

# TOWN BOARD MINUTES-DRAFT

On February 9, 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, Adam Halay, Jeff Brown, Jeannette Armstrong

Guests: Keith Mc Carty, Henry Miller, Martin Harding, Chris Galanopoulos from Otsego County Soil and Water District, Jerome Oakes, Randy Stocking, Gabriella Augustine, Erik House, Kelly Snyder, Michael Stalter, Paul Belmonte and Karen D'Ambro.

The clerk gave THE OATH OF OFFICE to Adam Halay before the meeting started.

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

Michael Stalter announced that he was running for County Sheriff and that he would appreciate the board's support.

Chris Galanopoulos discussed the contract between the Otsego County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Town of Springfield, Landowner/Producer, for the purpose of seeking funding in the amount of \$575,000 in the OCSWCD Round 21 Water Quality Improvement Project Program(WQIP) for the Springfield Salt Shed Project at location presently identified as presented in the contract-5497 US 20, East Springfield, NY 13333. Criqui read the contract aloud.

The town will be responsible for 25% of the cost of the salt shed and anything over that cost. SEQRA, prevailing wages, use of Source Well, in kind services, Department of Labor, publication, advertising for bids, were all discussed. At least three bids are necessary. A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKES AND SECONDED BY SCHULTZ TO HAVE SUPERVISOR

CRIQUI SIGN THE LANDOWNER/OCSWCD CONTRACT. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Chris said Soil and Water was having a sale now of fruit trees and bushes.

Jeff Brown presented the Highway Report and read it aloud. (Enclosed)

Regina Oakes reported the monthly luncheon would be held on Saturday February 14, from 11:30-12:30 and that a jazz band would provide entertainment for Valentine's Day.

Henry Miller discussed planning board activities. The ZBA will be considering area variances on two sub-division lots and on the height of the salt shed which, at present only allows 35 feet. He said the website is switching over and upgrading and new pictures of local interest are needed.

The dog warden reported no activity.

Mc Carty said the county ratified a 4-year CESA contract.

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

The clerk collected a total of \$95.00 and paid it to the town supervisor. A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKLEY AND SECONDED BY OAKES TO APPROVE THE TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2026. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Criqui presented the supervisor's report and read it aloud. He gave the General and Highway Fund revenue balances and the balance on the NYClass Investment Fund, which is now yielding 3.65% interest. The total amount of the 2026 budget has been received by the tax collector at \$777,206. He discussed the allotments for the Highway and General funds. A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHULTZ AND SECONDED BY OAKLEY TO APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Boat slip pricing was discussed. The intention is to raise slips 1-24 by \$50 and leave the price of slips 25-31 alone. A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHULTZ AND SECONDED BY OAKLEY TO RAISE THE FEES. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

HRA is in place and functional and fees will be \$99 per month.

Changing the date for Grievance Day was discussed since the assessor has conflicting commitments to other towns. A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKLEY AND SECONDED BY OAKES TO CHANGE THE DATE FOR GRIEVANCE DAY TO THE FIRST THURSDAY AFTER THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF MAY or on MAY 28, 2026, this year. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Criqui feels that we need a special committee to solicit funding from non-profit groups for our salt shed expenses because people want to maintain the health of the lake and keep salt from washing into Shadow Brook.

The REM alarms at the community center are old and outdated and need to be upgraded.

Launch fees at the Springfield Landing will be discussed next month.

The water repair job by Marchev at the community center has been delayed again because of parts issues but we haven't been fined by the DOH yet.

Karen D' Ambro complained about losing her boat space because of a change in property ownership. There was discussion and nothing was settled. The matter will be addressed later.

The new 2026 Boat Slip and Kayak Rack Application was presented. A MOTION WAS MADE BY HALAY AND SECONDED BY SCHULTZ TO APPROVE THE NEW APPLICATION. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Schultz offered community center space to Stalter for a "meet and greet" session during his run for Sheriff.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKES AND SECONDED BY OAKLEY TO PAY CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$202,960.54 FOR THE FEBRUARY GENERAL FUND. Voted, carried, all votes aye. \$187,000 of that amount was for the Springfield Fire District.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHULTZ AND SECONDED BY OAKLEY TO PAY CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,009.14 FOR THE FEBRUARY HIGHWAY FUND. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY OAKLEY AND SECONDED BY SCHULTZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:35 PM. Voted, carried, all votes aye.

Jeannette Armstrong, Town Clerk and Recording Secretary