

**Town of Springvale  
Columbia County WI  
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