

TOWN OF SPRING BROOK – DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Regular Town Board Meeting

April 21, 2026

Town Board Chair John Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m. at the Spring Brook Town Hall. Also present were Supervisors Mike Hase and Jerry Hotchkiss, Treasurer Colleen Mensing, and Clerk Mary Strand. This meeting immediately followed the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Clerk Mary Strand verified that the agenda was posted Friday, April 17, 2026, to the outside Town Hall posting board and to the Town's website (www.spring-brook.org). A revised agenda was posted the same date and places.

Mike Hase/Jerry Hotchkiss moved to accept as typed the minutes of the March 9, 2026, Regular Town Board Meeting, the April 14, 2026, Public Hearing, and the April 14, 2026, Special Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Citizen's Forum – Teresa Olson of BRUMITE, LLC, (dba Whispering Emerald Ridge Game Farm) made a statement about the mailing of the notice to Town of Spring Brook and Town of Red Cedar residents of the April 14, 2026, Public Hearing. Also mentioned was the amount of the Town of Spring Brook's portion of their property tax bill was approximately \$671.03 and the rest of the full property tax bill was to the school district, Dunn County, and the Chippewa Valley Technical College. A question was raised as to monies received on the proposed solar fields. State of Wisconsin regulates Utility Aid payments to the Town and the County based on calculations detailed in Wisconsin State Statutes. Until solar energy is produced, the parcels remain under local property tax practices.

Treasurer Colleen Mensing presented the Financial Report. Both the Checking and Money Market (Savings) Accounts are at Dairy State Bank. Account information was as follows:

	<u>Checking Account</u>	<u>Money Market Account</u>
Month Begin Balance	\$41,271.59	\$321,983.79
Plus Receipts	200,725.74	605.31
Less Disbursements	- 135,321.15	- 100,000.00
Month End Balance	\$106,676.18	\$222,589.10

Mike Hase/Jerry Hotchkiss moved to accept as presented the Financial Report. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board members reviewed the document of bills to consider for approval.

Mike Hase/Jerry Hotchkiss moved to pay the bills with Vouchers #19863 through #19911. Motion carried by voice vote. Board members signed the report of unpaid bills. Chair, Treasurer, and Clerk will sign the checks.

A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, for public input on the proposed Boundary Change to detach a parcel from the Town of Spring Brook and, then, to attach the same parcel to the Town of Red Cedar. The parcel is owned by BRUMITE, LLC (doing business as Whispering Emerald Ridge Game Farm).

John Schaefer/Jerry Hotchkiss moved to approve a resolution adopting the Boundary Change Document and to approve an ordinance approving the detachment of BRUMITE, LLC, from the Town of Spring Brook and attachment to the Town of Red Cedar. Roll call vote included: John Schaefer – no; Jerry Hotchkiss – no; and Mike Hase – no. Motion failed unanimously 3:0.

Sealed bids were opened for the LRIP-TRI asphalt project on 790th Street.

Jerry Hotchkiss/Mike Hase moved to award the LRIP-TRI asphaltic paving bid on 790th Street to Monarch Paving Company for a warm mix of 836 tons at \$75.96 per ton for a total of \$63,502.56. Motion carried by voice vote.

Sealed bids were opened for Asphaltic Paving, Crack Fill, and Chip Seal.

Mike Hase/Jerry Hotchkiss moved to award the Asphaltic Paving bids to Monarch Paving Company for a warm mix on 890th Street, 950th Street, 430th Avenue, 327th Avenue, and 985th Street at a combined total of \$251,346.83; to contract with Haas, Inc., to pulverize the same five asphaltic roads at a combined total of \$10,526.10; to contract with Haas, Inc., for EC 1 ¼" Base Course on 890th Street of \$52,149.36; and to award the Crack Fill bid to Superior Sealers, LLC, for 240th Avenue and 1006th Street at a total cost of \$3,542.00. Motion carried by voice vote.

No action was taken on awarding bids for Chip Seal.

Board members considered a resolution, as suggested by the WTA (Wisconsin Towns Association) supporting additional funding for roads.

Mike Hase/Jerry Hotchkiss moved to approve Resolution #2026-01 "Town Board Resolution Supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution." Motion carried by voice vote. Clerk will forward a copy of the signed resolution to the WTA and to the offices of Governor Tony Evers, State Senator Jeff Smith, and Assembly Representative Christian Phelps.

Board members agreed to continue with the same Town Board Representation as follows:

- Colfax Recycling/Solid Waste Committee – currently John Schaefer;
- Eau Claire EMS District – currently John Schaefer;
- Elk Creek Lake Protection/Rehabilitation District – currently Jerry Hotchkiss;
- Elk Mound Fire District – currently Mike Hase;
- Menomonie Rural Fire/EMS District Board – currently Jerry Hotchkiss;
- Town of Spring Brook Plan Commission – currently Mike Hase; Jerry Hotchkiss; John McMartin; Don Sipple; Mary Strand; Jared Suckow; Jean Vasey.

John Schaefer had nothing further to report.

Mike Hase reported the Elk Mound Fire District had 13 calls last month and has two new firefighter applicants.

Jerry Hotchkiss reported the newly-purchased used fire truck is working well for the Menomonie Rural Fire/EMS District.

Clerk Mary Strand provided a prepared report and shared a Dunn County Humane Society newsletter, the Register of Deed's report of land transfers, two Sanitary Permits, and a Timber Cutting Notice.

Patrolman Mitch Kreutzer reported the Kenworth plow/dump truck is in for repair of the wing mount; the International plow/dump truck is on a surplus auction site to end on May 5; and the snow plows, wings, and sanders will be removed soon. Some ditch work was done recently on 790th Street as field dirt was spilling onto the Town road. Grading of gravel roads will begin tomorrow. The dock for the Elk Creek Lake Beach needs welding repairs. Garbage placed beyond the Town's right-of-way will be up to the landowner to remove.

Mike Hase/Jerry Hotchkiss moved to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.


Mary L. Strand, Town Clerk