

Springfield Town Board Minutes

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 @ 7:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance - Chair Don Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Roll call shows Chair Don Hoffman, Supervisors Jim Pulvermacher, Art Meinholz, Dave Laufenberg and Dan Dresen present. Also present were Clerk Carolyn Hacker and Michael Drew, Middleton Times Tribune. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law - Clerk Hacker reported that notice of this meeting was met by posting at the Town Hall, corner of CTH K and Church Roads, Schneider Road Business Center and on the website.
- III. Informal Public Comment Time - Michael Drew, Middleton Times Tribune is recording this meeting for his personal use.
- IV. Approval of February 18, 2014 Board Minutes - **Motion made by (Dresen/Pulvermacher) to approve minutes for February 18, 2014 board as presented. All ayes, carried.**
- V. Discussion and possible action for 2014 Road Work-Foxfire Tl & Wildrose Ct - Informational meeting was scheduled for Saturday, March 15th at the last board meeting. Board discussed the option presented by Joe DeYoung, MSA Engineers to special assess the property owners for the culverts that need to be replaced with the reconstruction of the road. Information received from DeYoung indicates that some culverts will need to be replaced, while others will not. Hoffman stated that it would be much smoother just to do it without assessments. Pulvermacher agreed and stated that we would stay in control of what materials are used and the quality of materials used. Meinholz is concerned that for future work, will culverts in field roads be assessed? Will they be charged at the same rate? Some of these are being changed because they are obsolete or that the grade of the road is being changed. **Pulvermacher suggested that they use the heavy duty PVC pipe with metal end walls. There could be special assessments for special request from the home owner. Roll call taken for motion for special assessment of the culverts: Dresen-no, Meinholz-no, Pulvermacher-no, Laufenberg-no, Hoffman-no. Carried.**
- VI. Discussion and possible action for Dane County Amendment to Marie Ziegler - Hoffman had spoken with Noa Prieve, Williamson Surveying and Associates, and was told that this amendment was not a county request, this came from the family to deed restrict Lot 2 for no residential development and to not have a housing density associated with this property. Hoffman stated that he told Prieve that he did not think this was an issue for the town to object to the family wishes. Pulvermacher stated that he thought this was a bad precedence to create a dead lot, later when this lot is owned by someone that would want to build on this parcel, they would have to get a building right and may not be able to get a split. Meinholz stated that he would have been ok with this if it wasn't separated from a commercial lot by ag land. Dresen stated that he is more concerned that the county went ahead and approved this without coming back to the board. **Motion made by (Meinholz/Pulvermacher) to table this and send response to deny DC amendment. 4-1, Hoffman opposed, carried.**

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- VII. Discussion and possible action for Plan Commission Recommendations: Reappoint Elliott Long & Replace Jeff Gabrysiak - Clerk Hacker stated that an ad was put in the local papers and it will be in the newsletter that will go out next week, no response at this time. Plan Committee recommended appointing Elliot Long for a three year term. Chair Hoffman reappointed Elliott Long to the Plan Committee. Board will discuss appointment of Plan chair after getting recommendations from the Plan Commission at the April Meeting.
- VIII. Discussion and possible action for Franchise Fees from Charter - Clerk Hacker had spoken with a couple of the neighboring town Administrators and they had developed an agreement with Charter when Charter first came into the town with service. This is a State regulation for franchise fees and this regulation will be changing within the next several months, by the time we get Charter in here to agree to anything they will not be regulated by the State to pay anything. No motion taken.
- IX. Discussion and possible action on proposed ordinance regulating blasting - Pulvermacher stated that the DCTA polled the towns back in October if they had interest in creating a Towns Association Ordinance, 10 towns responded that OA 26 was not necessary, 6 towns said it was and 5 towns said that they didn't care. DCTA asked Patrick Miles to remove this from consideration at the County level and they refused. This was discussed at the T-Verona meeting, Patrick Miles, Todd Violante and a couple other County Representatives were there. Pulvermacher suggested that we send letter to DCTA reminding them that we voted against OA 26. The DCTA and Attorney Mark Hazelbaker were not going to take an official position on this and would try to give towns information regarding OA 26 and/or create a model Town Blasting Ordinance. Hazelbaker took our agreement with Northwestern Stone and created a boilerplate Ordinance. Pulvermacher thought this was a little restrictive. The Plan Commission tabled the draft Ordinance at last night's meeting. The State has control and regulations on blasting at this time. The board is interested in having a Town Blasting Ordinance but the draft from Attorney Hazelbaker needs to be tweaked using information on what current operating quarries are actually doing. **Motion made by (Dresen/Laufenberg) to have DCTA to continue on developing a Towns Blasting Ordinance. All ayes, carried.**
- X. Discussion and possible action for 2014 Bridge Inspection - Agreement received from Greggar Petersen, DC Highway Engineer, shows routine inspection of the bridge we have in the town is \$350. **Motion made by (Pulvermacher/Meinholz) to approve Dane County to inspect the bridge in T-Springfield. All ayes, carried.** Discuss definition of bridges at next board meeting.
- XI. Discussion and possible action for 2013 Audit - Board discussed the necessity of having a yearly audit. This year's audit shows the same strengths and weaknesses that we have every year having only two employees in the office. The duties are divided as well as they can be. **Motion made by (Pulvermacher/Laufenberg) to approve 2013 audit as presented. All ayes, carried.**
- XII. Committee Reports -

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Dresen - Middleton Fire Dept. had their appreciation dinner on Saturday night and there are 79 active fire fighters. There are 4 fire fighters that are retiring with 117 years of experience between them. Town of Middleton wants to redo their lease at the Fire station # 2. They want to put a new salt shed in, so they are in negotiations for that. There were 2 calls last month.

Meinholz - Nothing

Pulvermacher - Waunakee Fire Dept. is working on their truck replacement schedule, they are ok now, but they will be replacing some of the more expensive vehicles within the next 10 years. It is suggested that they put an additional \$10,000/year away to help plan for these expenses.

DaneCom was discussed at the T-Verona meeting; they will not be able to meet the March deadline. There are several towns pulling out and some refusing to pay this year's dues since it's not up and running.

Laufenberg - CP EMS is looking into redoing their operating agreement.

XIII. Road Patrolman's Report - Not available.

XIV. Clerk Treasurer's Report - Nothing.

XV. Approval of Bills as presented. - **Motion made by (Pulvermacher/Laufenberg) to approve bills as presented.**

XVI. Adjourn - **Motion made by (Meinholz/Laufenberg) to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. All ayes, carried.**

XVII. Minutes by: Carolyn Hacker Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes approved March 18, 2014