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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Town Board Meeting

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

Chairman Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call shows Chairperson Dave Laufenberg and Supervisors Tyler Jankowski and Leon Zinck III present. Supervisor Wright is excused; Supervisor III position is vacant.

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Dianah Fayas, Deputy Clerks-Treasurers Doreen Jackson and Lori Eckes, Road Patrolman Darin Ripp, Assessor Bradley Murdock, Ashley Ballweg, Elliott Long, Chuck Schaeffer, and Becky and Kelly Lindeman.

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: January 20, 2026

Motion by Sup. Jankowski, seconded by Sup. Zinck III to approve the minutes of January 20th. Motion carried, 3-0.

5. PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD FROM ASSOCIATED APPRAISAL

Associated Appraisal's Springfield assessor Bradley Murdock provided an update on the 2025 reassessment and noted he will be starting field work in March to address outstanding questions and begin work on 2026 tax assessments, and plans to schedule Open Book in April and Board of Review in May of this year. Mr. Murdock will be in contact with the Clerk to process the few noted corrections to the 2025 assessment and resultant tax bills noted after tax bills were created and sent.

6. APPOINTMENT BY BOARD TO FILL REMAINING TERM OF SUPERVISOR III

The passing of Supervisor Art Meinholz during his 19th year on the Springfield Town Board created a vacancy for the remaining term of the Supervisor III position. Wisconsin statute 17.25(1)(a) requires that the Town Board and Town Clerk appoint a replacement.

Motion by Sup. Jankowski, seconded by Sup. Zinck III to appoint Ashley Ballweg to fill the vacancy on the Town Board caused by the death of Arthur Meinholz and to complete his unexpired term. Motion carried, 4-0.

7. APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO APRIL BALLOT FOR OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR III

Wisconsin statute 8.35(2) addresses filling a ballot vacancy, allowing for replacement of a nominated candidate who passed away before the election. Town Board Chairman Dave Laufenberg nominated Ashley Ballweg to be placed on the ballot as the result of the death of candidate Arthur Meinholz.

Motion by Chairman Laufenberg, seconded by Sup. Zinck III to approve the nomination of Ashley Ballweg to the April ballot. Motion carried, 3-0.

8. AUTHORIZE BANKING ACCESS AND ISSUE CREDIT CARD FOR LORI ECKES, THE NEW DEPUTY CLERK TREASURER
Town supervisors and administrative staff have signing privileges for town banking; only town staff have credit cards.
Motion by Sup. Zinck III, seconded by Sup. Jankowski to authorize banking access and a credit card for Lori Eckes. Motion carried, 3-0.
9. 2026-27 ELECTION INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT: LORI ECKES, DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER
Motion by Sup. Zinck III, seconded by Sup. Jankowski for Lori to become a 2026-27 election inspector. Motion carried, 3-0.
10. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. BLIGHT, 7097 & 7166 COUNTY HWY. K
The sheds at 7166 are filling up again. Staff will try and determine what the status of the Satisfaction of Judgment is.
11. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Chairperson: Cross Plains EMS is working on updating the intergovernmental agreement. Waunakee Fire is developing tensions or issues with volunteers; the Towns of Westport and Vienna think buying service from Waunakee Department and other providers may be easiest going forward.
12. ROAD PATROLMAN'S REPORT
Chip sealing price estimates are still coming in; approximately \$25,000 will be earmarked for ditching in Martinsville, \$30,000 for crack filling, and roughly \$20,000 for miscellaneous projects that come up throughout the year.
13. CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE
14. APPROVAL OF BILLS AS PRESENTED
Motion by Sup. Zinck III, seconded by Sup. Jankowski to pay the bills. Motion carried, 3-0.
15. ADJOURN
Motion by Sup. Jankowski, seconded by Sup. Zinck III to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried, 3-0.