

TOWN OF SPRING BROOK of Dunn County

Regular Town Board Meeting

August 4, 2026

Town Board Chair John Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. at the Spring Brook Town Hall. Also present were Supervisors Mike Hase and Jerry Hotchkiss and Clerk Mary Strand. Treasurer Colleen Mensing was absent.

Clerk Mary Strand verified that the meeting agenda was posted Friday, July 31, 2026, to the outside Town Hall posting board and to the Town's website (www.spring-brook.org).

Mike Hase/Jerry Hotchkiss moved to accept as typed the minutes of the July 13, 2026, Plan Commission Meeting and the July 13, 2026, Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Citizen's Forum – Pat Cartmill spoke regarding the decommissioning of solar farms and also spoke regarding data centers. Rick Krumrie spoke regarding the sound levels and the decommissioning of solar farms and also of flock cameras.

Clerk Mary Strand 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	\$62,285.44	\$224,065.56
Plus Receipts	114,271.81	504.30
Less Disbursements	<u>- 77,685.38</u>	<u>- 00.00</u>
Month End Balance	\$98,871.87	\$224,569.86

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

Mike Hase/Jerry Hotchkiss moved to approve bills for payment with Vouchers #20016 through #20041 plus anticipated bills from Dairy State Bank (tractor loan), Eau Claire Energy (street lighting), Elk Mound Fire District (portion or share of two percent fire dues), Spring Brook Lawn Care (mowing of beach park and town hall) and West Wisconsin Telcom Cooperative (internet, website hosting, and telephone charges). Motion carried by voice vote.

Board members discussed the timeframe to complete the awarded ARIP (Agricultural Roads Improvement Program) grant for 810th Street in connection with the construction coming for the Elk Creek Solar project. No action was taken on this item.

There was no update available on Emergency Services Boundaries.

Bridge Petitions are due to the Dunn County Highway Department by August 31, 2026. Half of our costs is anticipated to be received the following February with the tax settlement.

Jerry Hotchkiss/Mike Hase moved to authorize the Town Chair to approve the Bridge Petition submission documents. Motion carried by voice vote.

There was discussion of purchasing tires with the thought to hold off on truck tires this year but to purchase tractor tires later this fall.

Clerk Mary Strand had reached out to the WTA (Wisconsin Towns Association) regarding data centers and understood that towns cannot keep data centers out but can regulate how and where they are placed. It had been suggested to obtain legal representation.

Board members discussed wages for the Part-Time and Full-Time Patrolmen.

Jerry Hotchkiss/Mike Hase moved to increase the Part-Time Patrolman wages for Tim Klatt to \$22.50 per hour and effective his next paycheck. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mike Hase/Jerry Hotchkiss moved to increase the Full-Time Patrolman wages for Mitch Kreutzer to \$30.00 per hour and effective his next paycheck. Motion carried by voice vote.

John Schaefer reported the recent Dunn County Unit (WTA) Meeting had discussion of the towns funding \$2,000 each towards six portable truck scales. A Colfax Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Meeting is set for August 18.

Mike Hase reported the Elk Mound Fire District has 22 firefighters with one of them living within the Village of Elk Mound. Work is being done on the fire hall bathroom pipes. An estimate to replace the three fire hall steel doors came in at nearly \$9,860 each. A Special Meeting is planned for tomorrow evening.

Jerry Hotchkiss reported of no recent Menomonie Rural Fire/EMS District Meeting. The Annual Meeting is next week for the Elk Creek Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District.

Clerk Mary Strand reported of a contact from Brad Harshman, a town resident, who is interested in the manufacturing and the selling of firearms in the town. The Town of Spring Brook has no regulation against this. Parts for repairing the F-550 due to a deer collision are now in.

Notice was received that a Restitution Hearing is planned for September 21 in connection with road damage by an individual from Eau Claire.

Patrolman Mitch Kreutzer reported that most of the shouldering is done with some grading to finish it. 890th Street was complete a couple of weeks ago using shale on the majority of it and covered by recycled base. Pot hole patching was underway last week with 810th Street and 710th Street to do. Contact has been made with the Dunn County Highway Department of repairing 430th Avenue due to damage by agricultural equipment. There was discussion of communicating with local agricultural landowners regarding irrigation water landing on town roads.

Mike Hase/Jerry Hotchkiss moved to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Mary L. Strand, Clerk