

**TOWN OF SPRINGWATER
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2023**

Supervisor Deborah Babbitt Henry called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

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

Highway Superintendent Matt Nisbet and Town Clerk Christi Johnson - Present

Acceptance of Minutes for December 28, 2022 Closing Board Meeting – Deputy Supervisor Gnau made a motion to accept the minutes for the December 28, 2022 Closing Town Board meeting, seconded by Councilmember Mason; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason aye, Councilmember Willsea, Deputy Supervisor Gnau aye, Supervisor Babbitt Henry aye; motion carried with all ayes.

Acceptance of Minutes for January 2, 2023 Organizational Board Meeting - Deputy Supervisor Gnau made a motion to accept the minutes for the December 28, 2022 Closing Town Board meeting, seconded by Councilmember Mason; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason aye, Councilmember Willsea, Deputy Supervisor Gnau aye, Supervisor Babbitt Henry aye; motion carried with all ayes.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS # 1 of 2023 \$148,063.70

Approving the Abstract of Claims #1 of 2023 for Audit date 01.09.2023		
General Fund	\$ 12,205.91	(voucher #s 1-16)
Highway Fund	\$ 130,994.24	(voucher #s 1-15)
Sewer Fund	\$ 3,689.94	(voucher #s 1-10)
Water Fund	\$ 1,173.61	(voucher #s 1-8)
TOTAL:	\$ 148,063.70	

Councilmember Mason made a motion to approve abstract of claims #1 of 2023 for an overall total of \$ 148,063.70 seconded by Councilmember Willsea; roll call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason aye, Councilmember Willsea, Deputy Supervisor Gnau aye, Supervisor Babbitt Henry aye; motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S

Monthly Reports - The following monthly reports were distributed to the board: Assessor Report December 2022, Justice Report December 2022, Water/Sewer Reports December 2022, Town Clerk Report December 2022, Supervisor Report December 2022, Historian Report December 2022. Councilmember Willsea and Deputy Supervisor Gnau to set up a time for the Courts annual audit. Teen Recognition nominations to be submitted as soon as possible. Seniorama Nominee due February 2, 2023. Fair Housing to be declared in April as Fair Housing Month and advertise quarterly with appropriate advertisement in newspaper.

Motion made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry to nominate Brenda Haywood as the Seniorama Nominee of the year for the Town of Springwater, seconded by Councilmember Mason, carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to declare April as Fair Housing and authorize the Town Clerk to advertise quarterly for the months of January, April, July and October for Town of Springwater, seconded by Councilmember Willsea, carried with all ayes. Roll Call; Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Councilmember Willsea, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau, Aye; motion carried with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Babbitt Henry reports that a reappointment for Jade Perkins as the SAM administrator for year of 2023

Motion made by Councilmember Mason to reappoint Jade Perkins as the SAM administrator for the year of 2023 and authorize Supervisor Babbitt Henry to sign paperwork, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Gnau; Roll Call; Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason, Aye; Councilmember Willsea, Aye; Deputy Supervisor Gnau, Aye; motion carried with all ayes.

Senior Citizen Exemption is not on the agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry to ad information regarding Senior Citizen Exemption to the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Willsea, motion carried with all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Received the Town of Springwater Public Water Supply 2022 Sanitary Survey Report from Livingston County Department of Health. ARPA funds for water were received in the amount of \$229,787.59. This money can only be used for specific things, such as infrastructure. This will help meet standards needed. Supervisor Babbitt Henry also reports that she still have grant writers looking for help in infrastructure.

Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions – The current base for eligibility for exemption is \$20,000 - \$28,399.00. The County would like to raise the base income to \$20,000 – \$36,399.00 based on a sliding scale, you could qualify. 5% town and county property taxes would be reduced.

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to not adopt the Livingston County schedule of Senior Citizen and disability exemptions, seconded by Supervisor Babbitt Henry, Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason aye, Councilmember Willsea, Deputy Supervisor Gnau aye, Supervisor Babbitt Henry aye; motion carried with all ayes.

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Gnau to have a Public Hearing on February 13, 2023 at 7:00pm to amend local law #1 of 2013, seconded by Councilmember Mason, Roll Call: Councilmember Canute, Aye; Councilmember Mason aye, Councilmember Willsea, Deputy Supervisor Gnau aye, Supervisor Babbitt Henry aye; motion carried with all ayes.

BOARD REPORTS

Councilmember Willsea – nothing to report.

Deputy Supervisor Gnau (Water/Sewer) – nothing to report.

Councilmember Mason (Fire; Cemeteries/Planning Board) – Fire Department is looking for funding to replace the Generator that is currently not functional. It has been estimated that it will cost \$12,500.00 to remove old and replace. The Supervisor suggested FEMA or emergency management grants. It was brought to his attention that Deputy Highway Superintendent may need to be a resolution as he is not a town resident.

Councilmember Canute – (Highway) – Fire extinguishers to be changed to 5lbs to be kept in trucks.

AJOURNMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm, seconded by Councilmember Mason; motion carried with all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,


Christi C. Johnson
Town Clerk