

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, January 10, 2023
Springvale Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Present: Scott Link, Tim Ashley, Glen Fischer, Denise Bancroft-Hart, Becky Gutzman, and guests Steve and Donna Hasselberger, Olivia Bancroft-Hart, Andrew Fischer, Joyce Manthey, Patti Fischer, Colton Bittner, Emily Krueger and John Gutzman.

Minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting were read; motion by Fischer, seconded by Ashley, and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$615,111.34

Savings: \$180,175.43

ARPA Savings: \$54,767.28

Motion by Fischer, seconded by Ashley and carried to approve the report.

Review of bills: Motion by Fischer, seconded by Ashley and carried to approve payment of the bills.

Solar updates: the Clerk reported she has been contacting attorneys with experience in JDAs. The Board agreed to form a committee of Glen Fischer, Tim Ashley, Becky Gutzman, Joyce Manthey and John Gutzman to interview and select an attorney to help work on a joint development agreement with the company.

Town hall: Glen Fischer will contact another company (Jewell) for a plan that would minimally include a meeting room, one office and one unisex bathroom.

Road maintenance: several concerns were raised by citizens about snow removal, potholes, trees and culverts.

Recycling Center: no report

Election equipment: motion by Ashley, seconded by Fischer and carried to approved the purchase of an Express Vote Universal Voting system to replace the Auto-Mark which will no longer supported.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7 PM; this was later changed to February 16.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, February 16, 2023
Springvale Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 PM

Present: Scott Link, , Glen Fischer, Denise Bancroft-Hart, Becky Gutzman, and guests Steve and Donna Hasselberger, Andrew Fischer, and Ryan Hart. Absent: Tim Ashley.

Minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting were read; motion by Fischer, seconded by Link, and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$679,850.99

Savings: \$180,333.88

ARPA Savings: \$54,767.28

Treasurer noted that after paying bills this evening, the checking balance is \$180,033.15.

Motion by Fischer, seconded by Link and carried to approve the report.

Review of bills: Motion by Fischer, seconded by Link and carried to approve payment of the bills.

Solar updates: the committee has met with Attorney Mark Hazelbaker and agreed that Fischer should sign the agreement for services proposed. It was decided to invite Langdon Mills representatives to the April meeting for further questions and discussion.

Road maintenance: signs at Atkinson and Vaughn Roads are missing.

Recycling Center: no report

Adams Columbia Electric Cooperative: the blanket permit for construction in the Town was approved and signed.

The clerk was contacted by Columbia County Health and Human Services to participate in a free nitrate well water testing program. It will be held prior to the next board meeting.

Link reported on a meeting he attended with other town board members and leaders of the Amish community regarding a voluntary Road Maintenance Fund. It is voluntary for the community to donate, and funds collected will be disbursed to the municipality in which the donor resides.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7 PM; this was later changed to Monday March 13 due to a conflict.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, March 13, 2023
Springvale Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

Present: Scott Link, Glen Fischer, Tim Ashley, Denise Bancroft-Hart, Becky Gutzman, and 20 guests.

Minutes of the February 16, 2023 meeting were read; motion by Fischer, seconded by Ashley, and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$144,343.09

Savings: \$180,486.05

ARPA Savings: \$54,767.28

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Fischer, and carried to approve the report.

Review of bills: Motion by Fischer, seconded by Ashley and carried to approve payment of the bills.

Report from Plan Commission on request by P&Q Dodge County LLC and WP&L for a conditional use permit for development of a solar array on Taylor Road: The Commission met earlier in the evening and recommended the CUP be denied; motion by Ashley, seconded by Fischer and carried to deny the requested CUP.

Road maintenance: no report.

Recycling Center: Large Item pickup will be Saturday April 1.

Solar updates: it was agreed to invite representatives of Langdon Mills to the April meeting.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7 PM; followed by the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, April 11, 2023
Springvale Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Scott Link, Glen Fischer, Tim Ashley, Becky Gutzman, and 16 guests; absent: Denise Bancroft-Hart

Updates from Langdon Mills: members of the team discussed the permitting process, the intervenors, upcoming hearings on May 16 at the Cambria Fire Station (1 PM and 6 PM), the technical hearing scheduled for May 19; all testimony should be complete by end of June and the Public Service Commission will deliberate.

Public comment period: questions for the Langdon Mills team were fielded by the team.

Minutes of the March 13, 2023 meeting were read; motion by Fischer, seconded by Ashley, and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$117,223.02

Savings: \$180,658.61

ARPA Savings: \$54,767.28

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Fischer, and carried to approve the report.

Review of bills: Motion by Ashley, seconded by Fischer and carried to approve payment of the bills.

Road maintenance: it was noted that curve signs on Raddatz and Bender Roads are missing.

Recycling Center: Large Item pickup was held and the brush pile was burned.

Plan Commission membership: this was tabled until next month.

Information on new board members contact information was collected for the WI Towns Association; oaths of office were executed with new chairman Fischer and board member Gutzman.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, May 9, 2023
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, and guests Tim Ashley, David Fischer, Olivia Bancroft-Hart, Patti Fischer, Joyce Manthey, Georgia Phillips, Gary Colby, Mike and Mindy Ladwig.

Public comment period: Tim Ashley was thanked for his 28 years of service as a Board member, and presented with a plaque. There is also a plaque for Scott Link's service.

Minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting were read; motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$151,593.58

Savings: \$180,879.34

ARPA Savings: \$54,772.03

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.

Road maintenance: Schliesmann Rd has been proposed for the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP); after discussion, Glen recommended that we delay one more year in undertaking this project, and the Board agreed. Discussed other possible road improvements needed; Andy will contact the Highway department to discuss, and the Board agreed that a road inventory should be done. It was also agreed that bids should be taken for any projects. Driveway permit procedures and Becky will look for a copy of the ordinance.

Recycling Center: after discussion, motion by John, seconded by Glen and carried to have signs made that surveillance will be in use, and that large item pick-up is twice a year.

Solar updates: Andy updated the Board on the result of the Michels project/CUP, which was approved by the County, and possible inquiries by Galehead solar in Springvale and Scott townships. It was stated that our Comprehensive Plan should be reviewed.

Town website: no proposal yet.

Plan Commission membership: candidates will be asked to submit a statement of interest by email.

Village powers for Towns: discussion only.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, June 13, 2023
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, and guests Olivia Bancroft-Hart, Patti Fischer, Joyce Manthey, Georgia Phillips, Paul Bernander, and Bob Breneman.

Public comment period: Georgia Phillips questioned the speed limit on Vaughn Rd, with semi-truck traffic and children from the nearby Amish school. This will be passed along to the County.

Minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting were read; motion by John, seconded by Glen and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$136,197.87

Savings: \$181,117.68

ARPA Savings: \$54,772.03

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.

Road maintenance: Discussion of bids from the county for Jones Drive and Berger Road repairs. Motion by Glen, seconded by John, and carried to make an advance payment to the highway department of \$16,576. Motion by Glen, seconded by John, and carried to authorize the Highway department to go ahead with both projects, with the stipulation that they must be done by October 1, 2023.

Recycling Center: signs need to be placed to inform residents of new rules about no dumping of large items other than on the first Saturdays in April and October.

Solar updates: next committee meeting is June 29 at 7 PM.

Town website and emails: it was agreed that all town officials should have dedicated email addresses for town business. Andy suggested another company to check into for website development.

Plan Commission membership: after discussion it was agreed that one board member should be on the commission. Motion by Glen, seconded by Andy and carried to appoint Patti Fischer and John Gutzman to the Plan Commission. Bob suggested they have a meeting to review the town comprehensive plan.

Other business: a question was raised about interest in possibly sharing our recycling site with the Town of Courtland. It was suggested we contact Leeds and Hampden to see how they split costs.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
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Minutes, July 11, 2023
Springvale Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM, with reciting of the Flag Pledge.

Present: Andy Fischer, Glen Fischer, John Gutzman, Becky Gutzman, Denise Bancroft-Hart.

Public comment period: none

Minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting were read; motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$169,496.45

Savings: \$181,376.19

ARPA Savings: \$54,776.86

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

Review of bills: Motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to approve payment of the bills, with the exception of the highway bill, until handled satisfactorily with chairman.

Road maintenance: Highway department stated that having the proposed paving done by Oct. shouldn't be a problem. Discussed looking for alternative contractors for road mowing for next year.

Recycling Center: signs still need to be placed.

Solar updates: none.

Town website and emails: new .gov email addresses for board members and treasurer were set up.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, August 8, 2023
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, Joyce Manthey and Patti Fischer.

Public comment period: a question was raised about the steep slopes in the right-of-way after the Spectrum construction project. A question about the Comprehensive plan and town drives was raised. If the drives are owned by the Town, the Town needs to maintain them. If it was desired to turn those back to the property owner, does there need to be an ordinance, and can it be done on a case-by-case basis or do all drives need to be treated the same? This will be checked into.

Minutes of the July 11, 2023 meeting were read; motion by John, seconded by Glen and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$166,836.60

Savings: \$181,376.19

ARPA Savings: \$54,776.86

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

Request by Danny and Jodie Krueger and Darrell and Shelly Wiersma Family Trust to rezone 1.5 acres on parcel 187.04 to RR-1 for single family home, and further to place an A-4 Ag overlay on the remaining acres of 187.04 and 10 acres of parcel 154: Upon recommendation of the plan commission, motion by John, seconded by Andy and carried to approve this request.

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

Road maintenance: Andy discussed the 5-year 50/50 grant that is available for a minimum of \$200,000 to improve weigh-restricted roads. Welsh Prairie Road may be considered for this. We would need to apply between September and November.

Recycling Center: The site has been cleaned up and signs placed. Board discussed whether we should have a scrap metal dumpster. The Neumeier company from Deforest does this; Andy will check into it. Wyocena may also know who does this.

Solar updates: none.

Town website: After reviewing bids from three vendors, the Board agreed to go with Webs by Wagner, but hold off on starting the work until September. They will need a \$700 down payment before proceeding with development.

Other business: Glen reported that the Town of Scott has put out a request for bids on their new hall, and their architect offered to come to a Springvale meeting for discussion. Glen will contact him and let the clerk know.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, September 12, 2023
Springvale Town Hall**

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

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

Public comment period: none

Minutes of the August 8, 2023 meeting were read; motion by John, seconded by Glen and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$203,685.40

Savings: \$181,911.75

ARPA Savings: \$54,776.86

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.

Road maintenance: It was noted that the bridge on Berger Road was not completed in the recent repaving of the north portion; Highway Dept reported it will be done when the culvert on B is replaced. It was stated that the roads should be mowed one more time. Snow plowing bids will be sought for next meeting.

Recycling Center: none

Solar updates: none

Town website: The website designer has started work on the site and more information will be forthcoming.

Other business:

- A new assessor is needed; clerk will contact other firms who work in the area.
- Humane Society discussion; other options will be sought and this will be on next month's agenda.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
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Minutes, October 10, 2023
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 Derrick Banes, Cody Doucette, and Patti Fischer.

Public comment period: a comment was made on the hearing at the Public Service Commission on the Samsung request.

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

Request from Willow Mill Campground for a Class B liquor license: motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to accept and pay the license offered by Town of Otsego for \$10,000 and issue to Willow Mill for the initial issuance fee of \$10,000, and further to set an annual fee of \$400 for this license, pro-rated on a 6-month basis of \$200. (Since Willow Mill has already paid \$100 for their class A beer license, an additional \$100 will cover their annual Class B fee until July 1, 2024.)

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$230,120.49

Savings: \$182,171.40

ARPA Savings: \$54,781.76

Motion by Glen, seconded by John, and carried to approve the report. There was also a motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to add Andy Fischer's name to bank accounts and remove Scott Link's.

Cambria Community Fire Association request: Cody reviewed the need for a new tender, cost and loan rates. Motion by John, seconded by Glen and carried to approve the purchase and request a review of loan terms every two years.

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

Road maintenance: Schliesmann Rd—broken post on guard rail; Taylor Rd—water sits on surface; road signs are needed for Rohrbeck Drive, Atkinson and Vaughn Rds intersection, and a 90° right turn sign. The board also discussed options for mowing and snow plowing next year. It was agreed to look for mowing bids in February and have a contract.

Recycling Center: a successful large item pick up was held October 7.

Solar updates: Chairman Fischer presented a possible ordinance on solar licensing; motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to ask Courtland's lawyer to review.

Town website: no report.

Town Hall information: no report.

Town assessor: written bids will be sought.

Humane Society contract: since no alternatives seem to be available, it was agreed chairman should sign and complete the contract for 2024.

Snow plowing bids: no alternatives were found at this time, so subject will be revisited in June. For this winter with Columbia County, motion by John, seconded by Glen and approved to direct the County to plow if there is two inches or more of snow; if less than 2", use sand/salt mix only.

Other business: Glen will work on getting the furnace going before next meeting.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, November 14, 2023
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, Donna and Steve Hasselberger, Colton Bittner, Ben Cole, and Brian Frank.

Public comment period: Bernander raised a concern about spring seepage and ruts on Schliessmann Rd.

Minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting were read; motion by Glen, seconded by John and carried to approve the minutes.

New Assessor: Brian Frank of Frank Assessment Services was introduced and answered questions. Motion by Glen seconded by John and carried to hire him for Town assessment services for 2024 for a fee of \$6500, and direct the Chairman and Clerk to sign the contract.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$169,406.84

Savings: \$182,440.17

ARPA Savings: \$54,781.76

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.

Road maintenance: Chairman Fischer reviewed information for Joe DeYoung about the Discretionary Grant that could be used in 2025 for repairs on Jennings and Pardeeville Roads. Final decision would be made after approval is known.

Recycling Center: Substitute workers are needed.

Solar updates: Chairman Fischer presented a contract with Attorney Riffle of Municipal Law and Litigation Group to review the proposed solar ordinance and approval was given to sign the agreement.

Town website: the website is ready to review; several residents offered to review.

Town Hall information: no report.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting

November 14, 2023

Budget Hearing: The budget hearing was called to order at 8:00 PM. After review and discussion, motion by John Gutzman, seconded by Glen Fischer and carried to approve the budget as presented. Hearing adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Special Meeting: Motion by Paul Bernander, seconded by John Gutzman, and carried to set the 2023 tax levy at \$158,886.00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Becky Gutzman, Clerk

**Town of Springvale
Columbia County WI
Minutes, December 12, 2023
Springvale Town Hall**

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

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

Public comment period: Joyce informed the Board that according to Georgia Phillips, vehicles are still using Vaughn Road at high rates of speed.

Minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting were read; motion by John, seconded by Andy and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$163,809.75

Savings: \$182,440.17

ARPA Savings: \$54,781.76

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.

Road maintenance: Tree trimming still needs to be done, and bids will be sought for tree trimming north of Pardeeville on Bender Road. Also discussed paving Pardeeville Road from Old B to Bender Road.

Recycling Center: Stuart Quade is willing to substitute when needed. It was agreed that all substitutes should receive their own pay check; this will be implemented in 2024.

Solar updates: Attorney Riffle of Municipal Law and Litigation Group reviewed the proposed solar ordinance.

Town website: website address is published and included in the tax bill insert.

Town Hall information: no report.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM

Becky Gutzman, Clerk