

# *Town of* **SPRINGFIELD**



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## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 7:00 P.M.  
Town Board Meeting

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

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

Roll call shows Chair Pulvermacher and Supervisors Dave Laufenberg, Matt Wright, Art Meinholz, and Leon Zinck III present.

Also present were Road Patrolman Darin Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer Dianah Fayas, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Doreen Jackson, Renee Burcalow, Ken Meier, Robin Logan, Bill Acker, Sam Acker, Becky Lindeman, Kelly Lindeman, Chuck Schaeffer, Ann Schuetz, and Bill Boor.

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.

3. INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT TIME – None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: OCT. 18, 2022 & OCT. 25 BUDGET WORKSHOP

**Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to approve the minutes. Motion carried, 5-0.**

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Under Correspondence is a letter from Yahara Materials about their upcoming fencing project; a letter from an attorney representing neighbors of the quarry who is requesting the Town direct Yahara Materials to confine their non-mineral extraction activities to the footprint of the CUP; and a letter from a non-resident encouraging Springfield to pass a policy requiring all new homes and structures be built without gas components and be all electric. Chairperson Pulvermacher received a letter from Joseph Parisi encouraging rural representatives to contact their county representative and the county budget and finance committee members to encourage them to keep a mental health initiative with the Sheriff's Department in the County budget, rather than redirect those funds to the City of Madison as tentatively planned; Chairperson Pulvermacher will draft an email encouraging the initiative be funded.

6. BLIGHT – COUNTY HIGHWAY K

This agenda item was postponed until later in the meeting when Mr. Wagner and Attorney Hazelbaker are present.

7. CORRESPONDENCE & REQUEST FOR RE: MEINHOLZ, LLC NON-METALLIC MINING OUTSIDE OF CUP PARAMETERS

This item was postponed until Attorney Hazelbaker arrived.

8. DRIVEWAY PERMIT: 7361 DARLIN DRIVE  
The applicant wants to add 12' of culvert.  
**Motion by Sup. Zinck, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to approve the driveway permit for 7361 Darlin Drive. Motion carried, 5-0.**
9. VARIANCE REFERRAL TO BOA—6147 BARMAN RD.  
To build an attached garage, the applicant would like an approximate 3-4' variance from the "Highway centerline / right-of-way line (whichever is greater); 63/30 feet minimum" required in A-1EX zoning. The applicant is requesting a variance to build closer than 63' from centerline, but more than 30' from the right-of-way.  
**Motion by Sup. Laufenberg, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to send the variance request for 6147 Barman Road to the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried, 5-0.**
10. DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS IN RURAL NEIGHBORHOOD AREAS  
A request was received from Acker Living Trust representatives to waive the need for splits for their proposed subdivision on the grounds they were "grandfathered" in because the parcel has been designated as Rural Development Area (RDA) on the Town's Future Land Use map for decades. The representatives posit that the Town devalued the parcel by requiring splits for the RDA land. The requestor also requests to be "grandfathered" in and not be required to purchase splits because they came to the Plan Commission for discussion, with an unsubmitted application for the proposed project in April 2017 and were advised at that time to wait as Springfield was leaving County zoning at the end of the year. An alternative put forth by the petitioners would be to amend the Town's TDR program to allow the use of splits purchased from outside the Town, as those are priced lower by the market. Supervisors would like to have a joint meeting with the plan commission to discuss; the November plan committee meeting will be noticed and posted as a joint meeting.
6. BLIGHT – COUNTY HIGHWAY K  
An inspection by supervisors yesterday showed the property is not in compliance with the Court's order for the rotten food and garbage to be removed. Staff was directed to have a 30-yard dumpster delivered for Friday; Attorney Hazelbaker will arrange for workers to empty the sheds of rotting food and debris.  
**Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg for the Town to move forward with clean up of blight on Highway K, to clean up tentatively Friday morning at Mr. Wagner's expense. If Howard Wagner would like to be present, he can. Motion carried, 5-0.**
7. CORRESPONDENCE & REQUEST FOR RE: MEINHOLZ, LLC NON-METALLIC MINING OUTSIDE OF CUP PARAMETERS  
Chairperson Pulvermacher recommends giving Yahara Materials two weeks to respond to the request; Attorney Hazelbaker will get an opinion from the Wisconsin Towns Association and produce written response to residents and then forward the request and research to the zoning administrator.  
**Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to send a copy of the correspondence to Yahara and give them one month to respond in writing and ask Attorney Hazelbaker for independent assessment, and direct Attorney Hazelbaker to ask the Wisconsin Towns Association for opinion. We'll bring to the board, discuss, and refer to GEC with a copy of the letter cc'd to Attorney Kent. Motion carried, 5-0.**
11. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. TOWN ROADS' WEIGHT LIMITS  
Awaiting the borings report.
  - b. MIDDLETON MOREY AIRPORT UPDATE  
Staff will work to schedule a joint meeting with the City of Middleton.
  - c. ~~BLIGHT – HWY. K & ASHTON~~
  - d. OUTDOOR STORAGE VIOLATIONS

- e. ~~INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL COURT MEMBERSHIP~~
- f. ENGAGING A CODE ADMINISTRATOR

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sup. Zinck:

Sup. Meinholz:

Sup. Wright:

Sup. Laufenberg:

Chairman Pulvermacher: Waunakee Fire is beginning the hiring process for a full-time chief or full-time inspector.

13. ROAD PATROLMAN'S REPORT

14. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

15. APPROVAL OF BILLS AS PRESENTED

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

16. ADJOURN

**Motion by Sup. Zinck, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.**