

**TOWN OF SPRINGWATER
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 13, 2023**

Deputy Supervisor Gnau calls the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Board - Present: Councilmember Canute, Councilmember Kyle Mason, Councilmember Willsea, Deputy Supervisor Lawrence Gnau.

Supervisor Babbitt Henry – Absent

One member present in the audience.

Acceptance of Minutes for February 13, 2023 meeting – Deputy Supervisor Gnau requested that a line in the minutes regarding “Received letter from Hunt Engineering announcing that they bought Shumaker Engineering and Consulting and Land Surveying was included twice in the minutes, needed to be omitted.

Councilmember Canute made a motion to accept the minutes for February 13th, 2023 meeting minutes as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Mason; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason aye, Councilmember Willsea, Deputy Supervisor Gnau aye; motion carried with all ayes.

Abstract of Claims # 3 of 2023 \$ 84,099.72

Approving the Abstract of Claims #3 of 2023 for Audit date 3/13/2023

General Fund	\$ 27,089.01	Vouchers	#42-71
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Highway Fund	\$ 41,715.42	Vouchers	#39-61
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Sewer Fund	\$ 10,729.26	Vouchers	#22-33
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Water Fund	\$ 4,566.03	Vouchers	#19- 24
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Councilmember Mason made a motion to approve abstract of claims #3 of 2023 for an overall total of \$ 84,099.72 seconded by Councilmember Canute; roll call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason aye, Councilmember Willsea, Deputy Supervisor Gnau aye; motion carried.

Monthly Reports - The following monthly reports were distributed to the board: Assessor Report February 2023, Justice Report February 2023, Water/Sewer Reports February 2023, Town Clerk Report February 2023, Historian Report February 2023.

Received letters from, Town of Hempstead Town Supervisor and Assemblyman Ra regarding a protest to be held at the Capital on March 20, 2023 at 12:30pm; Congressman Tenney regarding Community Funding Project (CFP) requests; NYS Unified Court System requesting copy of 2022 Court audit with resolution needed; 28th Annual Local Government Conference at Houghton College will be on June 8th with agenda attached; Upcoming Town Finance School for Town Supervisors.

Old Business – Discussion regarding First Net cell phone service with concern of cell phone range in this area, tabled to meeting in April. Notice was received from Liberty Renewals (windmills) requesting attendance at the April meeting.

New Business – Sewer USDA RD Grant Funds Closeout

Motion made by Councilmember Willsea to increase Bond Counsel – Tim McGill’s agreement amount from \$7,600.00 to \$8,328.12, seconded by Councilmember Canute; motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Councilmember Mason to repeal the first attempt at Motion to increase Bond Counsel – Tim McGill’s agreement amount from \$7,600.00 to \$8,328.12, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gnau; motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Councilmember Willsea to increase Bond Counsel – Tim McGill’s agreement amount from \$7,600.00 to \$8,328.12 and authorize Deputy Supervisor Gnau to sign agreement; seconded by Councilmember Canute, motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Councilmember Mason to increase the Fiscal Advisor’s agreement from \$24,500 to \$29,417 and authorize Deputy Supervisor Gnau to sign agreement, seconded by Councilmember Canute, motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Councilmember Canute to accept the agreement of owner engineer amendment #1 decrease Hunt Engineer’s agreement from \$513,086.00 to \$507,539.75 and authorize Deputy Supervisor Gnau to sign agreement, seconded by Councilmember Willsea; motion carried with all ayes.

Resolution #32 – 2023

Adoption of Board Resolution for USDA – RD to zero out the form E/Pay all final invoices.

Resolution moved by, Deputy Supervisor Gnau
Seconded by, Councilmember Canute

Roll Call:

Councilmember Thomas Canute, Jr., Aye
Councilmember Kyle Mason, Aye
Deputy-Supervisor Lawrence Gnau, Aye
Councilmember Willsea, Aye

Resolution carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Councilmember Willsea to approve the FINAL Form E #12 with tab tabulation sheets and sign agreement, seconded by Councilmember Canute; carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Councilmember Mason to approve Fiscal Advisors invoice date March 7, 2023 for \$ 1,037.50 and authorize Deputy Supervisor Gnau to sign agreement, seconded by Councilmember Willsea, motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Councilmember Willsea approving payment of Hunt invoice dated January 18, 2023 for \$6,783.98 and authorize Deputy Supervisor Gnau to sign document, seconded by Councilmember Canute; motion carried with all ayes.

Sewer

Discussion commenced regarding a \$10 sewer increase to quarterly bills. The amount has not been adjusted in many years. The adjustment would help with sewer improvements. Sewer and Water resolutions for new schedule fees to be tabled to next month.

Cemetery

The board received a request from Anna Hoppough from the Covered Bridge Cemetery Association to hold a meeting at the Town Hall on April 1st. Deputy Supervisor Gnau will unlock and lock building.

Park

The Legion had the annual Vincent House softball tournament. The clay on the field was not hard enough and we received quite a bit of snow and water. The organization playing on the field with water and ground not frozen made the clay a sloppy mess that will need to be fixed before any teams can play on the field. They also left some debris behind in the dugouts. Pat Hillyard spoke and stated that the Legion is having a meeting and will be discussing the matter. There was quite a bit of volunteer labor and Town money into creating the field and upkeep to date.

Highway

Discussion took place regarding issues with the small International plow truck. Repairs needed will cost \$12,000.00 International does not want to honor their Warranty. The Town will be meeting with representatives from International to discuss the Warranty. The Dodge pickup truck still has continuing issues and may have to look into getting a new pickup this year.

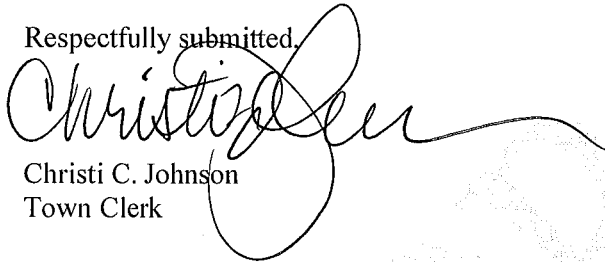
Mowing

JMZ notified the Town that they will no longer be in the lawn care business. This discussion tabled to April meeting.

AJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilmember Willsea to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm, seconded by Councilmember Canute; motion carried with all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Christi C. Johnson
Town Clerk