

# TOWN OF SPRINGWATER

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

### NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Supervisor Babbitt calls the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call of Board** - Present: Councilmember Thomas Canute, Councilmember Mason, Deputy Supervisor Gnau, Supervisor Deborah Babbitt Henry.

Absent: Councilmember Willsea

Present at Meeting: Highway Superintendent and approximately eight (members) present.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Mason to accept the minutes for the October 9, 2023, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gnau, carried with all ayes.

**Motion** made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to accept the minutes for the October 12, 2023 Emergency Town Board Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Mason, carried with all ayes.

**Motion** made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to accept the minutes for the October 26, 2023 Special Board Meeting (Budget Workshop), seconded by Councilmember Canute, carried with all ayes.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Mason to accept the minutes for the November 9, 2023 Special Board Meeting Public Hearing on the Budget, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gnau, carried with all ayes.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

##### **Public hearing on Local Law #4 of 2023 Town of Springwater New Sewer Use Law**

Supervisor Babbitt Henry opened the Public Hearing at 7:05pm and asked members in attendance if they wished to speak. No members spoke at this time.

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#### **Abstract of Claims #11 of 2023 \$ 136,572.42**

Approving the Abstract of Claims #11 of 2023 for Audit date 11.13.2023			
General Fund	\$ 9,987.49	Vouchers	257-275
Highway Fund	\$ 120,589.54	Vouchers	196-217
Sewer Fund	\$ 4,728.03	Vouchers	125-134
Water Fund	\$ 1,267.36	Vouchers	91-94

**Motion** made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to approve abstract of claims #11 of 2023 for an overall total of \$ 136,572.42, seconded by Councilmember Canute; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Ganu, Aye; Supervisor Babbitt-Henry, Aye; motion carried.

#### **Supervisor Reports.**

**Monthly Reports** – The following monthly reports were distributed to the board for October; Assessor, Sewer and Water, Town Clerk, Town Justice and Town Supervisor Reports.

Received a letter from the State Courts regarding the Annual Audit of the Justice Court. It was decided that after the first of the year Deputy Supervisor Gnau and Supervisor Babbitt Henry to audit the books. Copies of the new 2024 Medical Rates for January 1, 2204 were received. A single policy went up \$100.00 monthly, \$200.00 for a spouse and \$325.00 for a family plan. The manufacturer for the one-ton pickup truck cancelled the order and all orders for municipalities across the state. After many phone calls to find a truck on site the Highway Superintendent was able to find a 2023 Dodge. The truck was not due until next year; therefore, the funds are going to have to come out of the General Fund and give to Highway.

**Motion** made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry to move \$66,204.25 from the General Fund Balance to the Highway Fund DA5130.2 for a one-ton 2023 Dodge Pickup Truck, seconded by Councilmember Canute; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Ganu, Aye; Supervisor Babbit-Henry, Aye; motion carried.

### **Old Business**

NOCO Electric supply agreement annual renewal quote that was not changed from last year.

**Motion** made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to renew the NOCO electrical contract seconded by Councilmember Canute; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Ganu, Aye; Supervisor Babbit-Henry, Aye; motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

At 7:14pm Supervisor Babbitt Henry again asked members present if anyone wished to speak on the New Sewer Use Law. No members nor board members spoke.

**Motion** made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry to close the Public Hearing on Local Law #4 of 2023 Town of Springwater New Sewer Use Law, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gnau; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Ganu, Aye; Supervisor Babbit-Henry, Aye; motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Canute to allow Supervisor Babbitt Henry to sign the Short Environmental Assessment Form agreement for the project sponsor of adopting new sewer use regulations, seconded by Councilmember Mason; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Ganu, Aye; Supervisor Babbit-Henry, Aye; motion carried.

**Motion** made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to allow Supervisor Babbitt Henry to sign the State Environmental Quality Review Findings Statement certificate, adopting a local law relating to the rules and regulations for the Town of Springwater District to be compliant with the requirements of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, seconded by Councilmember Canute; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Ganu, Aye; Supervisor Babbit-Henry, Aye; motion carried.

**Motion** made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry to adopt the Local Law #4 of 2023 the New Sewer Use Law for the Town of Springwater; seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gnau; Roll Call:

Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Ganu, Aye; Supervisor Babbit-Henry, Aye; motion carried.

**Motion** made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry to move the preliminary budget to the adopted budget for 2024, seconded by Councilmember Mason; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Ganu, Aye; Supervisor Babbit-Henry, Aye; motion carried.

### **Board Reports**

***Town Clerk*** – Veterans appreciation night on November 21<sup>st</sup> held in SUNY Geneseo hockey arena. You must register beforehand.

***Councilman Willsea*** (Code Enforcement; Historian; Recreation, Town Clerk) – Councilmember Willsea not present. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Councilmember Willsea as Bill Morgan has been moved to hospice.

***Councilman Canute*** (Highway) – highway has been busy patching pot holes and getting setup for winter. New York State will be offering a bridge grant. More discussion to come as a resolution will be needed at the next meeting.

***Councilman Gnau*** (Water/Sewer) Dave and Seth have been resealing tanks. They have had a problem with the heating unit in the building. The circuit board may be the problem. Lewis Caskey has been in contact with the company.

***Councilman Mason*** (Fire; Cemeteries/Planning Board) – Turkey raffle will be held at the Fire Hall on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Cemetery stone restoration has been going well.

**Motion** made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Mason; motion carried with all ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christi C. Johnson  
Town Clerk