

Town of **SPRINGFIELD**



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

Budget Workshop Meeting

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

Chair Jim Pulvermacher called the budget workshop meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call shows Chair Pulvermacher and Supervisors Dave Laufenberg, Art Meinholz, and Dan Dresen present; Sup. Wright is excused.

Also present were Road Patrolman Darin Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer Dianah Fayas and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Doreen Jackson.

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. UPDATE/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON TOWNS' REPRESENTATION AND REDISTRICTING MAP PREFERENCES

To ensure Towns' opinions were considered during the selection process of redistricting maps, Chairperson Pulvermacher had staff poll all of the Dane County Towns to find out if they submitted a map preference to the Redistricting Commission, and if so, what they preferred. The vast majority of Towns did not submit a preference; two-thirds of the Towns that indicated a preference, preferred Map C, which is what was selected.

4. WORKSHOP FOR 2022 BUDGET PREPARATION

Supervisors and staff reviewed each line item, utilizing firm numbers when available and estimates based on previous years' data. The Town is anticipating reimbursement for expenditures on two different grants: \$252,700 from the LRIP grant for the Enchanted Valley project in 2020 and \$70,000 for 2020 work on the Pheasant Branch culverts with the County's Bridge Aid program. Using social security's estimated cost of living increase between 5% and 7%, and the 2021 inflation rate of 5.3% through August 2021, supervisors discussed wage increases of 5% and 5.5% and contemplated bonuses discussed during last year's budget workshops, possibly in the form of end of the year retention bonuses. Supervisors would like to increase the rate of pay per meeting for plan commissioners and town supervisors. Because plan commissioners are appointed and not elected, their pay increase can go into effect January 1st; pay increases for elected officials cannot go into effect until after the next election for each position. Supervisors III & IV will receive their pay increase after the April 2022 election; pay increases for the Chairperson, and Supervisors I & II will go into effect after their next election in April 2023. Patrolman Ripp provided quotes for trading in the old tractor and purchasing a new one; supervisors will consider a new tractor in the 2022 budget. The town board would like to discuss plans for the ballfield acreage at their next meeting as any decisions will likely impact the 2022 budget.

5. ADJOURN

**Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.
Motion carried, 4-0.**