

TOWN BOARD MEETING- DRAFT

On March 9, 2026, the regular meeting of the Springfield Town Board was held at the community center on County Highway 29A, Springfield Center.

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

Guests: Henry Miller, Keith Mc Carty, Lucy Townsend, Jerome Oakes, Matt Douglas, William Richtsmeier, Gabriella Augustine

Criqui called the meeting to order at 7 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. He then called for public comment.

William Richtsmeier said that they are having difficulty writing the 9E grant but he wants people to know that they are doing the best they can. They would like to get more of the public informed about the effort.

Lucy Townsend said that she retired and joined the League of Woman Voters and she was at the meeting to learn what she could and see if there is anything she can do to be of assistance in that regard.

Jeff Brown discussed the Highway Report for March 2026. (Enclosed)

Criqui said the SPCA has a new cargo van to transport animals and is offering a vaccine and wellness clinic and other services.

Regina Oakes reported that she picked up the park passes. The March luncheon will be on the 21st at the community center and corn beef and cabbage etc. will be on the menu. Three party rentals are scheduled, and the Opera will be renting the community center from April 26th through May 8th. Stickers are now available for sale for the Springfield Landing.

Dale Schultz said the Town Justice books have been audited and that they found that everything was very satisfactory.

Henry Miller reported on the planning board meeting. Three minor subdivisions were addressed as well as the highway department's new salt shed and how it will be a major improvement to the environment in comparison to what is there presently. He also spoke about the application for a solar farm on 22 +/- acres on

the upper area of the Krause Family farm on County Highway 29A and discussed many aspects of it at length. This is a big project with a long way to go before construction can start.

There was no activity reported by the dog warden.

McCarty reported that the county will hold a second property auction on March 25th. They took in 4 million dollars at the last auction, but 12 properties didn't sell so they are going to try to sell them again.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKLEY AND SECONDED BY OAKES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING. Voted, carried, all vote ayes.

The clerk collected a total of \$70 for February 2026. \$39.28 was paid to the town and \$30.62 was paid to the state. A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHULTZ AND SECONDED BY OAKLEY TO APPROVE THE TOWN CLERK'S REPORT. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Criqui presented the supervisor's financial report, read it aloud and discussed it. He gave the balances for the General and Highway Fund Revenues and discussed the transfer of tax money to the NY Class account to earn interest until it is needed later. He also discussed budget allotments.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HALAY AND SECONDED BY OAKES TO APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2026. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Discussion about raising boat slip prices was passed last month. There was a past problem with the owner of a boat space that has finally been resolved. It has been agreed that if this person can pass inspection by the watershed committee by installing a septic system on his newly purchased property by May 15th, he will be eligible for a boat slip again this year. There are 8 seasonal and 23 local people that rent boat spaces. Consideration is being given to perhaps having a lottery to give more people a chance to enjoy the Springfield Landing for next year 2027.

For personal reasons, April Aramini may not be returning to her position at the Springfield Landing, which is an unfortunate situation since the town paid for her

certification and training as a WSI Instructor last year. We may have to reconsider the swim program and just provide the summer program.

There will be a meeting with board members and the Deer Run Campground on Friday at 9 AM at the community center.

The ADP payroll company is not charging us for January or February. The HRA is in place and functional. The REM alarm people are supposed to come and advise the board on potential replacement with a new system. Marchev is still working on the water system and had to order more parts, which have not been received yet. Criqui was pleased to announce that he has already completed the annual financial report for 2025.

Discussion ensued regarding the salt shed grant. Matt Donohue from Eagle Associates in Cazenovia provided some useful information about the construction. It is likely that we will take a loan from NBT Bank to pay for the new salt shed until we are reimbursed.

Jeff Brown had three quotes for the work that will be done on the salt shed:

Hybrid Building Solutions - Calhoun Building	\$547,189.00
Eagle Associates-Brite Span building on T walls	\$449,895,28
Eagle Associates-Brite Span building on poured concrete walls	\$523,860.47
Heidelberg Materials floor quote-6" hot asphalt	\$45,176.00

Brown is still waiting for a couple more quotes

Much discussion about building the salt shed followed.

Richtsmeier said the Watershed Committee was very enthusiastic about the reduction of salt deposits in Otsego Lake in the future.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKES AND SECONDED BY OAKLEY TO APPROVE CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,367.89 FOR THE MARCH 2026 GENERAL FUND. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHULTZ AND SECONDED BY HALAY TO PAY CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,683.16 FOR THE MARCH 2026 HIGHWAY FUND. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKLEY AND SECONDED BY SCHUTZ TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:10PM. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Jeannette Armstrong, Town Clerk and Recording Secretary