Cemetery

MOTION (Fagan), Schwenn seconded, to award the contract for mowing and trimming of Oak Hill Cemetery to an individual who provides their own equipment and necessary insurance; agrees to complete the work on an as-needed basis; for the sum of \$45 per mow and trim. It is understood that M. Fagan will obtain a second bid from an individual in this line of work and R. Schwenn will contact the individual who has expressed interest in the job to verify that the individual continues to provide maintenance services at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Motion to approve carries: 3 ayes, 0 naves.

12. Amendment to Accessory Building Ordinance/driveway requirements

MOTION (Fagan) Rosenbaum seconded, to approve the amendment language already approved at the February TB meeting, to be inserted into the Accessory Building Ordinance as depicted in the slide tonight. (#7 in the section Standards). Discussion: Chief Minter, MHJFD, reviewed the language and appreciated it.

"While the Town would prefer that a proposed accessory building is easily accessible to Fire and EMS protection via a driveway, if the proposed location makes installing a driveway difficult for various reasons (terrain, cost, etc.), the Town may consider waiving the access requirement. If approval with no driveway access is granted, the landowner should be aware that in the event of a fire or a medical emergency occurring at such a location, there is a good chance that these services might be hindered or unavailable."

Motion to approve the text carried: 3 ayes, 0 naves.

13. Resolution Commending Sheriff Mahoney

MOTION (Rosenbaum) Schwenn seconded, to approve the following resolution..

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF DANE COUNTY SHERIFF DAVID MAHONEY

WHEREAS, David J. Mahoney will be retiring from the office of Sheriff of Dane County on May 8, 2021;

WHEREAS, Sheriff Mahoney's retirement will end a career in public law enforcement service of more than 41 years, during which time he worked in the County Jail; in administration, on patrol and as the 52nd elected Sheriff of Dane County;

WHEREAS, Sheriff Mahoney's leadership in law enforcement led to his election as the President of the National Sheriffs' Association, the organization representing elected sheriffs on the national level;

WHEREAS, Sheriff Mahoney's distinguished work in law enforcement includes special attention to issues of racial justice; care for persons with mental illness in jails; and improvement of conditions for all inmates in the jail, while never ceasing to maintain an overriding priority on protection of the public throughout Dane County;

WHEREAS, Sheriff Mahoney has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to human rights of all people, including those convicted of crimes, and compassion for the needs and concerns of victims;

WHEREAS, the people of Dane County have been well served by Sheriff Mahoney since he took office in January 2007 through a commitment to listening to constituents which he has demonstrated by attending Town Board meetings, community organization meetings, ethnic celebrations and community gatherings;

WHEREAS, the Towns in Dane County most especially commend Sheriff Mahoney for assuring that the safety and interests of rural residents are given appropriate priority;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Springdale does hereby Resolve that it extends its highest commendation and warmest congratulations to Sheriff David J. Mahoney for his unequalled service to all the people of Dane County, and wishes him the best in his future endeavors and service.

Motion carried: 3 ayes, 0 nays

14. Process for hiring and details of new Deputy Clerk

Admin/Clerk Jackie Arthur is developing the plan to hire a deputy clerk to replace the interim deputy clerk by May 31, 2021. She is working on and will collaborate with Town Treasurer and TB the details for the job description, proposed hourly wage and schedule, job postings/advertisements and interview schedule.

15. Calendar of upcoming events

April 6, 2021 - Spring election, April 20, 2021 - Annual Meeting

16. Bills.

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

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

Minutes taken and submitted by Interim Deputy Clerk Vicki Anderson