

Town of Springvale
Columbia County, WI
Minutes, January 15, 2025
Springvale Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM with the reciting of the flag pledge.

Present: Andy Fischer, Glen Fischer, John Gutzman, Denise Bancroft-Hart, Becky Gutzman; other residents: Patti Fischer, Joyce Manthey, Arnie Fischer, Brent Hunter, Karen and Bob Breneman, Nancy and Paul Bernander, Warren O’Brion, Ellen Richter, Harry Sheeks, Joe DeYoung, Ryan Hart, Judy Sandberg, Kathleen Carlson, Donna and Steve Hasselberger, and Sandra Bancroft.

Motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to approve the agenda as published.

Public comment period: Paul Bernander encouraged the Board to keep moving forward with the town hall issue. Warren O’Brion suggested that the Board look at the Town of Fountain Prairie set-up of town hall and recycling site.

Minutes of the December 9, 2024 meeting were read; motion by John, seconded by Glen and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer’s report:

Checking: \$252,874.61

Savings: \$286,317.69

ARPA: \$0

Treasurer reported that she transferred \$100,000 from checking to savings and has shopped around for interest rates on a CD., locating the best current rate of 4.54% for a 7-month CD. Motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to approve the treasurer’s report, and further to authorize the treasurer to move \$150,000 into a CD with NEBAT.

Review of bills: Motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to approve payment of bills.

Ehlers Public Finance Advisors information: discussion by the Board; Andy expressed support for option D; John stated support for looking at a 10-year payback period. Joe DeYoung commented that the Board should not limit themselves yet to one option, but rather focus on getting approval from voters to build a new town hall, asking for enough money to cover any option.

Town Hall committee: shared with the Board the updated timeline, draft postcard, and a summary of the borrowing information. Jewell’s estimates are based on industry standard costs of \$/square foot. Paul has scouted estimates from local contractors that total about \$374,000 compared to Jewell’s estimate of \$535,000.

Discussion of special town meeting and postcard mailing: Glen stated he is reluctant to hold a special meeting in the winter, and would prefer to wait until April or May. John felt that the board should keep moving forward, favoring February or March for the meeting. Motion by Andy, seconded by John, and carried to table this issue until the February meeting.

Reimbursement of town officials for maintenance work: tabled until further information is obtained.

As of December 31, 2024, the Pardeeville Ambulance Commission no longer exists. The Village of Pardeeville is working with a consultant to take over the service.

Road maintenance: Glen talked to the Highway department about replacing missing road signs.

Recycling center: no report.

Humane Society: no report.

Computer upgrade: the Board agreed to pay the estimate of \$1290.85.

There was no other business.

The next meeting was set for Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6 PM.

Becky Gutzman, Clerk