

Town of Springvale
Columbia County, WI
Minutes, February 10, 2025
Springvale Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, Bob Breneman, Nancy and Paul Bernander, Warren O’Brion, Ellen Richter, and Benjamin Heninger, Supt of Pardeeville Area Schools.

Becky asked to add Mobile Home Inventory to the agenda. Motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to approve the agenda with that addition.

Public comment period: Mr. Heninger spoke about the upcoming referenda by the PASD, and the needs that will be addressed. Paul Bernander thanked the Board members for their public service and asked the Board to set a special meeting in March for considering the town hall issue. Bob Breneman also agreed that it is time to put the issue to the voters.

Minutes of the January 15, 2025 meeting were read; motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer’s report:

Checking: \$638,565.68

Savings: \$136,802.04

CD: \$150,000

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

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

Review of joint Board and Town hall committee meeting: John and Glen shared their views of some of the features of both buildings (Town of Scott and Town of Westford).

Town Hall committee: Paul brought copies of the updated tax impact summary, and two versions of the draft postcard. Board members and the treasurer offered comments for improvement; Andy asked for the final draft to be emailed to Board members before printing.

After discussion, there was a motion by John, seconded by Glen and carried to set a special town meeting for the purpose of voting to build a new town hall on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30, and to authorize a second postcard mailing to inform residents and voters.

Reimbursement of town officials for maintenance work: Becky shared the information she received from the WI Towns Association that compensation of Board members can only be set by the electors at an annual meeting.

Pardeeville Ambulance Commission: Andy reported on recent meetings that he has attended. The Town of Wyocena and the Village of Pardeeville are sharing the cost of paying off the IRS debt.

Road Maintenance: Glen reported that the road signs are up; also discussed completing the paving project on Schliesmann Road this year, and repairs to Healy Road.

Recycling center: no report. Warren O’Brion asked if a different type of bin can be used for recyclables, as he has seen in other Towns; the clerk will check on this.

Humane Society: the Board discussed the Service Contract and signed the various options.

Adams Columbia Electric Coop blanket permit for the construction season was signed.

Columbia County Haz-Mat contract was signed by the Board.

Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) grant was discussed. The Board had no problem with supporting both of the companies that have expressed interest in expanding broadband in Springvale. The clerk was directed to send letters of support to both Bertram Communications and Brightspeed.

Springvale Charities report: Becky shared the financial report from the committee; there is still money that can be disbursed for charitable purposes of our residents.

Bob Breneman reported on some of the questions that have come to him and the Plan Commission related to zoning permits and the uniform building code.

The Mobile Home inventory was signed by the Board.

There was no other business.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at approximately 7:30, following the Special Town meeting.

Becky Gutzman, Clerk