

# TOWN OF SPRINGWATER

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

### August 14, 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 Patricia Willsea, Deputy Supervisor Lawrence Gnau, Supervisor Deborah Babbitt Henry.

Absent: Councilmember Mason

Present at Meeting: Highway Superintendent and approximately 3 (three) members.

**Motion** made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to accept the minutes for July 10, 2023, seconded by Councilmember Canute, carried with all ayes.

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#### **Abstract of Claims # 8 of 2023 \$ 392,333.54**

Approving the Abstract of Claims #8 of 2023 for Audit date 08.14.2023			
General Fund	\$ 59,997.57	Vouchers	178-216
Highway Fund	\$ 290,185.95	Vouchers	141-160
Sewer Fund	\$ 9,910.28	Vouchers	87-101
Water Fund	\$ 32,239.74	Vouchers	62-74

**Motion** made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to approve abstract of claims #8 of 2023 for an overall total of \$392,333.54, seconded by Councilmember Willsea; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Willsea, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau Aye; motion carried.

#### **Supervisor Reports.**

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

An application for the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Re-Grant has been approved by Livingston County for the Town of Springwater. The grant will help update the Little League Field. It is approximately \$27,000 for updates at the park and the Town of Sparta is willing to contribute a portion of their grant covering the \$7,000. Councilmember Canute suggested that we do a formal thank you to the Town Board of Sparta. Supervisor Babbitt Henry suggested that we do an intermunicipal agreement with Sparta as they would like to contribute annually and allow their citizens to utilize our park. The Town of Sparta has no park. Budget process is now underway and anything special that needs to be brought to the Supervisor's attention. We received a letter from the Teamsters. They are requesting a meeting to discuss wages and conditions within the contract. The contract expires December 31, 2023. Councilmember Canute, Deputy Supervisor Gnau and Supervisor Babbitt Henry to meet with Union. Received letter that Mount Morris will be holding a free household hazardous waste collection on August 26, 2023. They will also be holding a free electronic waste collection on September 23, 2023. Livingston County Dog Control reported for the Town of Springwater for January through June of 2023; received 47 phone calls, 5 after hours. The intake/outcome of six dogs; two adopted, three redeemed and one euthanized.

**Motion** made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to declare surplus of old electronics, seconded by councilmember Canute, motion carried with all ayes.

#### **Old Business**

Carman electric came out and suggested that the generator at the Sewer plant be used for the Highway Barns. This generator is bigger than what is needed at the Town Hall. A new pole and meter box was also suggested.

Letter from the Office of the State Comptroller was received that monthly reports for April and May had not been turned in by Hon. Ellen Coyne whom presided over a case that Hon. Donald Haywood had to recuse himself from. The court clerk has called and emailed Judge Coyne that this needs to be completed as soon as possible. Supervisor Babbitt Henry has contacted the Town Supervisor in Conesus regarding the reports.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Babbitt Henry, Deputy Supervisor Gnau and David Sliker all met with the Livingston County Water and Sewer authority. Attorney Jim Campbell suggested that the

Town of Springwater sign an Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority. This will not be of any cost to the Town of Springwater. It will give the Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority to assist the town with project management so that we may get compliance actions, consent order and speedies permit solved. The original consent order must be complied with by October 1, 2023. DEC is requiring that compliance be completed by this date. The Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority, Town of Springwater, Hunt Engineers and DEC would all like to work together to be compliant by October 1, 2023.

The six-wheeler at the Highway Department has been sold and received \$75,000 for this truck. The Town now needs a replacement. We received two quotes one from Dodge Ram Chrysler Jeep Friendly's in Penn Yann and a quote from GMC in Dunkirk. Quote is for a 2024 Diesel truck with a crew cab. The Dodge Ram pickup if ordered now should be received by end of December or first of January.

### **RESOLUTION #35**

To allow the Town Supervisor to sign and enter into agreement an Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with the Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Canute, Jr. to accept resolution #35 of 2023 to allow the Town Supervisor to sign and enter into a Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with the Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gnau; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Willsea, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau Aye; motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Willsea to allow the Highway Superintendent to receive a quote for installing generators in the Town Hall and at the Highway Department, seconded by Councilmember Canute; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Willsea, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau Aye; motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Willsea to allow the Town Supervisor to sign the ARPA grant contact with Livingston County, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gnau; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Willsea, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau Aye; motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Canute to allow the Highway Superintendent order the Dodge Ram pickup in the amount of \$73,201.50 from Friendly's, as well as plow and sander package for \$18,102.50 with the stainless sander, seconded by Supervisor Babbitt Henry; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Willsea, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau Aye; motion carried.

**Motion** made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry to go into Executive Session for the purpose of involving the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation; retaining the Town Clerk and the Highway Superintendent, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gnau; motion carried with all ayes.

### **Board Reports**

*Town Clerk* – Nothing to report

*Councilman Willsea* (Code Enforcement; Historian; Recreation, Town Clerk) - Nothing to Report

*Councilman Canute* (Highway) - Nothing to Report

*Councilman Gnau* (Water/Sewer) Nothing to Report

*Councilman Mason* (Fire; Cemeteries/Planning Board) - Absent

**Motion** made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to leave Executive Session at 8:34 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Babbitt Henry to adjourn at 8:29pm, seconded by Councilmember Willsea, motion carried with all ayes.

**Motion** made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to return to Regular Session at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Babbitt Henry; motion carried with all ayes.

**Motion** made by Councilmember Willsea to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Babbitt Henry; motion carried with all ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christi C. Johnson  
Town Clerk