

Town Of **SPRINGFIELD**



MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 8, 2021, 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 Roger Ripp, Duane Acker, Ken Meinholz, Lisa Meinholz, Brad Meinholz, Kendra O'Brien, Dennis Sheehan, Dan Noltner, Nick Bollig, Dave Bollig, Pat Buechner, Road Patrolman Darin Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer Dianah Fayas, and Dan Fargen for the first half of the meeting.

Among those appearing via tele &/or video conference were Brian Buechner, Steve Spahn, Jim Kuehn, Todd Marquardt, Robert Procter, Jennifer Niesen, Marilyn Milligan, Adam Meinholz, Jeff Helt, Randy Meinholz, Troy Ziegler, Stephanie Ziegler and Dan Fargen for the second half of the meeting.

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.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: March 16, 2021

Motion by Sup. Dresen, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to approve the minutes of March 16th. Motion carried, 5-0.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Pulvermacher responded to a resident verifying their neighbor is allowed to target practice in the town and received an email objecting to spending any Town funds on a turnaround that's located outside of the town limits. Chairperson Pulvermacher worked with a staff member at the Waunakee Senior Center and learned the residents of Springfield underutilize the Senior Center services, and that there are a number of seniors at Don's Mobile Manor with significant financial and other challenges that may benefit. A resident requested a change in garbage collection; the board does not want to make a change at this time.

6. KINGSLEY INVESTMENT UPDATE BY E. TODD MARQUARDT – LPL FINANCIAL

Mr. Marquardt advised taking some of the \$14,000 cash and investing some in the American Funds Balanced Fund, and perhaps some in MG&E &/or Alliant Energy Corp.

Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to change to \$8,000 in American

7. REQUEST TO AMEND DESIGN REVIEW APPROVAL RE: FENCING—BEST LAWN

The Bolligs are asking for approval to install chain link fencing on their property, instead of the wrought iron fence approved by the board during Design Review; it would be a cost savings of approximately \$14,000. The board would like the Plan Commission to make a recommendation.

Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to table until the board receives a recommendation from the Plan Commission and then put on the next regular board meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

Hearing no objection, Chairperson Pulvermacher moved Old Business Item b up on the agenda to be heard at this part of the meeting.

12. OLD BUSINESS

b. WHIPPOORWILL TURNAROUND

Option 7, a tear drop bulb branching off of Whippoorwill onto Mr. Niesen's property in the Town of Berry was staked out as a potential location; the Niesens, Meinholzes and Christiansens were asked to look at the new proposed location and provide in writing, a ranking of their preferred locations, along with the pros and cons as they perceived them, and return to the town board for review by Tuesday, April 6th, to be discussed at the April 8th meeting. The Meinholzes provided the requested information timely to the board; the Niesens and Christiansens provided a rebuttal to the Meinholzes response three hours before the April 8th meeting, leaving little time for supervisors to review and consider in advance. After discussion, it was determined that Option 7 located west off of Whippoorwill Road in the Town of Berry, would be reluctantly acceptable to all of the parties.

Motion by Sup. Dresen, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to meet with the Berry town board to discuss in closed session, Option 7 only. Motion carried, 4-1.

Motion by Sup. Meinholz, seconded by Sup. Statz that if Option 7 is not passed with the Town of Berry, the Town of Springfield will automatically move forward with engineering for Option 2 with no additional action by the Town of Springfield board needed. Motion carried, 4-1.

8. PUBLIC HEARING *MOTION TO RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND ENTER PUBLIC HEARING.*

Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to recess the meeting and go into a public hearing.

Roll call vote: Dresen AYE, Meinholz AYE, Statz AYE, Laufenberg AYE, Pulvermacher AYE. Motion carried.

a. COMP PLAN AMENDMENT RE: SOLAR FARMS

Chairperson Pulvermacher reported that although large solar installations (≥ 100 megawatts) are under the direct purview of the Public Service Commission (PSC) with no municipal oversight or regulatory authority, the PSC will take municipal policies and municipal comprehensive plans into consideration when reviewing plans for large solar installations, so it is in the Town's best interest to adopt a policy. The amendment develops policies for solar field proposals to ensure that solar fields are not sited: on the best farm soils; on lands intended for non-agricultural development; within viewsheds of residential areas, recreational area or Highway 12; or distant from existing transmission lines. The amendment indicates how many splits are utilized for solar producing acreage and includes provisions to minimize the possibility for obsolete or abandoned equipment being left in place in the future. Supervisors noted they are not aware of any such proposals yet, but residents are being solicited for acreage.

MOTION TO EXIT PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING.

Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Statz to come out of the public hearing and return to the regular meeting.

Roll call vote: Dresen AYE, Meinholz AYE, Statz AYE, Laufenberg AYE, Pulvermacher AYE. Motion carried.

9. COMP PLAN AMENDMENT RE: SOLAR FARMS

Motion by Sup. Laufenberg, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to approve ordinance 2021-02 Approving Amendments to the 2019 Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Springfield, Dane County, Wisconsin to Address Solar Field Siting. Motion carried, 5-0.

10. BLIGHT: 7166 CTH K

While the accumulation is not as bad as before yet, the multiple vehicles in the driveway are all full of items. The board directed staff to authorize GEC to look into a zoning violation and notify Public Health.

11. CEMETERY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RE: ELIGIBILITY

The Town Board passed a July 1995 motion designating “a 15’ x 15’ area in the Northeast corner of Kohlman Cemetery for cremated remains contained in urns. These lots are reserved for town property owners only.” The 2012 Cemetery Ordinance adopted as a condition of taking over the operation of the Kingsley Cemetery did not include a residency/land owner clause, which after discussion, the board reaffirmed was a policy they wanted to maintain. Staff updated the cemetery ordinance adding a residency requirement as directed.

Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to approve the update to the ordinance. Motion carried, 5-0.

12. OLD BUSINESS

a. 2021 ROAD PROJECTS

The board authorized Patrolman Ripp to get \$30,000 worth of crack filling down on town roads as he normally does. Patrolman Ripp is working with the Village of Waunakee and the Town of Westport on a shared fix to Hellenbrand Road. Patrolman Ripp provided preliminary estimates from MSA for work on Riles Road, Vosen Road, Bridle Ridge subdivision and Martinsville Road, with an ancillary bid, “Alternate A” for Kickaboo East.

Motion by Sup. Dresen, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to take the current road projects and have them bid out separately as Patrolman Ripp deems best, excluding Alternate A. Motion carried, 5-0.

b. WHIPPOORWILL TURNAROUND

This topic was discussed earlier in the meeting, between Items 7 and 8.

c. MIDDLETON MOREY AIRPORT UPDATE

A virtual Airport Master Plan Open House listening session is scheduled for April 10th.

d. JAR STORAGE ZONING VIOLATION

JAR owner Mr. Rich Wipperfurth updated the board with a completion date estimate of late May.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sup. Dresen: Middleton Fire met by Zoom to complete the monthly business.

Sup. Meinholz: Waunakee EMS is meeting tonight; Sup. Meinholz was not able to attend due to the conflicting meeting times.

Sup. Statz: Nothing to report.

Sup. Laufenberg: Nothing to report.

Chairman Pulvermacher: Chairperson Pulvermacher thanked Bill Statz for his service, noting this was his last regular town board meeting as a supervisor; Sup. Statz did not seek reelection.

14. ROAD PATROLMAN’S REPORT

The board directed Patrolman Ripp to get 8 dumpsters for Large Item Drop Off Day and see if they could have someone available on call to pick up and deliver empty dumpsters as needed. Patrolman Ripp will be shouldering next week. Weight limits came off last week; Patrolman Ripp received reports of a lot of cement

trucks operating on town roads in violation of the weight limits. The board directed the Clerk to add road weights posting to the first agenda in July.

15. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk was directed to provide the Board of Review training materials to Sup. Laufenberg. The Clerk reminded the board of the upcoming Plan Commission meeting they will be needed at to hear CUP requests, the annual town meeting and the regular meeting on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. The board is not ready to rent out town hall at this time; residents may rent the park shelter.

16. APPROVAL OF BILLS AS PRESENTED

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

17. BALLFIELD/ACREAGE PLANS (NOTE: THE BOARD MAY RECESS THE MEETING FOR A TOUR; NO DISCUSSION WILL OCCUR)

Chairperson Pulvermacher would like to work with a developer to see if elderly housing can be built on the site. In the mean time the acreage can be used for equipment and material storage. The ball diamond lights work; Todd Duhr would like to keep some of the lights if the board doesn't intend to use them all. The board wants to keep the closer field lights; Mr. Duhr can relocate the others to another area ball field. The septic line and water has been disconnected; Patrolman Ripp will look into the cost of mowing part of the field and use the brush mower to keep the outfield trimmed.

18. ADJOURN

Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Dresen to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.