

Town Of **SPRINGFIELD**



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 2020, 7:30 P.M.

Town Board Meeting
via teleconference & video conference

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Jim Pulvermacher called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call shows Chair Pulvermacher and Supervisors Dave Laufenberg, Bill Statz, Art Meinholz, and Dan Dresen present and appearing at town hall.

Also present and appearing at town hall were Road Patrolman Darin Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer Dianah Fayas and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Doreen Jackson. Included in the large number of residents in attendance in the hall and garage were Brad and Kelly Meinholz, Brian Buechner, Herb Endres, Travis Meinholz, Roger Ripp, Tom Bremmer, Adam Meinholz, Susan Pulvermacher, Ken Meinholz and Jake Niesen. The participation report for virtual attendance listed 87 virtual attendees.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. CONFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW

The Clerk confirmed that the agenda was posted at town hall and on the Town website. The meeting is being recorded for use during the drafting of the meeting minutes.

3. INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT TIME – In rebuttal to a mailing sent from Mr. Niesen to the registered voters of Springfield, Kelly Meinholz addressed the board and attendees to speak about the proposed turnaround on Whippoorwill Road. Mrs. Meinholz provided the genesis and history of the project and thanked her neighbors for their consideration.

Supervisor Art Meinholz explained he missed the last meeting on January 5th, due to a scheduling conflict; when he listened to the meeting later, he was appalled by the conduct of an attendee and dismayed that the verbal attacks were not stopped immediately.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: January 5, 2021

A draft copy of the minutes was not available for the board to review.

Motion by Sup. Dresen, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to table the January 5th minutes until the next meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Attorney Kraig Byron sent a letter to the town on behalf of Mr. Jake Niesen, questioning the ownership of the land under Whippoorwill Road. The town received notification that the Madison Beltline PEL Corridor Study has started again. The town was asked for recommendations for potential Technical Advisory Committee members and Policy Advisory Committee members. Chairperson Pulvermacher offered to sit on the

committees; Sup. Laufenberg will serve as his alternate. The Dane County Towns Association is meeting this Thursday.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a. WHIPPOORWILL CULVERT & CUL DE SAC

Hearing no objection, Chairperson Pulvermacher moved the Whippoorwill turnaround discussion up on the agenda, noting this was not a public hearing on the matter, the board would schedule a special meeting on the subject next month. In response to Mr. Jake Niesen's mailing to Springfield residents on the topic, Chairperson Pulvermacher read the newsletter being sent by the town in rebuttal. The newsletter provides some background on the neighborhood and project, and clarification of misstatements and inaccuracies contained in Mr. Niesen's mailing. Notice of the special meeting on February 9th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Whippoorwill turnaround will be added to the newsletter. The board would like the newsletter to indicate that despite appearances, the initial mailing was from a private citizen, not from the Town.

Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to send out the newsletter to the town residents, Jake Niesen and Janel, and Roger Ripp with the February 9th meeting information. Motion carried, 5-0.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS OF PC:

a. DESIGN REVIEW APPLICATION: ST. ANDREWS, 6815 SCHNEIDER RD., MIDDLETON, WI

The applicant had a minor change to their building plan after review and approval recommendation by the Plan Commission and are seeking the Board's determination as to whether they need to resubmit to the Plan Commission. The project engineer explained they wanted to add a little more space and a mechanical room which would increase the footprint by 145 sf in the northeast corner, and remove the gable roof section on the southeast side of the building. The board rejected the landscaping variance request to swap some of the required shade trees for additional shrubs or evergreens.

Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to accept the changes provided tonight by Zimmerman and Associates for the changes of adding approximately 150 sf to the building; it does not have to go back to the Plan Commission. Motion carried, 5-0.

Hearing no objection from the board, Chairperson Pulvermacher moved item 11 up on the agenda so Deputy Herrem could be dismissed.

11. DANE COUNTY SHERIFF MUNICIPAL UPDATE – DEPUTY HERREM

Deputy Herrem, Springfield's community deputy provided Springfield's 2020 activity statistics to the board, noting that the majority of incidents are traffic issues, not as much crime. Deputy Herrem encouraged residents to call if they see something that doesn't seem right and reminded residents to lock their vehicles, not to leave guns in their cars, and to be attentive to the location of the garage door openers.

7. DECEMBER FINANCIALS

The final audit is occurring tomorrow, remotely.

8. TDR COMMITTEE CREATION AND APPOINTMENTS

Supervisors suggested asking previous Chair Don Hoffman, retired long time deputy clerk-treasurer Jan Barman, Sup. Art Meinholz, and Jeff Endres. Staff was directed to add this to Old Business.

9. ELECTION INSPECTORS PAY FOR 2021

Motion by Sup. Laufenberg, seconded by Sup. Dresen to keep the increased 2020 election inspector pay rates through April of this year. Motion carried, 5-0.

10. MADISON BELTLINE CORRIDOR STUDY

As noted in the Chairperson's report, the town was asked for recommendations for potential Technical Advisory Committee members and Policy Advisory Committee members. Chairperson Pulvermacher offered to sit on the committees; Sup. Laufenberg will serve as his alternate.

11. DANE COUNTY SHERIFF MUNICIPAL UPDATE – DEPUTY HERREM

See between Items 6 and 7 above.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a. WHIPPOORWILL CULVERT & CUL DE SAC

See above.

b. MIDDLETON MOREY AIRPORT UPDATE

Supervisors will review the correspondence the town of Middleton sent to the Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee Members.

c. STATUS UPDATE ON QUARRY LITIGATION

The Court ruled in the Town and Board of Adjustment's favor; we are awaiting the lapse of the appeal window. This item can be removed from the agenda.

d. JAR STORAGE ZONING VIOLATION

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sup. Dresen: The Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee met for a productive 4½ hours last week. AMPAC thinks the airport runways should remain as is; more hangars perhaps on the north east side, in the city. AMPAC is advisory only. They'll hold one more meeting to put together a recommendation to the Council. Fire is this Thursday. Middleton fire fighters are getting their vaccine shots today.

Sup. Meinholz: Nothing new on the Waunakee EMS. They're not bringing in new volunteers at this time. Crews are starting to be vaccinated; they need to stagger the vaccinations though because after the second shot, people may spike a fever and need to take a day or two off.

Sup. Statz: Nothing.

Sup. Laufenberg: Nothing.

Chairman Pulvermacher: Nothing.

14. ROAD PATROLMAN'S REPORT

Patrolman Ripp got estimates from the engineer for Whippoorwill Road turnaround and would like a little more direction from the board. If we site the turnaround at the upper location with a 12% grade, it wouldn't require an undercut. There's also room on site for fill which cuts down on the cost. Two different excavators estimate the project could be done for about \$50,000.

15. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

16. APPROVAL OF BILLS AS PRESENTED

Motion by Sup. Dresen, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to pay the bills. Motion carried, 5-0.

17. ADJOURN

Motion by Sup. Meinholz, seconded by Chairperson Pulvermacher to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.