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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 15, 2022, 4:30 P.M.
Joint Town Board Meeting with City of Middleton

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

Chair Jim Pulvermacher and Mayor Gurdip Brar called their respective meetings to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll call shows the Town of Springfield board Chair Pulvermacher and Supervisors Dave Laufenberg, Matt Wright, and Art Meinholz present for the Town of Springfield; Leon Zinck III was absent.

Mayor Gurdip Brar, Council President Kathy Olson, and alderpersons Kendra Wochos, Emily Kuhn, Luke Fuszard, Lisa Janairo, and Randall Crow, along with City Administrator Bryan Gadow were present for the City of Middleton.

Also present were Springfield Clerk-Treasurer Dianah Fayas, and George Zens.

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. MOREY AIRPORT UPDATE AND FUTURE PLANS

The City's Plan Commission will be holding a public hearing January 10th on a petition to the Bureau of Aeronautics for funding in 2027-28. The City is not asking for money to expand runways, only for maintenance and rehabilitation of existing runway; the taxi in 2027, and the runway in 2028. Also being requested is funding to purchase the terminal building; the city owns the land, not the building. The City is purchasing a used fuel tank for Swift 94UL until 100 UL is available.

4. EMINENT DOMAIN ACROSS JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES

Chairperson Pulvermacher stated the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) has some basic language regarding eminent domain, but it's not very firm and some of Springfield's farmers are concerned their land may be taken for storm water detention. While Mayor Brar noted the City hasn't used eminent domain and doesn't plan to, Chairperson Pulvermacher indicated the IGA renewal will address this more specifically. City staff noted the IGA renewal discussion should start as early as Spring 2024 in anticipation of its 2029 expiration.

5. TRAFFIC CONTROL AND FUTURE ROUTING

Cut-thru traffic, quantity, and speed are concerns for both communities, especially, on Pheasant Branch, Greenbriar and Balzer Roads. Chairperson Pulvermacher spoke to officials with the Wisconsin Towns Association to lobby for legislation that would allow Towns to set their own speed limits; for shared roads, cities can lower speed limits, which the Town would be interested in working with the City on. Officials discussed the development of Bellefontaine as a 2-lane versus, or perhaps built to accommodate a future 4-lane, through to Parmenter, and the routing of traffic from Red Tail Ridge to Old Creek Road, with Springfield

willing to consider a cul de sac on Greenbriar Road. Formation of a joint work group was discussed with Sup. Meinholz and Alderperson Crow indicating interest in joining.

6. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ACROSS JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES

It was estimated that approximately 65% of the City's stormwater flows through Springfield. A three-pond study was conducted, and more recently, recognizing that the best solution is for the water to infiltrate where it lands, a tour was held by officials from both governments, of sites in Springfield that could act in concert to meter and slow water flow, allowing for more ground absorption and sediment deposit in the Town before reaching the City. Pursuit of this type of project would require assistance and funding by the County. Chairperson Pulvermacher and Sup. Meinholz, along with Alderpersons Janairo and Fuszard expressed interest in being members of a small group created to pursue the idea.

Chairperson Pulvermacher shared the Town's intent to pursue housing for agricultural workers on farms by conditional use permit.

7. ADJOURN

Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried, 4-0.

Following a motion by Alderperson and seconded by Alderperson Kuhn, the City meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.