

# *Town Of* **SPRINGFIELD**



## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 16, 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, Art Meinholz, and Dan Dresen present and appearing at town hall. Sup. Statz arrived at 7:32 p.m.

Also present and appearing at town hall were Road Patrolman Darin Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer Dianah Fayas, Dan Fargen and Roger Acker. There were no remote attendees.

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: June 2, 2020

**Motion by Sup. Dresen, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to approve the minutes. Motion carried, 5-0.**

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Pulvermacher attended the Wisconsin Towns Association meeting where the Resources to Recovery grant procedures were discussed. WTA is working with the Department of Administration to develop and clarify the application and reimbursement process. Ms. Pam McSherry remains in regular contact seeking redress for the water inundation on her property and also asked for information regarding the possibility of a commercial entity purchasing land nearby to be used for their business. Chairperson Pulvermacher, Sup. Meinholz, Sup. Dresen, and Jeff Endres with Yahara Pride met with Mayor Brar to discuss water retention to slow flood waters through the west branch of the Pheasant Branch Creek; Springfield agreed to set aside \$1,000 to get the ball moving. Chairperson Pulvermacher attended an Enchanted Valley project meeting with residents, engineers and the project contractor. The main complaints from residents were regarding traffic volume and speed, and the dust and noise associated with the construction. There was also concern over the slopes of the ditches, which have only been rough graded at this point and aren't indicative of the final grade. Chairperson Pulvermacher met with property owners in the Hickory Highlands neighborhood regarding inadequate drainage; this is a neighborhood problem that would be dealt with and paid for by the neighborhood homeowner's association if it was still in effect which it is not. Chairperson Pulvermacher

dictated a letter to be sent to the Dane County Chairperson regarding redistricting and changing the size of the county board. He wants to ensure that the town doesn't lose rural representation.

6. DRIVEWAY PERMIT APPLICATION: ROGER ACKER – FIELD ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT ON FISHER ROAD  
**Motion by Sup. Laufenberg, seconded by Sup. Meinholz to approve the driveway permit for Roger Acker on Fisher Road. Motion carried, 5-0.**
  
7. STORMWATER AND DRAINAGE IN HICKORY HIGHLANDS ON NW CORNER OF CLOVER HILL DR.  
Chairperson Pulvermacher, Sup. Meinholz and Sup. Dresen met with property owners in the Hickory Highlands neighborhood regarding inadequate drainage; this is a neighborhood problem that would be dealt with and paid for by the neighborhood homeowner's association if it was still in effect which it is not.
  
8. CARES GRANT  
The Wisconsin Towns Association has been working with the Department of Administration to determine what is eligible for reimbursement. Items such as touchless sinks and toilets, toe touch door openers &/or handicap automatic doors, PPE to give to local fire and EMT, gifting a portion of an allocation were all suggested and are being discussed.
  
9. CITY OF MIDDLETON PROSPECTIVE STORMWATER PLAN  
Representatives from Yahara Pride will meet with MSA engineers to gather more information before another meeting is scheduled to discuss the various options.
  
10. DRIVEWAY PERMIT APPLICATION & ORDINANCE SPECIFICATIONS—GRADE OFF OF ROAD, SIMPLIFY FOR RESURFACING  
The current ordinance and application only require a "dip", they don't specify the degree of backslope required. Patrolman Ripp would like more specifics in the ordinance, and would like to simplify the application for field roads, and perhaps specifying that anything other than adding gravel needs a new permit. There is currently no minimum distance or setback from the property line or side lot for driveway/flatwork. Chairperson Pulvermacher thinks it should be 1' from the property side line but recommended checking other neighboring municipality rules and agreed it could be added to the ordinance. Patrolman Ripp will come back with recommendations for the board to review.
  
11. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. CULVERT EXTENSIONS & GUARDRAILS  
Patrolman Ripp and Chairperson Pulvermacher will look at culvert/shoulder drop offs on a town tour.
  - b. ATVS ON TOWN ROADS  
**Motion by Sup. Dresen, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to adopt the ordinance, labeled 11b in the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting packet\* to adopt an ATV route in the Town of Springfield, only for Whippoorwill Road from Martinsville Road north to the town line. Motion carried, 5-0.**  
\*Designating All-Terrain Vehicle Routes and Regulating the Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles
  - c. WHIPPOORWILL CULVERT & CUL DE SAC  
Staff was directed to contact the school bus company to verify the school bus would use the cul de sac to turn around, enabling the bus to pick up children at/near that location.
  - d. OUTDOOR STORAGE AND VIOLATIONS  
The board would like language added to the letters informing recipients that this is not a new change, this has always been the rule, it was just never enforced by the County.  
**Motion by Sup. Laufenberg, seconded by Sup. Dresen to approve and send the letters with the additional language added. Motion carried, 5-0.**
  - e. KINGSLEY GARDEN SHED MAINT.

- f. BLIGHT: 7166 COUNTY HWY K
- g. 2020 ROAD PROJECTS
- h. IGA WITH WAUNAKEE
- i. STATUS UPDATE ON QUARRY LITIGATION
- j. TDR SENDING REQUIREMENTS—3RD PARTY HOLDER
- k. JOINT MEETING WITH CITY OF MIDDLETON
- l. ZONING VIOLATION: 5155 SUNRISE RIDGE TRAIL

The green houses have been relocated but the trees remain in the right of way. Staff will send an email reminding the property owner that the trees are not permitted in the right of way.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sup. Dresen: Middleton Fire will be having a virtual meeting this Thursday.

Sup. Meinholz: Nothing new to report from the Waunakee EMS meeting that was conducted virtually.

Sup. Statz: No report.

Sup. Laufenberg: No report for Cross Plains EMS. Increased dump truck activity was noted at a farm on Meffert Road. Staff will send a letter requesting information from the property owner.

Chairman Pulvermacher: Emergency repairs estimated at \$12,000-14,000 were needed on the Waunakee Fire Department ladder truck to replace tubing. They will be meeting again next week. Chairperson Pulvermacher received correspondence from the Town of Middleton chairperson notifying Springfield that the removal of eminent domain language was approved by the State and Federal authorities, so eminent domain cannot be used to gain additional land for airport expansion.

13. ROAD PATROLMAN'S REPORT

Two bridge aid applications are being prepared for submittal. Patrolman Ripp met with Dane County park management to discuss issues at the Acker Farm property the county bought last year. Mowing is expected to be completed after one more day and Patrolman Ripp has a couple of driveway meetings coming up to discuss options and specifics with property owners to ensure their driveways are poured correctly.

14. CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

15. APPROVAL OF BILLS AS PRESENTED

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

16. ADJOURN

**Motion by Sup. Meinholz, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.**