

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING- JANUARY 11TH, 2021

SPRINGPORT TOWN HALL

7:00 pm

Members Present: Supervisor: David Schenck. Councilmen: Mike Selover, Andrew Rindfleisch, Lloyd Cornell, Richard Hodges

Clerk: Jennifer Schenck

Highway Superintendent: Richard Waldron

Water/Sewer Superintendent: Karl Rindfleisch

Others Present: Glenn Bundy, Donna O'Hara, Howard Tanner (Code Enforcement Officer)

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge.

A. AGENDA:

Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to approve the Agenda, Seconded by Mr. Hodges. Aye, all with no discussion.

B. MINUTES:

Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to approve the Minutes of December 14th, 2020 regular board meeting and December 28th, 2020 year end meeting, Seconded by Mr. Cornell. Aye, all with no discussion.

C. REPORTS:

1) **Codes:** Howard Tanner reported that 1 building permit had been issued this month. The state codes reports are due at the end of January and Mr. Tanner will be submitting those soon. He has already met with the Town assessor to pass along all of the necessary updates.

2) **Clerk:** Jennifer Schenck reported that tax collection was well underway, and the check for the Springport Fire District's Village portion had already been sent to them. There were 3 separate complaints about a trailer on Connors Road running a sewage pipe directly from their home to the creek behind the property. Mrs. Schenck notified the health department and they would be investigating it.

The monthly clerks report was submitted to the supervisor at the start of the meeting.

3) **Supervisor:** Supervisor Schenck stated that a little over \$117k in sales tax revenue had just been deposited. These numbers are still much higher than budgeted for. Mr. Schenck added that there is a \$50k Certificate of Deposit that will be maturing this year and also a \$100k one in B General Fund. It will be Mr. Schenck's recommendation to the board that they not renew these CD's and instead deposit them into the DA Fund to fund the upcoming bridge/slucice projects.

D. HIGHWAY W SOIL & WATER: Mr. Waldron stated he met with a sales rep from Steele Sales about the Townline Road sluice. He stated that they make a 12ft, 10-gauge double pipe in either galvanized or aluminum. Tim Carpenter also looked at the sluice again on Monday and felt that the pipe from Cummins would handle the flow, and that aluminum would last longer. Mr. Waldron has also been in touch with Cayuga County Soil and Water and they are willing to help with the project. They have the right equipment for the job, and are willing to file the required DEC permits on the Town's behalf. Approximately 50ft of the pipe would be required and would cost around \$60,500 for the aluminized pipe. Bands to secure the pipes, wing walls, walls between the pipes and stone would also be required and would increase that price, and there would be an additional \$5k to bring Cayuga County Soil and Water on board. A double pipe would also require maintenance as it would need to be monitored for debris.

Mr. Schenck stated he would like to invite CCS&W to the February board meeting and that there should be enough money with everything that has been set aside in the last two budgets.

E. OPEN “3 MINUTE MIKE”: Joe Bennett, the Grandview Beach Co-Op president addressed the board regarding a blocked drainage ditch that is running onto the Co-Op’s property and causing flooding. Karl Rindfleisch is aware of this issue, and stated it could have been avoided if the owner of the property (Mr. Lyn Dick) had put his piping through the old railroad culvert. Mr. Rindfleisch added it is a complicated situation. There is a NYS Law that states a homeowner cannot have runoff that is creating a nuisance; however, Mr. Dick is simply blocking drainage. Mr. Bennett asked the board if they would please look into the issue further, and consider passing an ordinance to prevent this from happening to anyone else in the future. The board agreed to look into the issue.

F. APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to approve the following appointments:

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| 1) Newspaper—Auburn Citizen | 2) Meeting Day & Time—2 nd Monday of Month, 7pm |
| 3) Attorney: Norm Chirco | 4) Code Enforcement Officer: Howard Tanner |
| 5) Bank—CLNB | 6) Wages & Pay – Per 2021 Budget |
| 7) Mileage--\$.57/mile | 8) Engineer—MRB |
| 9) Registrar—Jennifer Schenck | 10) Records Management—Jennifer Schenck |
| 11) Web Master—Jennifer Schenck | 12) Town Historian—Richard Staehr |

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1) Solar in Zoning: Mr. Schenck stated there were already provisions in the town zoning law for residential solar arrays. The town attorney Norm Chirco would be helping to develop laws regarding commercial solar arrays.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1) CCWSA Contract: The initial 3-year contract with CCWSA is now up. Mr. Schenck believes they have done a good job, both water systems are working well now. It is clear the two districts need someone that is able to focus on them daily. The contract can be renewed, however there would be a \$10/hour increase. Mr. Hodges made the motion to allow Supervisor Schenck to sign a new 3-year contract, seconded by Mr. Cornell. Aye All with no discussion.

2) CCWSA Master Plan: The next meeting to review the CCWSA Master Plan is tomorrow at 3pm and Supervisor Schenck will be attending. Springport SW2 residents are already paying \$672 per year on their taxes in capital charges. This is \$844/ year with quarterly bills included. CCWSA has stated their master plan would add an additional \$100-150 more on each residents’ taxes, so each resident would then be paying over \$1000 per year total for water. Mr. Selover stated that financially their plan makes no sense and it will completely ruin the elderly and those on very fixed incomes. Mr. Schenck stated there is no benefit to the Town of Springport with this plan, and the County will try and make it so each Town cannot opt out of the plan. However, he does not see how they could legally hook on to the Town’s lines without permission. Mr. Rindfleisch stated that it is good for the County to hear the Town’s concerns so that they can address them.

Karl Rindfleisch stated it would make more sense for the County to work on small projects and build a larger connection over time. Mr. Schenck ended the discussion by stating he will make it clear to the County at tomorrow’s meeting how Springport feels regarding the plan.

G. HIGHWAY REPORT:

Mr. Waldron reported a cylinder in the excavator was currently being repaired. The crew was enjoying the easy winter so far and were waiting for the snow to come. In the meantime, they were drawing stone to prepare for 2021.

H. WATER/SEWER REPORT:

Karl Rindfleisch reported that the last 3 lots in the Gorwydd development had sold. All the lots in Cayuga Shores were also sold. All of these newly sold lots will be needing grinder pumps. Mr. Rindfleisch added that Rick, Will and Slim had been a very good team and he was very thankful. Mr. Hodges added that the Town was indeed very fortunate for their crew.

I. FINANCIALS:

1) Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to pay the following bills: General fund (A) vouchers #359-360, 362-363, 365-371, 373, 376, 385, 391-392, 394 totaling \$3,988.66, General Fund-Outside Village (B) Vouchers #389 totaling \$208.94, Highway Fund (DA) Town wide Vouchers# 393 totaling \$1,448.30, Highway fund (DB) vouchers #372, 374-375, 377, 385, 390 totaling \$10,230.96, Water District #1 vouchers #358, 378-385, 388 totaling \$67,344.36, Sewer District #1 vouchers# 361, 363, 378-380, 382-383, 385 totaling \$3,231.07, Water District #2 vouchers # 360, 364, 379, 381, 384-387 totaling \$9, 453.85, Sewer District #2 vouchers # 383 totaling \$58.31, Seconded by Mr. Selover. Aye, all with no discussion.

2) Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to transfer \$40k from Town-Outside B Fund to DA Highway Fund for the upcoming bridge project, seconded by Mr. Selover, aye all with no discussion

3) Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to accept the budge modifications submitted by the bookkeeper (attached), seconded by Mr. Selover, aye all with no discussion.

J. 2022 CONFIGURATION: Mr. Schenck stated that he felt that the board should look at the highway superintendent salary. Rick has done a wonderful job for the Town for many years and has earned the salary he has, however when he does retire, whenever that may be, the incoming highway superintendent would have quite an inflated salary if they acquired Rick's current figures. Mr. Schenck also feels that now that they have a worker dedicated to the water/sewer department, and that worker has many more responsibilities, this salary should be comparable to the highway superintendent. Mr. Schenck feels the equal percentage raises across the board are continuing to raise the disparities in salaries seen across the board with Town personnel. Mr. Selover stated he would like to take a look at what other Town's are paying for the next budget cycle.

K: YEAR END MEETING: The year end meeting will be held December 28th, 2020 at 7pm via Zoom. Jennifer Schenck will advertise the login ID and password should any public wish to attend.

L. COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Thank you letter from Springport Free Library for annual contribution
- 2) Thank you letter from Frontenac Historical Society for annual contribution
- 3) Thank you letter from Scat Van for annual contribution
- 4) Thank you, Meals on Wheels, for annual contribution
- 5) Christmas Card from Core and Main
- 6) Christmas Card from Tom Shutter Welding
- 7) Letter from Cayuga Lake Watershed requesting the Town's membership
- 8) Town of Aurelius—Intent for Lead Agency for SEQRA

M: COURT AUDIT: The Court books are now ready to be audited. Mr. Hodges, Mr. Cornell, and Mr. Selover stated they would review the books. Jennifer Schenck will prepare the paperwork that needs to be completed along with the audit.

N. ADJOURN:

Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Selover. Aye all with no discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm

Jennifer Schenck
Town Clerk