

# *Town of* **SPRINGFIELD**



## MEETING MINUTES

### TOWNS OF SPRINGFIELD & MIDDLETON AND CITY OF MIDDLETON JOINT MEETING OF TOWNS' BOARDS AND CITY COMMON COUNCIL

Thursday, August 20, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

*via teleconference & video conference hosted by City of Middleton*

CALLS TO ORDER - TOWN OF MIDDLETON BOARD, TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD, AND CITY OF MIDDLETON  
Chair Richson called the Town of Middleton Board to order, the Town of Springfield Board was called to order by Chair Pulvermacher and City of Middleton's Mayor Brar called the City's Common Council to order at 7:05 p.m.

#### 1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

##### a. TOWN OF MIDDLETON BOARD

Present were Chair Richson and Supervisors Oberle, Schmidt and Stemrich. Supervisor Renteria was absent. Also present on behalf of the town were Greg DiMiceli, Administrator-Treasurer; Mike Lawton, Attorney for the Town of Middleton; and Barbara Roesslein, Clerk.

##### b. TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD

Chairperson Pulvermacher and Supervisors Laufenberg, Meinholz, and Dresen were present. Supervisor Statz was absent. Also present on behalf of the town were Mark Hazelbaker, Attorney for the Town; and Dianah Fayas, Clerk-Treasurer.

##### c. CITY OF MIDDLETON COMMON COUNCIL

Present for the City of Middleton Common Council were Alderpersons Olson, Burck, Nelson, Kuhn, Fuszard, West, Ramsey, Sullivan and Mayor Brar. Also present for the city were Mike Davis, City Administrator; and Lawrence Bechler, Attorney for the City of Middleton.

#### 2. PROOF OF POSTING/PUBLICATION AND NOTICE

##### a. TOWN OF MIDDLETON BOARD

##### b. TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD

##### c. CITY OF MIDDLETON COMMON COUNCIL

The Towns and City verified posting/publication requirements were met.

#### 3. MIDDLETON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT/MOREY FIELD

##### a. EMINENT DOMAIN

- b. COMPATIBLE LAND USE PLAN —EXISTING OPERATIONS AND POTENTIAL EXPANSION AND RELATIONSHIPS TO/IMPACTS ON NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES
- c. TOWN REPRESENTATION ON CITY OF MIDDLETON AIRPORT COMMISSION

Town of Middleton’s Chair Richson read a statement emphasizing the importance of the City’s existing Comprehensive Plan language noting it pertains to area residents and visitors as well as City residents and that new proposed verbiage eliminates the existing provision whereby the City will work to ensure the airport is “minimizing potentially negative impacts on nearby properties.” Chair Richson recalled the City’s 1998 Resolution assuring the community that the primary runway would be restricted to 4,000’; that the City would not support construction of a crosswind runway, and to urge pilots to follow flight patterns away from residential areas. Chair Richson noted the seeming disconnect of compatible land use between residential and school areas and airport operations with any proposed airport expansion exacerbating that incompatibility. The Town of Middleton would like the City to agree not to use eminent domain to gain property for airport expansion; to approve a resolution to develop a cooperative plan for the area with neighboring communities; to add a voting member seat on the Airport Commission for the Town of Middleton and one for the Town of Springfield; direct the Airport Commission to prepare a Morey Airport Compatible Land Use Plan; suspend any further expansion planning currently underway; retain the existing Comp Plan language noted above; direct the airport to start selling *unleaded* gasoline, and; prohibit intentional shooting or killing of any wildlife at or near Morey Airport.

Chairperson Pulvermacher reiterated the objection to use of eminent domain for expansion and would like the City’s agreement that they will not pursue. He noted the current cooperative plan, which is set to expire in 2029 should be updated to reflect any such agreements and suggested a joint zoning and storm water development agreement between the Town and City. Chairperson Pulvermacher indicated he would not be willing to work with the City on flood mitigation if proposed airport expansion negatively impacted the Town and its residents.

Town of Springfield’s attorney explained the forethought and consideration used in the development of the Dane County Regional Airport starting in the 1980’s; the County planned ahead for growth, buying surrounding land, imposing height restrictions, etc., to try and mitigate incompatible land use problems. They developed with the goal of providing year-round, 24-7 service for passenger and commercial aviation. Mr. Hazelbaker noted it is too late for Morey Airport to do the same; innumerable land use decisions have been made on representations of the nature of the airport, resulting in substantial residential development.

Mayor Brar thanked the Chairs and attorneys for their comments stating the meeting was a “listening session” for the City of Middleton.

#### 4. STORMWATER ISSUES AND PLANNING – TOWNS’ AND CITY’S

- a. POTENTIAL STORMWATER DETENTION/RETENTION IN THE TOWNS

Chairperson Pulvermacher and Mayor Brar have discussed potential stormwater mitigation efforts in the Town of Springfield in conjunction with Yahara Pride and area farmers to slow down and reduce the amount of water flowing into the City, perhaps by storing the stormwater upland in the Town of Springfield.

- b. DRAINAGE DISTRICT #19

Chair Richson noted long inactive Drainage District #19 has been reactivated at the behest of residents and the County Drainage Board is now considering potential assessments for stormwater improvements to property owners in the Drainage District, including some in the City of Middleton.

5. TRAFFIC ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Of primary concern to the towns are the Erdman Park project at Schwarz Road and Highway 14 and the amount of cut through traffic on town roads to access the highways. Chairperson Pulvermacher noted the County's purchase of the Acker Farm impacts the City's plans for the Belle Fontaine corridor, with those plans needing to be revisited.

6. SCHEDULING OF FOLLOW UP COOPERATIVE DISCUSSION MEETINGS

All three municipalities would like to meet again in the future, with the City responding at a subsequent meeting. Staff will try to schedule the next meeting for the third Thursday of the month (September 17<sup>th</sup>).

7. ADJOURN

a. TOWN OF MIDDLETON BOARD

**Motion by Sup. Schmidt, seconded by Sup. Stemrich to adjourn. Motion carried, 4-0.**

b. TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD

**Motion by Chairperson Pulvermacher, seconded by Sup. Laufenberg to adjourn. Motion carried, 4-0.**

c. CITY OF MIDDLETON COMMON COUNCIL

**Moton by Alder Kuhn, seconded by Alder Burck to adjourn. Motion carried, all ayes.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.