

TOWN BOARD MINUTES-DRAFT

On July 13, 2026, the regular meeting of the Town Board was held at the community center on County Highway 29A in Springfield.

Present: Galen Criqui, Dale Schultz, Martha Oakley, Regina Oakes, Adam Halay, Jeannette Armstrong, Jeff Brown-absent

Guests: Dr. William Richtsmeier, Doug and Kim Gustaphen, Calley Schultz, Gabriella Augustine, Nicole Dillingham. Lance and Kelly Wright, Lucy Townsend, Pat Kennedy, Lluís Torrent, Alexis Pencar and child, and two others- unknown

Criqui called the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then he asked for public comment.

Dr. Richtsmeier responded. He said that the Department of Health was doing inspections regarding vegetables and deer ticks in the area because of the serious infections that can result when things are not monitored. On Friday evening he will be giving a talk on the subject at the community center. He said everything was coming together regarding the 9E plan. The group involved with the plan supports Henry Miller for all the efforts he has made to maintain the water quality in Otsego Lake.

Lance Wright commented about smoking cigarettes near the entrance of the community center during the time children are present for the summer program.

Since Jeff Brown could not be present, Criqui read the highway report aloud. (Enclosed)

Criqui received notice that the rate for highway health insurance will increase about 17-18% in 2027.

The Department of Health found a few minor violations at the public landing during their inspection. There was no written report.

Oakley reported that they had a successful workshop on puppets for the children attending the summer program. Oakes reported that they had a baking day and served lemonade. According to Halay, four food trucks will be coming to the Springfield community center on Friday, the 17th from 4PM to 8PM.

Miller was not present to give the planning board report, but Lluís Torrent spoke briefly and presented a slide show on the solar project and answered questions from the audience.

Calley Schultz read the animal control report. She received a call from the state troopers about a possible dog bite. After investigation, it was found to be only a scratch. The matter is continuing. She also received a call about a nuisance dog on July 13th bothering neighbors. The people involved were given ten days to fix some issues.

Keith Mc Carty was not present to give the report on county business.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKLEY AND SECONDED BY CRUIQUI TO APPROVE THE TOWN BOARD MINUTES FOR JUNE 2026. Voted, carried.

The clerk collected \$480 for June 2026. \$224.06 was paid to the town and \$255.94 was paid to the state for dog and fishing licenses. A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKES AND SECONDED BY OAKLEY TO APPROVE THE TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Criqui read the Supervisor's Report aloud. He gave the revenue balances of the General and Highway Funds. The NYClass Investment Fund yield is presently 3.533%. All the budget money has been received from the taxpayers now. He discussed budget allotments and the CHIPS fund reimbursement coming in December, the salt shed financing and revenue coming from the Snow and Ice agreement. A MOTION WAS MADE BY HALAY AND SECONDED BY OAKES TO APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2026. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Lluis Torrent presented another slide show, discussed the solar farm and answered many questions from members of the audience.

Expanding the no-wake zone on Otsego Lake was discussed briefly, but the proposed Local Law II action was postponed until the next meeting.

There was discussion about the plumbing issues on the Fourth of July at the community center, as well as the differences between the ambulance service offered by the Village of Cooperstown and Otsego County.

A new truck for the Highway Department and an update on the salt shed progress were also topics of conversation.

There was trouble at the public landing from people who did not qualify for access.

Richtsmeier commented that the new salt shed will be good for the ecology of the lake and the effort being made by Springfield is appreciated by everyone involved in preserving the water quality of Lake Otsego.

Doug Gustaphson made comments about the Manochurian Project and expressed his opinion about Springfield being lead agency. He doesn't think Springfield can handle the project and he would like to see a regional agency established. He is worried about his water supply becoming depleted and the extra expense of new road construction and maintenance that it will cause the town as well as increased fire protection it will need. He said he would hire his own lawyer because he will be directly affected by the project.

Dale Schulz announced that the Springfield Fire Department received a plaque for 50 years of service in the State of New York.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HALAY AND SECONDED BY SCHULTZ TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,845.80 FOR THE JULY 2026 GENERAL FUND. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKLEY AND SECONDED BY OAKES TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,339.54 FOR

THE JULY 2026 HIGHWAY FUND. Voted, carried, all votes aye. \$43,000 was Chips expense.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKLEY AND SECONDED BY OAKES TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 PM. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Jeannette Armstrong, Town Clerk and Recording Secretary