

TOWN OF SPRINGWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING AUGUST 11, 2025 APPROVED

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Babbitt Henry at 6:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Board - Present: Councilmember Thomas Canute, Jr., Councilmember Tracey Proctor, Deputy Supervisor Lawrence Gnau, Supervisor Deborah Babbitt Henry.

Absent: Councilmember Kyle Mason.

Present at Meeting – Town Clerk Joyce Nisbet, Highway Superintendent Matt Nisbet, one member of the public

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to accept the minutes for the July 14th, 2025, meeting, seconded by Councilmember Proctor; motion carried with all Ayes.

Privilege of Floor

Pat Willsea spoke for the Springwater Webster's Historical Society asking if the Town would consider the Historical Society to put a showcase at the Town Hall for displaying items.

Motion made by Supervisor Babbitt to allow the Springwater Webster's Crossing Historical Society to bring the display case and display items of interest for the Springwater Webster's Crossing Historical Society, seconded by Councilmember Proctor; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., aye; Councilmember Proctor, aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau, aye; Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

Abstract of Claims # 8 of 2025 \$ 202,995.78

Approving the Abstract of Claims # 8 of 2025 for Audit date 8/11/2025

General Fund	\$ 20,580.09	Vouchers 187 - 214
Highway Fund	\$ 182,378.59	Vouchers 125 - 141
Sewer Fund	\$ 37.10	Vouchers 29

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to approve abstract of claims #8 of 2025 for an overall total of \$ **202,995.78**, seconded by Councilmember Canute Jr.; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., aye; Councilmember Proctor, aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau, aye; Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

Supervisors

1. The following monthly reports were distributed to the board: Assessor Report July 2025, Town Clerk Report July 2025, Town Justice Report July 2025.
2. The Springwater Summer Recreation Program is underway August 4, 2025, through

August 28, 9:00 am through 12.00pm

3. Attorneys Kruck and Campbell will be increasing hourly rates for legal services for 2026 to \$250.00/hr.
4. The Association of Towns, dues for 2026 to be \$1,000.00.
5. Unifirst has increased cost of uniforms for the Highway Department as of August 2025.
6. Park cameras are in and functioning.
7. Bees this year required Exterminator services at both the Park and Townhall.

Old Business

1. Motion allowing the Town Supervisor to sign the EFC Engineering agreement and the Architect and Engineering Certification form and return to the Water Sewer Authority.

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau, to allow Supervisor Babbitt Henry to sign the Architect and Engineering Certification form and return to the Water Sewer Authority, seconded by Councilmember Canute Jr.; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., Aye, Councilmember Proctor, aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau, aye; Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

2. The Sewer Debt Tax amount at Livingston County went from \$90,000 to \$98,000. This will include an additional \$10/per qtr. debt levy.

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau, to do away with the \$10.00 that's on the recorded debt levy for the sewer and add it to the sewer debt tax, and raise the sewer debt tax amount from \$90,000 to \$98,500 per year with the property tax bill, seconded by Councilmember Canute Jr.; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., Aye, Councilmember Proctor, aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau, aye; Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

3. Discussion with Board members on the Highway pickup truck reaching 50k miles; Highway Superintendent, is to start pricing new pickup trucks, Highway superintendent is to look into Auction International for auctioning off the current Highway pickup truck; the Highway pickup truck is to get detailed before sending to auction.

New Business

1. Board Members discussed Springwater Fire Chief Brian Nadeau's failure to comply with NYS Fire Code Regulations section 112 NYS Fire Code Regulations section 112, Board Members agreed an informational letter should be sent to the Fire Commissioner.
2. The Springwater Town Code Officer proposed rate increases for the building Department Fee Schedule.

Motion made by Councilmember Canute Jr., approving the proposed Building Department Fee Schedule rate increases as read, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gnau; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., aye; Councilmember Proctor, aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau, aye; Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

3. **Resolution # 38 of 2025 Requesting state assistance for a reassessment project for the Town of Springwater.**

The Town of Springwater has undergone the revaluation of real properties within the Town; the Town feels that it is necessary to conduct a reassessment project of all properties for the 2026 assessment roll to maintain a uniform standard of assessment for the Town. The Town of Springwater request state assistance, specifically from the NYS Office of Real Property Services, to do a reassessment project to maintain a uniform standard of assessment in accordance with Section 305 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to approve **Resolution # 38 of 2025**, seconded by Supervisor Babbitt Henry; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., aye; Councilmember Proctor, aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau, aye; Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

4. Water Debt Tax \$10 per quarter; \$40.00/per yr; Water Sewer Authority will not collect in 2026.

Board Reports

Town Clerk – Nothing to report.

Councilman Proctor (Recreation, Town Clerk, Planning) Councilmember Proctor confirmed to Board Members that Kathy Meyer was on the Town of Springwater side of Story Road and would like to be on the Planning Board Committee.

Motion made by Tracey Proctor to appoint Kathy Meyer on the Planning Board, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gnau; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., aye; Councilmember Proctor, aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau, aye; Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

Councilman Canute (Highway, LCWSA) – Councilmember Canute spoke on the Highway Department doing massive work around time, mostly on the East side; putting gravel down as well and to proceed with maintenance is the next step.

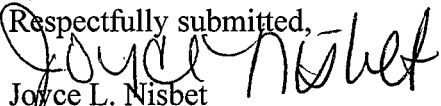
Councilman Gnau (Highway, LCWSA) – Councilmember Gnau shared he has received several phone calls on fixing the fill station; Town to get quotes from Livingston County for cost of meter in pit and cost of band go from there.

Councilman Mason (Fire) – Absent

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to go into executive session at 7:43 pm, seconded by Supervisor Babbitt Henry; motion carried with all aye.

Motion made by Councilmember Canute, Jr., to leave executive session at 8:03 pm, seconded by Supervisor Babbitt Henry; motion carried; No action taken during Executive Session

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm, seconded by Supervisor Babbitt Henry; motion carried with all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Nisbet
Town Clerk