

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING- January 8, 2024

SPRINGPORT TOWN HALL 7:00 pm

Members Present: Supervisor David Schenck, Deputy Supervisor: Andrew Rindfleisch Councilmen: Eric Rosenkrans, Lloyd Cornell, and Michael Selover.

Clerk: Kathleen Wilde

Others Present: William Walter Highway Dept. Howard Tanner, Norman Chirco

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

A. AGENDA: Mr. Rindfleisch motion to approve the Agenda, Seconded by Mr. Selover. Aye, All with no discussion.

B. Norm: 1. Cell tower- Norm is reviewing the cell tower lease agreement and will work with the Ross attorney to resolve the issues, main concern is the fall zone of the tower.

2. Special Development District-Subdivision plan. Norm will work on a zoning ordinance to be reviewed in February.

3. Judge position- Norm will provide a resolution to reduce the number of Judges from two to one for the February board meeting.

C. MINUTES: Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to approve the December 11th & 28th, 2023, minutes Seconded by Mr. Cornell. Aye, All with one amendment of the Fire Department Budget hearing. The Fire Department budget was approved. Mr. Selover made the motion to approve the budget hearing, Seconded by Mr. Cornell. Aye, All with no discussion.

D. CODES REPORT:

1) Codes: monthly report delivered to all board members. 10 new permits. Waiting for state reports. 10 new homes in 2023.

3) Clerk: Property Taxes are starting to come in. Water payments coming in.

4) Supervisor report: monthly report delivered to all board members.

5) Property Assessor:

E. PUBLIC HEARING Water & Sewer Increase from the Village of Union Springs: Mr. Selover made the motion to open the water/sewer increase hearing, Seconded by Mr. Cornell. Aye, All with no discussion. Hearing opened at 7:24pm. No Discussion from the floor. Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to close the hearing and increase the sewer rate \$24.25 Seconded by Mr. Selover. Aye, All with no discussion. Budget hearing closed at 7:45pm. sewer rate to be \$24.25

F. EDU: charges from the assessor. The board has requested the water/sewer bill be 8 water and 8 sewer for Blumrick apartments. Wintamute, Bradley Rindfleisch apartments, farms with barns hooked into house water meter EDU's need to be reviewed.

G. APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Selover made the motion to approve the following Appointments- #1-13. Seconded by Mr. Cornell

1. Deputy Supervisor- Andrew Rindfleisch
2. Newspaper-The Citizen
3. Meeting day- Second Monday, 7pm
4. Attorney-Norm Chirco
5. Code Enforcement-Howard Tanner
6. Bank-Cayuga Lake National Bank
7. Wages and pay schedule-per 2024 budget
8. Mileage-\$.58 per mile
9. Engineers- MRB
10. Dog Control-Suzie Tracy, Canine Cove LLC
11. Registrar- Kathleen Wilde
12. Records Management- Kathleen Wilde
13. Town Historian-
14. BAR- Andy Fayette
15. Planning Board- Lance Winters

H. HIGHWAY: Busy weekend with the storm. Superintendent Walter distributed the following letter for the board review:
January 6, 2024

To the Town of Springport Supervisor and Trustees:

I recently reviewed Springport's 2024 proposed budget for departments and salaries for Town employees. I was dismayed to discover that most employees are receiving significant raises for the 2024 fiscal year; however, the Highway Superintendent was not.

In November, I was informed that I may not be receiving a wage increase because of funding needed for the Townline Road bridge replacement, and for my criticism of the Trustee's use, or lack of use, of taxpayer's money towards equipment replacement, etc. What other employees are sacrificing wages to pay for a bridge?

I have been employed by the Town of Springport for 21 years with highway and water/sewer responsibilities. I've been Highway Superintendent for the last two years and was re-elected for '24-'25. I believe it would be irresponsible for me not to communicate concerns about the condition of essential equipment in the Highway department projecting any potential budget considerations that may need to be addressed to the governing board.

The water/sewer administrator, who has been employed for 10 years, was trained by me and still continues to learn from me. The two of us work very well together serving the Town of Springport. He is budgeted to earn over \$3,000 more than me. I find this very unfair. Therefore, I am asking for the Town Trustees to amend the 2024 budget to adjust my salary to compensate for my responsibilities for not only Highway Superintendent, but also for the daily duties that I perform for the water/sewer department. My salary increase in all fairness should compare to percentage raises already granted to all other staff in the budget. As an elected official, I will be held accountable to the taxpayers come November in election years.
Sincerely, William Walter, Highway Superintendent, Resident and Taxpayer

I. Water/Sewer:

J. Communications: After School Program request was submitted for \$5000. to Letter from R. Gardner

K. FINANCIALS:

1) Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to pay the following bills: General fund (A) vouchers #2, 4, 5, 11, 13, 14 totaling \$1,297.21. Highway fund (DB) vouchers #1, 8, 11, 13 totaling \$4,500.17. Sewer District #1 voucher # 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 totaling \$59,964.26. Water District #1 voucher #6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14 totaling 14,010.62. Water District #2 voucher # 7, 9, 11, 13 totaling \$24,013.12. Trust & Agency voucher #55 totaling \$1,676.82 Seconded by Mr. Cornell. Aye, All with no discussion.

ADJOURN: Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Selover. Aye all with no discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

Kathleen Wilde, Town Clerk