

Town Of **SPRINGFIELD**



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 1, 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, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Doreen Jackson, Philip Andris, and Brad Meinholz. Appearing via tele &/or video conference were Mark Hazelbaker, Russ Hellenbrand, Mark Meinholz, Dan Fargen, Jen Burkhardt and Herbie Endres.

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 – None.

Resident Philip Andris provided correspondence to the board, objecting to the way the 7225 Clover Hill CSM proposal has been and is being handled.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Nov. 16, Nov. 17 JAR, Nov. 17 Regular, Special Public Hearing

Minutes were not available for review and approval.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

6. OPERATOR'S LICENSE: COLLIN CLAPPER, R BAR

Motion by Sup. Dresen, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to grant Collin Clapper an operator's license for R Bar. Motion carried, 5-0.

7. SUNRISE RIDGE BLIGHT

Staff was directed to send the property owner a letter directing them to move any existing items out of the road right of way before it freezes. The board would like GEC to work with staff to draft an enforcement process for these types of occurrences, which might include a pattern of notices and demands with a timeline, so notification and enforcement are consistent.

8. CLOVER HILL CULVERTS
Correspondence and information from neighborhood residents suggests the new culverts aren't moving the water sufficiently yet, allowing for pooling at side. This will be added to the 2021 road projects list for additional work.
Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to table this item and put on the next meeting for further discussion &/or action. Motion carried, 5-0.

9. NOVEMBER FINANCIALS
Supervisors reviewed the financials to determine the overall budget status for 2020.

10. 2020 BONUS, MERIT, &/OR ELECTIONS HAZARD PAY
Chairperson Pulvermacher moved this for discussion later in the meeting.
Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Statz to move agenda item #10 down between items 15 and 16. Motion carried, 5-0.

11. 2020 BUDGET AMENDMENT TO DESIGNATE DISTRIBUTION OF UNSPENT FUNDS, IF ANY
It is estimated the fund balance will grow by \$290,000 this year, with the majority of that coming from road line item accounts, after the board directed the road patrolman to curtail his 2020 expenditures and projects due to financial uncertainty regarding state transportation funding in the next couple of years.
Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to transfer \$200,000 into the Major Roads savings account for 2021 road projects. Motion carried, 5-0.

12. WETLAND DELINEATION
MSA provided two options for wetland delineation, with the second and more expensive option including a desktop wetland determination by the DNR.
Motion by Sup. Laufenberg, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to do option #1 for wetland delineation of the ballpark for \$1,200. Motion carried, 5-0.

13. OFFER TO PURCHASE – BALL DIAMOND ACREAGE (APPROX. 7.5 ACRES)
Supervisors reviewed the Offer to Purchase with their attorney and the listing realtor and noted a couple of items that required changes or updates: Line 30 – accepted offer to be delivered to buyer by *December 9, 2020*; Line 67 – Closing to occur no later than Dec. 31, 2020; Line 113 of Additional Provisions/Contingencies – buyer shall disconnect water and septic (previously stated, “shall be permitted to”).
Motion by Sup. Statz, seconded by Sup. Dresen to move forward with the Offer to Buy with the changes noted at tonight’s meeting incorporated. Motion carried, 5-0.

14. FINANCING OF LAND PURCHASE: FUND BALANCE &/OR LOAN
 - a. REAL ESTATE LOAN (AS NEEDED), RESOLUTION 2020-06
Motion by Sup. Meinholz, seconded by Sup. Dresen to borrow from State Bank of Cross Plains for financing \$350,000 at 2% for four years with no fees. Motion carried, 5-0.

The board would like to use Park Fund fees to fund the ancillary costs of the land purchase, such as the wetland delineation, the land survey, legal fees, etc.

Motion by Sup. Meinholz, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to use \$105,000 from the ATC one-time payment to finish out the purchase of land, adding to the \$350,000 to be borrowed.

15. APPROVE USE OF LEFTOVER LEVY FROM 2018
Motion by Sup. Statz, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to approve levying the remaining left over 2018 levy at the treasurer’s discretion. Motion carried, 5-0.

10. 2020 BONUS, MERIT, &/OR ELECTIONS HAZARD PAY

Motion by Sup. Statz, seconded by Chairperson Pulvermacher to give 2020 bonuses to the staff of \$1,500 for Dianah, \$1,000 for Doreen and \$1,000 for Darin for merit and hazard pay related to the pandemic. Motion carried, 5-0.

16. SCHEDULE REGULAR MEETING AROUND 2021 BUDGET & LEVY MEETING

The Board scheduled a regular board meeting to conduct the regular business of the board on Nov. 17, 2021 the day after the special meeting of the electors November 16th.

17. OLD BUSINESS

a. ROUTES TO RECOVERY

b. WHIPPOORWILL CULVERT & CUL DE SAC

The title search did not uncover any documents dedicating the right of way land to the town. The property owners pay tax on the land to the centerline of the road. MSA advised that at this point an attorney typically would interpret the statutes and status and decide what the prescriptive right of way would be. A document from the 1800s indicates it is a four-rod road leading much further south than currently maintained, but supporting documentation leads to grey area that warrants an attorney's interpretation.

c. MIDDLETON MOREY AIRPORT UPDATE

The board received correspondence back from the FAA in response to their Sept. 24th letter. The FAA informed the towns that because the State of Wisconsin is in the Airport Improvement Program, it takes on many aspects and responsibilities in their state the FAA normally performs, therefore the review of the Morey Airport planning effort is led by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics. The FAA does retain approval authority of some key elements of the airport's final master plan, such as the aviation forecast, which has been approved by the FAA, but the runway length justification has not been finalized. The FAA will conduct an environmental review on the proposed project, which will likely provide the public another opportunity to submit comments on the record for FAA consideration.

d. STATUS UPDATE ON QUARRY LITIGATION

There are two new filings in the packet.

18. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sup. Dresen: Nothing new to report, just the regular business of the district.

Sup. Meinholz: Nothing to report at this time.

Sup. Statz: Sup. Statz has been in contact with Middleton's EMS chief and learned the commission is convened on an as needed basis, mainly for capital purchases which is quite rare as they have a capital equipment replacement fund.

Sup. Laufenberg: Nothing to report.

Chairman Pulvermacher: Waunakee Fire met yesterday; Brian Adler is now the Captain/Inspector. The title captain is an appointed position appointed by the district.

19. ROAD PATROLMAN'S REPORT

a. NEW PART-TIME ROAD PATROLMAN

Mike Sheets applied and interviewed for the part-time snow plowman position and passed his drug test.

Motion by Sup. Laufenberg, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to hire Mike Sheets for snow plowing. Motion carried, 5-0.

20. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The town received a request for a school zone in front of the entrance to Saint Andrew's school on Schneider Road. The board has looked into that in the past and learned that due to the posted traffic speed on Schneider Road, creating a school zone at the location is not feasible and will not be pursued at this point.

21. APPROVAL OF BILLS AS PRESENTED

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

22. ADJOURN

**Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.
Motion carried, 5-0.**