

TOWN BOARD MINUTES

On June 8, 2026, the regular meeting of the Springfield Town Board was held at the community center on County Highway 29A, Springfield Center, NY.

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

Guests: Henry Miller, Keith Mc Carty, Lucy Townsend, Gabriella Augustine, Nicole and H. Gaylord Dillingham, Calley Schultz, William Richtsmeier, Miranda Stocking

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

Richtsmeier gave an update on the 9E grant, which is progressing. He said the watershed committee consists of people who know what they are talking about concerning soil, water and families. The Village of Cooperstown is charging a \$50 annual inspection fee for septic systems on properties within 500' of the lake and 100' of the tributaries. The inspection will be done every three years and is allowed by state law. Some of these properties have been inspected by the watershed committee. The concern is for the water quality since many places draw water from the lake and it needs to be inspected to see if it's safe to drink. There is always the threat of bacteria and toxins in lake water and the question is: Is it filtered enough?

Miranda Stocking said two food trucks will be coming to Springfield on Friday, June 19th. The project has been named, "Taste of Springfield." They may be coming twice in July. A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKES AND SECONDED BY OAKLEY TO APPROVE THE DATE AND THE NAME OF THE PROJECT. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Nicole Dillingham spoke about the Rolling Hills Project involving 74 wind turbines that are 600' tall on 74,000 acres of land and they will be lit at

night. She said it will devastate the area of the Monastery in Jordanville, which has been a huge tourist attraction. She said some were proposed in the Town of Springfield. She mentioned our rights and violations of our home rule.

Jeff Brown provided a written highway report for June 2026 and said funds for budget item DA5130.3 was used up for this year, already. He discussed various aspects of the report. (Enclosed)

Martha Oakley showed the board a puppet that she made. Making puppets will be one activity featured in the summer program. Regina Oakes discussed public landing. She said six people were turned away and one person was given a ticket. She said the restrooms were all cleaned and that some picnic tables were rotten, so three new ones were purchased. She mentioned trailer passes, kayak spaces, and park passes, etc., but without a written report, accurate reporting can't be made.

Henry Miller reported on the Planning Board activities. It will be necessary to increase the no-wake zone at the north end of the lake near the golf course to 300' because it's so shallow. The public hearing on the Lake Protection Law has been left open to give time to the Biological Field Station to provide a contour map to determine depth of water so that buoys can be placed where needed. There was a public hearing on the solar project and a presentation by Quantum representatives for the new sketch plan on the Manochurian Project. There will be another meeting on June 25th to replace the July 2nd meeting because it will be too near the July 4th celebration and too busy then. There was a ZBA meeting on May 12th to discuss two docks that were destroyed by ice this winter. There will be another meeting on that same subject on June 15th, and the same subject will be discussed again because the results were unsatisfactory.

Calley Schultz thanked the board for sponsoring a two-day seminar in Rochester, NY, which was very beneficial to her regarding her warden position. She had one complaint of a dog barking which was bothering a

neighbor. Gaylord Dillingham suggested she advise the owner to get a shock collar.

Keith Mc Carty reported on county business. He discussed finances but without a written report, accurate facts can't be stated. The county has no long-term debt and he said the closing took place on the 382-acre, Huntington Farm. Oil prices are up so sales tax is up.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKLEY AND SECONDED BY SCHULTZ TO APPROVE THE MAY 2026, MINUTES. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

A total of \$147 was collected for May. \$44.92 was paid to the town and \$102.08 was dispersed to the state. A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHULTZ AND SECONDED BY OAKES TO APPROVE THE TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2026. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Criqui presented the Supervisor's Monthly Report. He provided the General Fund and Highway Fund balances and discussed the withdrawals from the NY Class account. A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKES AND SECONDED BY SCHULTZ TO APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2026. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

The public hearing on The Lake Protection Law is still open. A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKLEY AND SECONDED BY OAKES TO CLOSE THE REGULAR MEETING AND RE-OPEN THE LAKE PROTECTION LAW DISCUSSION. The wake board surfing boats disturb the environment and especially the lake bottom. It is necessary to keep these boats out of shallow water. The ballasts that support them can't be totally emptied; thus, unwanted elements might still be inside these ballasts and spread negatively into the lake. The Village of Cooperstown has already banned these boats. It is preferred to expand the no-wake zone to 300'. The new salt shed will also preserve the health of the lake, so we are doing our part. Local Law II will be discussed again next month. The depth of the water becomes most important. There were no comments. A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKES AND SECONDED BY OAKLEY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW II AND RE-OPEN THE REGULAR

BOARD MEETING. Voted, carried, all votes aye. We were awarded \$7000, by the lake sustainability fund for the salt shed. There is a \$50 annual fee for the watershed resident's issues.

There was discussion about the lifeguards at the public landing. So far, five are available to work.

The person who was required to install a septic system on their property with watershed approval by June first, has lost his boat slip but he can go on the waiting list, providing the watershed committee approves the new system.

The Supervisor's books were audited by Halay and Schultz and were found to be satisfactory.

The Department of Health will do an inspection before the summer program starts.

The fire extinguisher inspection was completed by Brown-Randall. NYMIR inspection wants our employees to do cyber and harassment training.

Nicole Dillingham said conservation easements are a big problem in the Manochurian development. Clustering saves open space. There was more discussion on the roads, and on the lawyers and engineers involved.

More discussion ensued about new trucks and the expenses that are constantly mounting to purchase them.

MOTIONS WERE MADE BY SCHULTZ AND SECONDED BY OAKLEY TO PAY CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,129.44 FOR THE JUNE 2026 GENERAL FUND AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,349.80 FOR THE JUNE HIGHWAY FUND. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKLEY AND SECONDED BY SCHULTZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:15PM. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Jeannette Armstrong, Town Clerk and Recording Secretary.

