

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, January 9, 2024
Springvale Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM, with reciting of the Flag Pledge.

Present: Andy Fischer, Glen Fischer, Becky Gutzman, Denise Bancroft-Hart, visitors Patti Fischer, Joyce Manthey; absent: John Gutzman.

Public comment period: Question was asked if the Amish residents pay taxes, and the treasurer answered that yes, they pay property taxes.

Minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting were read; motion by Glen, seconded by Andy and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$664,570.45

Savings: \$182,970.13

ARPA Savings: \$54,786.66

Motion by Glen, seconded by Andy, and carried to approve the report.

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

Road maintenance: haven't received a bid from the county for tree trimming north of Pardeeville on Bender Road.

Recycling Center: no report.

Solar updates: no report.

Town website: question was asked if agenda was on the website (yes, look under the Agenda & Minutes tab; 3rd one down on left side.)

Town Hall information: no report.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, February 13, 2024
Springvale Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM, with reciting of the Flag Pledge.

Present: Andy Fischer, Glen Fischer, John Gutzman, Becky Gutzman, Denise Bancroft-Hart, visitors Patti Fischer, Joyce Manthey, Erica Avila, and Mike Parrott; absent: none.

Public comment period: none

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

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$728,732.29

Savings: \$183,240.08

ARPA Savings: \$54,786.66

Motion by Glen, seconded by John, and carried to approve the report.

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

Town Hall: Mike Parrott of General Engineering discussed residential vs commercial building codes, as well as considerations related to building a new hall. He provided a draft ordinance that could be considered by the board.

EMS Report: Erica Avila discussed the change in billing firms that the Pardeeville EMS is undertaking. Due to a time lag between terminating the previous service and start-up of the new service, the EMS board anticipates needing a line of credit to cover a billing shortfall during the interim period. All municipalities need to approve obtaining the line of credit, but the Town of Wyocena is willing to fund the line of credit. Motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to approve the Pardeeville EMS obtaining a line of credit, to be provided by the Town of Wyocena.

Road maintenance: bids for tree trimming north of Pardeeville Road on Bender Road: Columbia Co Highway department provided an estimate of \$5456.90; Danny Krueger's bid is \$4500. After discussion, motion by Glen, seconded by John, and carried to have Danny Krueger do the project, pending receipt of a valid certificate of liability insurance. Andy will contact him to request this, and a W-9 form.

Recycling Center: the bulletin board has been installed, thanks to Harry Sheeks.

Solar updates: none.

Other business:

- Andy asked for feedback on snowplowing this winter; it was felt that salt/sand mixture on corners and curves could extend further out.
- Feedback on having an attorney for the Town: will ask other municipalities who they use.
- Andy met with reps of ATC, the owners of the high transmission powerline that runs through the Town; they will be replacing the towers and adding more lines beginning in 2027, and will be contacting any landowners within 500 feet of the line.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, March 12, 2024
Springvale Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, with reciting of the Flag Pledge.

Present: Andy Fischer, Glen Fischer, John Gutzman, Becky Gutzman, Denise Bancroft-Hart, visitors Patti Fischer, Joyce Manthey; absent: none.

Public comment period: none

Minutes of the February 13, 2024 meeting were read; motion by John, seconded by Glen, and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$155,154.36

Savings: \$183,492.86

ARPA Savings: \$54,786.66

Motion by John, seconded by Glen, and carried to approve the report.

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

Building Code ordinance discussion: used to be a \$25,000 minimum required; motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to table this to next month.

Town attorney discussion: Andy has been making inquiries; asked Board for input as to criteria. Proximity and experience both deemed important.

Road maintenance: Bridge inventory: agreed to have County do this for us. Andy will inquire as to what County Road Aid can be used for.

Recycling Center: Large item pick-up will be held April 6. Site still needs to be cleaned up.

Other business:

- Report was received from Springvale Relief Fund; balance of \$3677.41 remains.
- Blanket permit for Adams Columbia Electric Coop was approved and signed.
- Mobile Home Inventory was reviewed and signed.
- Question was raised about replaced black and white guard posts.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
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Minutes, April 16, 2024
Springvale Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, with reciting of the Flag Pledge.

Present: Andy Fischer, Glen Fischer, John Gutzman, Becky Gutzman, Denise Bancroft-Hart, visitors Patti Fischer, Joyce Manthey, Scott Link, Erica Avila, Paul Bernander.

Public comment period: none

Minutes of the March 12, 2024 meeting were read; motion by John, seconded by Glen, and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report: Transportation aids and lottery credit were received in April;

Checking: \$150,893.77

Savings: \$183,763.58

ARPA Savings: \$54,791.49

Motion by Glen, seconded by John, and carried to approve the report.

Review of bills: Discussion on Bleich Heating bill, check to see if this was already paid.

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

Pardeeville EMS has requested a \$150,000 loan from participating municipalities; Springvale's portion will be \$1778.18, with pay back in six months. Motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to make this loan, with the understanding that a written agreement be received from the EMS before sending the check.

Plan Commission: met prior to this meeting and approved the following; motion by Glen, seconded by John, and carried to approve both rezoning requests.

- Request by Breneman Farms Inc c/o Robert Breneman to rezone 2.1 acres on parcel 532 to RR-1 for the current home and accessory building, and further to place an A-4 Agricultural Overlay on the remaining 37.9 acres of parcel 532.
- Request by Jeffery J & Rita A Hookstead to create a new lot of 7 acres around the existing home and accessory structures. The lot will remain zone A-1 Agriculture, and the remaining approximately 42.735 acres in parcels 9 and 23 will be restricted with the A-4 Agricultural Overlay.

Building code discussion: tabled.

Town attorney discussion: no further information.

Road maintenance: culverts on Bender and Schliessmann Roads need to be repaired. Andy will work with County regarding Taylor Road work needed.

Recycling Center: reminder that substitutes need to be paid separately.

Other business: none

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, May 14, 2024
Springvale Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, with reciting of the Flag Pledge.

Present: Andy Fischer, Glen Fischer, John Gutzman, Becky Gutzman, Denise Bancroft-Hart, visitors Patti Fischer, Joyce Manthey, Paul Bernander.

Public comment period: Paul Bernander expressed his interest in the town hall building project and shared his background and experience with the Navy, DMV, and graduate degree in Planning.

Minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting were read; motion by John, seconded by Glen, and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report: Transportation aids and lottery credit were received in April;

Checking: \$145,362.81

Savings: \$184,025.90

ARPA Savings: \$54,791.49

Motion by Glen, seconded by John, and carried to approve the report.

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

Town attorney: Andy has spoken with Griebner Law from Portage; not able to make it tonight.

Road maintenance: Chairman received a bid from County for Schliessmann Road to Taylor Road of \$190,000 as an LRIP project. Motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to do half this project this year and half in 2025.

Town hall: Decided to ask members of the public interested in serving on a committee to come to June meeting; Board will appoint a committee at that time.

Recycling Center: none.

Other business: Chairman asked highway department to call him first if there is tree damage on roads from storms. Mowing will be done by the county again this year.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, June 11, 2024
Springvale Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM, with reciting of the Flag Pledge.

Present: Andy Fischer, John Gutzman, Becky Gutzman, Denise Bancroft-Hart, absent: Glen Fischer; visitors Patti Fischer, Paul Bernander, Dietrich Vedder, Ellen Richter, Bob Breneman, Ben Cole, Joe DeYoung, and Michael Greiber.

Minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting were read; motion by John, seconded by Andy, and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report: Transportation aids and lottery credit were received in April;

Checking: \$121,731.24

Savings: \$184,297.42

ARPA Savings: \$54,791.49

Motion by John, seconded by Andy, and carried to approve the report.

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

Town attorney: Attorney Michael Greiber from Portage; reviewed his experience in real estate and probate, as well as some work for the Town of Buffalo. His fee is \$250/hour on "as needed" basis if contracted by the Town. No action taken.

Road maintenance: Ben Cole dropped off a proposal for mowing next year. It was noted by John that Welsh Prairie Road has been torn up by gravel trucks; it was suggested that the contractor hiring the gravel truckers should be contacted about this.

Town hall building committee: Several volunteers were present, and the Board appointed Paul Bernander, Bob Breneman, Dietrich Vedder, Ellen Richter, Scott Link (not present), and Becky Gutzman to the committee, with Bernander serving as chairman. Joe DeYoung offered to serve as an advisor to the committee. (Scott was contacted the next day and declined due to the anticipated time commitment.)

Recycling Center: none.

Other business:

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7 PM. This was later changed to July 16th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, July 16, 2024
Springvale Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, with reciting of the Flag Pledge.

Present: Andy Fischer, Glen Fischer, John Gutzman, Becky Gutzman, Denise Bancroft-Hart, visitors Patti Fischer, Joyce Manthey, Ryan Hart, Paul Bernander, Dietrich Vedder, Ellen Richter, Bob Breneman, and representatives of Jewell Associates and General Engineering.

Minutes of the June 11, 2024 meeting were read; motion by John, seconded by Glen, and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$159,143.97

Savings: \$184,560.50

ARPA Savings: \$54,796.32

Motion by Glen, seconded by John, and carried to approve the report.

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

Paul Bernander reviewed the work of the Town Hall Building Committee to date. Two proposals have been received for the Town Hall Feasibility Study. At 7:20 pm, Paul Kadartzke, lead architect for Jewell presented their proposal to the Board, and answered questions. At 7:42 pm, two representatives from General Engineering presented their proposal to the Board and answered questions. At 8:03 pm, a roll call vote was taken to adjourn to closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85 (1)(e): John-yes, Glen-yes, Andy-yes. The Board asked the building committee and the treasurer to remain in the meeting. All others were excused. At 8:33 pm the Board returned to open session. A motion was made by John, and seconded by Glen to award the feasibility study to Jewell; the motion was amended to add "and authorize the chairman to sign the contract with Jewell if it agrees with the presentation tonight." Motion and amendment carried.

Road maintenance: Andy stated that he has been in contact with the DOT's motor vehicle sergeant regarding Welsh Prairie Rd. Healy Road has been repaired by Mike Krueger. A question about low-hanging branches in the roadway should be addressed in general maintenance by the County.

Recycling Center: none.

Other business: None

Due to the Partisan Primary to be held on August 13, the next meeting was set for Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
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Minutes, August 6, 2024
Springvale Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, with reciting of the Flag Pledge.

Present: Andy Fischer, Glen Fischer, John Gutzman, Becky Gutzman, Denise Bancroft-Hart, visitors Patti Fischer, Joyce Manthey, Ryan Hart, Paul Bernander, Ellen Richter, Bob Breneman, Colton Bittner, Kelsey Conkel, Joe DeYoung, Steve and Donna Hasselberger.

Minutes of the July 16, 2024 meeting were read; motion by John, seconded by Glen, and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report: 2% fire dues have been received.

Checking: \$154,719.21

Savings: \$184,560.50

ARPA Savings: \$54,796.32

Motion by Glen, seconded by John, and carried to approve the report.

Review of bills: And will clarify a couple items on the Highway Department bill. Motion by Glen, seconded by John, and carried to approve payment of the bills.

Paul Bernander reviewed the work of the Town Hall Building Committee to date and outlined future steps that need to be taken. During discussion, Joe DeYoung was asked for his advice, which was to take plenty of time to make sure public has chance to give input. Motion by Andy, seconded by Glen that no further money be spent until the feasibility study is received from Jewell; motion carried 2-1. Further discussion on options and sketches of possible designs were also presented. A concern was raised about the committee contacting potential lenders; this was only to assess interest if borrowing is needed.

Town Attorney: Andy contacted Eric Larson of Municipal Law and Litigation Group to serve as our attorney of record to investigate possible action on Welsh Prairie Road damage. Fee is \$250/hour. Motion by Andy, second by Glen and carried to use this firm as legal counsel for the Town.

Pardeeville Ambulance Commission: The Commission has requesting an additional \$2280.23 from Springvale to help fund the service through September. Motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried not to give the Commission this amount since they have not been able to pay back the prior loan made to them from the Town.

Bid for reassessment and annual assessment was tabled until next month.

Road maintenance: The County was contacted about the trees that have fallen in the ditch near Silver Springs; while the County prefers to wait until winter for this type of clean up, Andy will ask them to clean up trees that are in the right-of-way. The County reports that next year they plan to mow town roads before county roads. Motion by John, second by Andy and carried to accept the estimate of \$17,000 from the County to repair Welsh Prairie Road. Glen will pick up hot mix to fix

culverts on Bender and Schliessmann Roads. Colton Bittner also reported that a culvert on Jennings Road is ripped up.

Recycling Center: none.

Other business: None

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, September 10, 2024
Springvale Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, with reciting of the Flag Pledge.

Present: Andy Fischer, Glen Fischer, John Gutzman, Becky Gutzman, Denise Bancroft-Hart, visitors Patti Fischer, Joyce Manthey, Paul Bernander, Ellen Richter, Bob Breneman, and Brian Frank.

There were no comments during the public comment period.

Minutes of the August 6, 2024 meeting were read; motion by John, seconded by Glen, and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report: Money was transferred from ARPA Savings to checking for the Jewell bill last month.

Checking: \$194,414.56

Savings: \$185,105.53

ARPA Savings: \$52,733.82

Motion by Glen, seconded by John, and carried to approve the report.

Review of bills: Motion by John, seconded by Glen, and carried to approve payment of the bills, with money from ARPA savings to be used for the current Jewell bill, and payment of the Ambulance Service request until after agenda item on that issue.

Paul Bernander reviewed the work of the Town Hall Building Committee to date. Committee is still gathering information about costs of remodeling current building. Bernander shared information related to the lot line issues that have been uncovered.

Pardeeville Ambulance Commission Joint Meeting: According to the Joint Agreement between all municipalities, the Town needs to pay their proportionate share of needed funding. The Commission has requested an additional \$2280.23 in August and \$1776.00 now in September. It was agreed these should be paid.

Town Assessment: Current assessor Brian Frank was present to discuss the need for revaluation and timeline; he recommended we wait until 2026 for that. His proposal for annual assessment (maintenance) is \$7200 for 2025 and \$7500 for 2026. No action taken.

LRIP Project: The County will do the work on this Schliesmann Road project. Motion by John, seconded by Glen and carried to select Tri-County Paving Inc for the materials.

Road maintenance: The board fixed a culvert on Bender Road, and potholes and grooves on Taylor Road. Discussion on weight limit signs on Welsh Prairie Road, and requested quote be sought for "Class B 60%".

Recycling Center: none.

Other business: None

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 7 PM.

Motion was made by Glen, seconded by John and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Becky Gutzman, Clerk