

TOWN BOARD MINUTES-DRAFT 2

On May 11, 2026, the regular meeting of the Springfield Town Board was held at the community center on County Highway 29A in Springfield Center.

Present: Galen Criqui, Supervisor; Dale Schultz, Regina Oakes, Martha Oakley, Adam Halay, Jeff Brown, Jeannette Armstrong.

Guests: Henry Miller, Pat Kennedy, Gabriella Augustine, H. Gaylord Dillingham, Lucy Townsend, Marie Armstrong, Jack Raitt, Susan Weikel, Amanda Stocking, Dr. William Richtsmeier.

Criqui called the meeting to order at 7 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Criqui called for public comment. Marie Armstrong responded. She said that she is excited and looking forward to directing the summer program along with Jody and a few other helpers. She passed around a flyer listing the many activities she has planned that include field trips, library visits, music, games, arts and crafts. She recommended a visit to the springfieldny.org website for more information. The program will be from July 6th through July 24th, 2026, from 10AM to 3PM weekdays and is open to Springfield residents ages five through twelve, kindergarten through the sixth grade. Free lunches will also be provided. There will be no swimming lessons given at the Springfield Landing this year.

H. Gaylord Dillingham spoke about the Rolling Hills Dinner Meeting that he attended April 28, 2026, at the Maplewood Restaurant in Richfield Springs. The host of the meeting, an employee of Terra-Gen, announced the plans for a wind energy project, and he said they were also studying solar development. Gaylord suggested the town should have a moratorium. However, wind turbines are illegal here. Regardless, many farmers signed up for the project because they wanted the money. He passed out sheets of information on the Terra-Gen plans. Participants include the residents of the Towns of Stark and Warren.

Jeff Brown, Highway Superintendent, read the Highway Report aloud and discussed many aspects of it. (Enclosed)

Criqui said there was no correspondence to report. Then he asked for committee reports.

Adam Halay is working with Miranda Stocking and is compiling a list of companies that provide summer food trucks. They would be parked on the rear of the community center property, near the pavilion and run on generators. It is felt that people will come during the time they are in Springfield to participate in the program. Susan Weikel raised questions about liability, rent, and noise. Regina Oakes said she would have more information to report next month on the Springfield Landing. She did mention a dock.

Henry Miller reported on the Planning Board meeting. Part II of the EAF on the solar farm is finished and there are a few items that need to be mitigated. Surface water, spreaders to handle water, stream crossings, box culverts and removal of a hedgerow etc., were discussed. There will be a public hearing in June and another in August. A special use permit was approved for a new Amish School on the corner of Texas and Hinds Road.

The dog warden reported no activity last month.

McCarty was not present to report on County business.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKLEY AND SECONDED BY SCHULTZ TO APPROVE THE APRIL MINUTES AS CORRECTED. Voted, carried, all votes aye. A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKES AND SECONDED BY SCHULTZ TO APPROVE THE APRIL MINUTES. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

The clerk collected a total of \$27.00 for April. \$23.00 was paid to the town and \$4.00 was paid to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for dog licenses. A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKES AND SECONDED BY HALAY TO APPROVE THE TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2026. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Criqui read the supervisor's report aloud and discussed it. He gave General and Highway Fund revenue figures and the NYCLASS account balance. He discussed the downpayment for the salt shed that he took from the NYClass Fund that will be reimbursed by DEC in September. He wants to invest some general and highway money in the NYClass Fund to earn interest and will take it out later when it is needed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HALAY AND SECONDED BY OAKLEY TO APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT. Voted, carried, all votes' ayes.

Jack Raitt gave an update on the library construction project. He discussed the location of the AC/Heating units that will be installed through the back of the community center building, through the electrical room, across to the library and he provided an illustration of the plan.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHULTZ AND SECONDED BY OAKES TO CLOSE THE REGULAR MEETING AND OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW # 2 of 2026, A PATH FORWARD THAT PROTECTS THE LAKE AND RESPECTS ALL USERS, CALLED THE LAKE PROTECTION LAW. Waterboard boats were discussed, and the damage they do to the environment in shallow water. Consideration was given that it might be possible to allow the boats to operate in the deep-water areas. Richtsmeier said visibility is a factor since it is impossible to see ahead of the bow when it's up in the air and he said that people who own these boats are not necessarily educated about the environment. Accidents, Police patrols, help from the Biological Field station and ballasts that can't be completely emptied were mentioned. Schultz said he would like all towns that border the lake to meet and make one law. A MOTION WAS MADE TO SUSPEND FURTHER ACTION AND TO ADDRESS THE LOCAL LAW AGAIN NEXT MONTH. Voted, carried, all votes aye. Pat Kennedy, member of the Otsego Town Board, said they will be holding a public hearing on July 12th and now they are collecting data and doing mapping of the lake. They are hoping to send out information ahead of their public hearing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKES AND SECONDED BY SCHULTZ TO RE-OPEN THE REGULAR MEETING. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Criqui discussed the situation regarding boat slip eligibility again. The deadline for the installation of the approved septic by the watershed committee has been extended to June 1st. After that date, the family will go on the waiting list, and they will still be able to launch their boat.

The NYMIR insurance company wants employees to do more cyber and harassment training.

Criqui paid \$26 for Amex points to the town for using the card for 2025 town spending. An audit of the supervisor's books needs to be done.

The town board applied for grant funding from the lake sustainability fund with Jeff Katz.

Schultz said that Mark Richards was going to bale the hay on Ryerson Field.

The alarm system inspection at the community center has been completed and passed, but a new system is needed soon. Fire extinguishers also need to be inspected.

Marchev will be opening the Springfield Landing restrooms soon.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HALAY AND SECONDED BY OAKES TO PAY CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$171,504.07 FOR THE MAY 2026 GENERAL FUND. Voted, carried, all votes aye. \$150,000 was for the downpayment on the salt shed and \$10,000 was for the partial support of the Springfield Cemetery.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHULTZ AND SECONDED BY OAKLEY TO PAY CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,784,72 FOR THE MAY 2026 HIGHWAY FUND. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKLEY AND SECONDED BY SCHULTZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8: 20 PM. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Jeannette Armstrong, Town Clerk and Recording Secretary