

**TOWN OF SPRINGWATER
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 11, 2023**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Babbitt Henry at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Board – Present: Councilmember Thomas Canute, Jr., Councilmember Kyle Mason, Councilmember Patricia Willsea, Deputy Supervisor Lawrence Gnau, Supervisor Deborah Babbitt Henry

Present at Meeting – Highway Superintendent Matt Nisbet, Deputy Town Clerk Joyce Nisbet and approximately four members of the public

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to accept the minutes for the November 13, 2023 regular Town Board meeting, seconded by Councilmember Mason; carried with all ayes.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS – Abstract #12 of 2023 for audit date 12/11/2023, totaling **\$116,471.35:**

General Fund	\$ 76,739.65	(voucher #s 276 - 311)
Highway Fund	\$ 29,053.24	(voucher #s 218 - 231)
Sewer Fund	\$ 8,954.29	(voucher #s 135 - 153)
Water Fund	\$ 1,724.17	(voucher #s 95 - 102)

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to accept the abstract of claims #12 of 2023, seconded by Councilmember Willsea; carried with all ayes.

Finance Options for New Loader

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to move discussion of the finance options for the new loader from New Business to first on agenda, seconded by Supervisor Babbitt Henry; carried with all ayes.

Per Highway Superintendent Nisbet the current loader is 11 years old and has mechanical issues that have not been able to be figured out; it will eventually need to be replaced. John Deere representative Mike Kuhn took the floor to go over financing options, availability of service / maintenance, and warranty. A lease is being considered.

SUPERVISOR'S

Reports Provided to the Town Board - November 2023 Assessor, Justice, Town Clerk, Water/Sewer, Supervisor's Reports; Dog Control Officer Inspection Report from NYS Agriculture & Markets, Municipal Shelter Inspection Report from NYS Agriculture & Markets.

Cyber Awareness - Supervisor Babbitt Henry discussed cyber awareness.

Closing Meeting for 2023 - Set for Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at 6:00pm

APPOINTMENTS

Motion made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry to appoint Amanda Parker to the Springwater Planning Board to fill a vacancy, seconded by Councilmember Mason; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Councilmember Willsea, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau, Aye; Supervisor Babbitt Henry, Aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry to appoint Benjamin Parker to the Board of Assessment Review to fill a vacancy, seconded by Councilmember Willsea; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Councilmember Willsea, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau, Aye; Supervisor Babbitt Henry, Aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry to reappoint Darlene McCallum to the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) retro to 10/1/2023 and expiring 9/30/2028, the Appeals Board retro to 5/1/2023 and expiring 4/30/2028, and the Planning Board retro to 5/1/2023 and expiring 4/30/2028, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gnau; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Councilmember Willsea, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau, Aye; Supervisor Babbitt Henry, Aye. Motion carried.

Upcoming Events at the Town Hall - Winter Wonderland Saturday, December 16, 2023 from 9am-4pm; retirement celebration honoring Justice Don Haywood Tuesday, December 19, 2023 from 6:30-8pm; retirement celebration for Pat Willsea Tuesday, December 26, 2023 from 6:30-8pm following the closing meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

County Broadband - An update was provided to the Board on the status of the County's broadband project.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #38 of 2023 – Authorizing the Joint Services Agreement for machinery, tools, equipment and services between Livingston County and the Town of Springwater for 2024 – 2025.

Motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to accept Resolution #38 of 2023, seconded by Councilmember Canute; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Councilmember Willsea, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau, Aye; Supervisor Babbitt Henry, Aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #39 of 2023– Authorizing the submission of an application for a NYS DOT Bridge NY Grant through Livingston County. This activity is a SEQRA Type II action.

Motion was made by Councilmember Canute to accept Resolution #39 of 2023, seconded by Councilmember Willsea; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Councilmember Willsea, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau, Aye; Supervisor Babbitt Henry, Aye. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS

Town Clerk - no report

Councilman Willsea (Code Enforcement, Parks/Recreation) - tree in gazebo has been decorated with lights

Councilman Canute (Highway) - Started brush work on Schribner Rd., roadside mowing, an additional motor equipment operator was discussed and put on hold for the year. Councilmember Canute stated that he would like it noted that he is in favor of hiring another motor equipment operator at this time and not waiting until spring.

Councilman Gnau (Water/Sewer) - Scenarios on raising base water rate: raise to \$90.00 minimal to \$9/1000 will bring in \$1900 a year revenue; second scenario raise base water rate to \$90 minimal and \$9.50/1000 bringing in \$5,500 a year in extra revenue. The rates have not been raised since 2015.

Councilman Mason (Fire, Cemeteries, Planning Board) - put information out for Christmas bazaar/parade

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau at 8:26pm, seconded by Councilmember Willsea; carried with all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Nisbet
Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED