

TOWN OF SPRINGWATER

TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 10, 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 Kyle Mason, Councilmember Patricia Willsea, Deputy Supervisor Lawrence Gnau, Supervisor Deborah Babbitt Henry.

Present at Meeting: Highway Superintendent and approximately 1 (one) member.

Motion made by Councilmember Canute to accept the minutes for June 12, 2023 as read by Deputy Supervisor Gnau, seconded by Councilmember Mason, carried with all ayes.

Privilege of Floor

Anita Bloom – Republican Chairperson announced that Councilmember Willsea will not be running again in the election. She introduced Tracey Proctor to the board as running in the election in place of Councilmember Willsea.

Dan Sheldon Update of the mobile home park. Requesting connection to water. Progress has been made to the mobile home park such as painting, upgraded mobile homes, central mailboxes and roads repaired. Trees have been removed and debris cleared. All homes have been power washed. They would like to add four more units. Mobile homes must be (ten) 10 years or newer. If an older mobile home is found to be in good condition a variance may be granted upon application. They have received help from the State Advantage Program which provides upgrades to parks. This program also helps receive State bond programs with allows for cheaper interest rates. A meeting with the State will be happening later this month.

Abstract of Claims # 7 of 2023 \$ 81,459.27

Approving the Abstract of Claims #7 of 2023 for Audit date 07.10.2023			
General Fund	\$ 30,612.06	Vouchers	152-177
Highway Fund	\$ 44,191.44	Vouchers	123-140
Sewer Fund	\$ 3,108.67	Vouchers	73-86
Water Fund	\$ 3,547.10	Vouchers	52-61

Supervisor

Monthly Reports – The following monthly reports were distributed to the board for June; Assessor, Sewer and Water, Town Clerk, Town Justice and Town Supervisor Reports. Supervisor reports that she will be attending a FEMA meeting regarding updates within the County as well as attending a Webinar on Lead Service Line Replacement funding NYSDOH and EFC. David Sliker will be attending the Webinar as well. Babbitt Henry also reports that she is pursuing information on Drinking Water Grants through NYDOH-DWSRF and EPA Grants. Reminder that Democratic Caucus is Tuesday July 11, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Methodist Church. Republican Caucus will be held Wednesday July 12, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Fire Hall.

Old Business

First Net phones have been ordered for Highway, water/sewer, Code, Assessor and Water/Sewer Billing. Discussion to set a date of availability for NYCLASS to come and speak to the Board. Generator quotes for a Generator to be installed at the Town Highway and Old Sewer Generator to moved to the Town Hall received by Carmen Electric for 24kw \$15,415.22, Commercial Power Systems 48kw \$37,343.48 and Integrated Power Supplies 20kw \$20,354.00 and 38kw \$33,941.00. All quotes are to be reviewed by the board and table for discussion at next meeting. The 2020 International Dump Truck did not sell at the Auction. Southeast Township is interested in doing an intermunicipal agreement. The selling amount of the international is \$75,000.00 including spreader and plow sold as is. Payment shall be made by cashiers check or wire transfer. Supervisor reports that she is looking into getting quotes for repairs to the bathroom in the town hall. Further discussion to happen at next meeting.

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Southeast for the 2020 International Dump truck, 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 with all ayes.

Motion made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry to put out a request for proposals for renovation of the bathroom and repairs, 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 with all ayes.

Board Reports

Town Clerk - Office of the Aging will be at the Springwater Town Hall on August 2nd, 2023 from 2:30pm – 3:00pm. They will be here to distribute flyers and coupon vouchers for local Farm Markets. Request for the Board to complete an audit of town clerk and tax collector books for the year 2022. Supervisor Babbitt Henry and Councilmember Willsea volunteered. Received letter from the Town of Sparta for adoption of a local law for public hearing will be held on July 11, 2023 at 7:05pm. Proposed local law to extend the temporary land use moratorium prohibiting large scale solar installations within the town of Sparta.

Councilman Willsea (Code Enforcement; Historian; Recreation, Town Clerk) Park recreation program is underway; flyers, bike rodeo, laser tag, inflatables are a few things they have planned for the children. Parts for the playground equipment have been ordered. She also wanted to make folks aware of check scam through the mail, trying to get you to cash a check. Thank you to the Highway Superintendent for keeping the grass mowed on Wheaton Hill Road.

Councilman Canute (Highway) Highway department worked on Canadice Lake Road project. Waiting a few weeks before oil and stone to be put down.

Councilman Gnau (Water/Sewer) Discussed painting of Sewer tank. Backflow issues especially with Dollar General. May have to consider amending the water use law, that needs updating to make the town responsible for doing the backflow checks and adding them onto water bills. An inspector already checks the fire hall and town hall. Councilmember Canute stated that each house was suppose to have a backflow preventer installed and were never installed. Requirements are for homes with boilers. Dave Sliker is looking into getting an estimate from Seaward to see how much it would cost for an annual service inspection plan for all the equipment at the water plant.

Councilman Mason (Fire; Cemeteries/Planning Board) – Nothing to report.

Motion made by Councilmember Mason to adjourn at 8:29pm, seconded by Councilmember Willsea, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christi C. Johnson
Town Clerk

APPROVED