MEETING MINUTES

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

Town Board Meeting

Springfield Town Hall

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.

Also present were Road Patrolman Darin Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer Dianah Fayas, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Doreen Jackson, Randy Acker, Dave Meinholz, Deborah Rosenberg, Patrick Ryan, Terry Kalscheur, Alicia Meyer, Jody Steele and Pam McSherry.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. 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.

1. INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT TIME – Resident Terry Kalscheur addressed the Board, indicating his desire to pursue development of a sand pit on his property. The Board advised Mr. Kalscheur to present his idea to the Plan Commission for review and discussion.
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: DEC. 17TH WITH CITY OF MIDDLETON & DEC. 17TH REGULAR MEETING

**Motion by Sup. Dresen, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to approve both sets of minutes from December 17th. Motion carried, 5-0.**

1. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Chairperson Pulvermacher informed the Board that Plan Commissioner Nate Wagner will not be running for re-election due to scheduling conflicts. Yahara Materials has filed an appeal to the Board of Adjustment decision with the Circuit Court.

1. DISCUSSION: CUP OUTDOOR STORAGE DISCUSSION: RANDY ACKER, 6590 BALZER RD.

Mr. Acker asked to be on the agenda to discuss the outdoor storage on his property the last 15+ years and inquire on the likelihood of receiving a CUP for outdoor storage, to continue his current practice. He noted 32 of his 52 clients live within a mile of his location; more than half of the storage is from Town residents. The Board explained they intend to scrutinize any outdoor storage CUP applications and recommended rezoning to Commercial if he would like to continue providing outdoor storage. The Board noted they haven’t set a deadline for enforcement but wanted to let residents know about the issue now so they can begin eliminating stored property and do not take on additional storage.

1. HYER ROAD DITCHING AND COST SHARING

A number of areas along Hyer Road need to have the berm restored. In the past, the Town has split the cost with the adjacent property owner(s). Staff was directed to add this item to the next agenda.

1. REFUSE/RECYCLING BILLING DISCREPANCY AND REFUND REQUEST: 7696 SCHNEIDER RD.

**Motion by Sup. Dresen, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to refund over charges of trash bins. Motion carried, 5-0.**

1. STATUS UPDATE ON MEINHOLZ QUARRY

The Town of Berry was served a Summons and Complaint last week from Yahara Materials who has filed an appeal with the Circuit Court. Chairperson Pulvermacher continues to meet with two representatives each from the Town, Yahara Materials, and the citizens’ group to reach a compromise on some of the details to eliminate the need for an appeal. Chairperson Pulvermacher and residents in attendance noted the main concerns of the residents was blasting and proximity of quarry operations to residences. They’ve requested blasting records from Yahara Materials beginning Jan. 1, 2020. Mr. Acker informed the Board he has many complaints and issues about the blasting, from damaged plaster to TVs falling off of stands. Residents in attendance voiced concerns about the lack of enforcement of existing and any future regulations the Town may impose, questioned the quality of the legal representation the Town has received pertaining to the issue, and implored the Board to not continue negotiations with Yahara Materials at this point, as they consider the decision by the Board of Adjustment a win and puts in Town in a position that it shouldn’t have to give Yahara Materials anything. Supervisors noted the extent of the area currently able to be mined, which is lying inactive; the goal of any agreement would be to limit the proximity of operations in the newly purchased 40 acre parcel, as well as to limit the area of expansion into quarry-able property Yahara Materials currently owns to the north of the residential development.

1. MANURE TRUCK AND FRAC TANK PARKING REGULATIONS ON TOWN ROADS (FROM 11/5/19 MTG.)

Chairperson Pulvermacher would like to talk with local farmers to find a workable solution to the safety hazards and road damage that occur as a result of this issue. Staff was directed to schedule a meeting with local end users on February 12th at 7 p.m. to discuss.

1. 2020 ROAD PROJECTS

**Motion by Sup. Laufenberg, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to table this item until the next meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.**

1. ENCHANTED VALLEY I PROJECT REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO BID OUT

The project will be advertised January 16th and 23rd, with bid opening scheduled for January 31st. The project leaves the west end of Autumn Pond alone; it will not be redone as part of this project. The existing barn in the right of way will not need to be removed prior to project completion. Patrolman Ripp noted a lot of the knob profiles will be altered for better visibility at intersections.

**Motion by Sup. Dresen, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to start the bidding of the 2020 Enchanted Valley Road improvements. Motion carried, 5-0.**

1. IGA WITH WAUNAKEE

Staff was directed to ask the Village of Waunakee to review the expired contract and be in contact with the Town with an updated proposal.

1. ROAD AGREEMENTS

Staff was directed to forward the proposed agreement to the Town Attorney for review.

1. OLD BUSINESS
   1. WHIPPOORWILL CULVERT AND CUL DE SAC

The grant application has been submitted.

* 1. HYER ROAD DRAINAGE: CROSS CULVERT ABANDONMENT

Pam McSherry noted the situation has gotten worse; there are three active springs on the property.

* 1. BLIGHT
     1. 7166 COUNTY HIGHWAY K
     2. 7139 COUNTY HIGHWAY K
  2. OUTDOOR STORAGE AND VIOLATIONS

The Board will note violations during the road tour.

* 1. BITTERSWEET COURT TOWN ROAD PARKING ISSUE

Staff was directed to remove this item from the agenda.

* 1. SHORT TERM VACATION RENTALS

Staff will check with the Town attorney to determine whether the Town can impose stricter regulations than the State.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sup. Dresen: There were four calls in Springfield last month. The Middleton Fire District has 75 firefighters.

Sup. Meinholz: Nothing currently.

Sup. Statz: Nothing at this time.

Sup. Laufenberg: Nothing to report.

Chairman Pulvermacher: Chairperson Pulvermacher reports he has asked for a 6 Town meeting to discuss the appeal to Circuit Court. The Plan Commission heard from someone who will be applying to rezone his duplex from R-1 to MFR, and also heard a policy question about whether a split was required to split a lot created by CSM that’s adjacent to a subdivision.

1. ROAD PATROLMAN’S REPORT

Staff was directed to send a violation letter and invoice to a residence that resurfaced their driveway without a permit. Patrolman Ripp noted the driveway was poured correctly. Staff was directed to tentatively schedule a road tour for Saturday, January 18th and send an email checking Supervisors’ availability closer to that date.

1. CLERK/TREASURER’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk-Treasurer Fayas provided Supervisors with a synopsis of 2019 tax collections through Dec. 31st.; noted an upcoming census training in Windsor and indicated she will be attending; and provided Supervisors with a copy of the updated dog license application that references the $5 increase due to a Dane County fee increase, noting the Town did not receive any complaints or short payments.

1. APPROVAL OF BILLS AS PRESENTED

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

1. ADJOURN

**Motion by Sup. Meinholz, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.**