

# Town of SPRINGFIELD

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## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 17, 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, and Art Meinholz present. Sup. Wright and Sup. Zinck were excused.

Also present were Road Patrolman Darin Ripp, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Doreen Jackson, attorney Mark Hazelbaker, Nick Bollig, Dan Pietrzykowski, Brad Meinholz, Corey Wipperfurth, and Bill Boor.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. CONFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW

The Deputy 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: May 3, 2022

**Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to accept the minutes as printed.  
Motion carried, 3-0.**

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Pulvermacher reported that Large Item Drop Off Day on May 7<sup>th</sup> went well. Chairperson Pulvermacher received an email from Town of Middleton Chair Cynthia Richson asking if Springfield would be interested in joining a joint court that is currently being reconfigured due to the dissolution of member municipality Town of Madison. Springfield is currently pursuing membership in the Northeast Community Court, but would like more information as this court with the Towns of Middleton and Verona may be a better fit. A resident emailed regarding the intensity and location of a blast in Yahara's quarry on Highway 12; staff followed up with Yahara personnel for information to provide to the resident. Waunakee Fire will not have a meeting in May due to Memorial Day. Chairperson Pulvermacher met with the City of Middleton's mayor; a meeting with representatives from both municipalities will be held May 26<sup>th</sup> at town hall, with no quorums anticipated. The Dane County Towns' Association will be meeting tomorrow at the Town of Verona.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLAN COMMISSION FROM MAY 2, 2022

a. SIGN REVIEW AND APPROVAL—BEST LAWN

PC Action: **MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WRIGHT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ACKER TO APPROVE THE SIGN AS PROPOSED, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ZONING ORDINANCE. MOTION CARRIED, 4-0.**

The applicant and sign company representative explained the internally illuminated sign (glowing white, not projecting light) will be mounted on the building, facing Highway 12 and will consist solely of the business name and phone number.

**Motion by Sup. Laufenberg, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to approve the signage with light package for Best Lawn as passed by the Plan Commission. Motion carried, 3-0.**

b. CUPS AND REZONES REQUIREMENTS IN COMMERCIAL PARK

PC Action: **MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BARMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WRIGHT TO REQUIRE REZONES TO TOWN ZONING FOR LOTS IN THE COMMERCIAL PARK AT A FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$500, BUT NOT REQUIRE CUPS IN THE COMMERCIAL PARK. MOTION CARRIED, 4-0.**

Attorney Hazelbaker suggested that businesses in the business park should not have Conditional Use Permits, rather he proposes creating a special zoning designation for the business park.

**Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to table to get more information before it's on another board meeting. Motion carried, 3-0.**

7. JAR STORAGE ZONING VIOLATION - PENALTY ASSESSMENT REVIEW AND ACTION

Representatives from JAR were not in attendance yet, due to the earlier start time; the board will come back to this item once Mr. Wipperfurth arrives.

8. UNUSED SPLITS FROM LAND ANNEXED OR LAND SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Chairperson Pulvermacher asked attorney Hazelbaker to draft a tentative plan for the Town assuming control of splits attached to land that has been purchased or annexed by local, county, state &/or federal governmental units. Any update to the comp plan to create and implement a repository of splits assumed by the Town would require a resolution of recommendation from the Plan Commission. Chairperson Pulvermacher will speak to the Plan Commission chair about adding this item to an upcoming Plan Commission agenda.

7. JAR STORAGE ZONING VIOLATION - PENALTY ASSESSMENT REVIEW AND ACTION

The applicant understands why the business was fined and noted delays associated with the pandemic slowed down correcting some of the issues.

**Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to recommend a forfeiture of \$24,000, half of the forfeiture would be due immediately and the other half would be due by the earlier of the date of approval of zoning changes for JAR Express or August 1, 2022. The reduction in the forfeiture is contingent upon execution of an agreement with JAR Express and its principals accepting the forfeiture and releasing all claims against the Town. All remaining unpaid fees and costs due to the Town will be satisfied by payment of the forfeiture. Motion carried, 3-0.**

9. ASHTON HOME TALENT PICNIC LICENSES

**Motion by Sup. Laufenberg, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to approve Ashton Home Talent temporary class B retail licenses. Motion carried, 3-0.**

10. PLOW TRUCK EQUIPMENT PACKAGE PURCHASE

**Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to go with the plow package as presented. Motion carried, 3-0.**

11. APRIL FINANCIALS

No irregularities were noted.

12. ZONING VARIANCE REQUEST TO BD. OF ADJUSTMENT- 6147 BARMAN RD.—NEW CONFIGURATION

**Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg with an accepted friendly amendment by Sup. Meinholz, to approve the current configuration which adds the new garage attachment to the east**

**side; the applicant to provide a digital survey map to the Town before application to the BOA. Motion carried, 3-0.**

13. OLD BUSINESS

a. TOWN ROADS' WEIGHT LIMITS

The Town hasn't received any soil boring numbers back yet. Patrolman Ripp will work with Westport on 15-ton signage for Hellenbrand Road.

b. MIDDLETON MOREY AIRPORT UPDATE

c. BLIGHT

d. OUTDOOR STORAGE VIOLATIONS

e. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

Attorney Hazelbaker is still reworking the draft; the ordinance is more detailed than the Town needs at this time.

f. 2022 ROAD PROJECTS

Kickaboo Road work is out for bids, with the bid opening scheduled for Friday; Woodland was put out for bids last Friday, and Hyer Road guard rail will be put up for bid in the coming days. Patrolman Ripp met with the Morricks to discuss the turnaround on Kickaboo; the board would like to have a preconstruction meeting with the residents impacted by the project. Patrolman Ripp contacted MG&E to move gas line for ditching on the section of Kickaboo west slated for ditching. MSA is developing a perpetual easement for the town to accommodate a culvert extension on Lodi-Springfield Road to be installed at the request and expense of the resident.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sup. Zinck: N/A

Sup. Meinholz: Sup. Laufenberg attended the Waunakee EMS meeting; Middleton Fire is meeting Thursday.

Sup. Wright: N/A

Sup. Laufenberg: Waunakee EMS are spreading out; the department is looking at a 40% increase in operating expenses next year.

Chairman Pulvermacher: The volume of calls to Waunakee Fire has increased; the new engine is now in service.

15. ROAD PATROLMAN'S REPORT

Patrolman Ripp was called to scrape off burned debris from Fisher Road as the result of a car fire. Patrolman Ripp reports tire ruts off the side of the road on the east side of Whippoorwill Road, and informed the board that he has temporary coverage for road related issues while he's out of town at the end of the week.

16. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

17. APPROVAL OF BILLS AS PRESENTED

**Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to pay the bills. Motion carried, 3-0.**

18. ADJOURN

**Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried, 3-0.**