

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

APRIL 14, 2025

SPRINGPORT TOWN HALL 7:00 PM

Members Present: Supervisor: David Schenk, Deputy Supervisor Andrew Rindfleisch Councilmen: Eric Rosenkrans, Michael Selover, Loydd Cornell. William Walter-Highway Superintendent, Connie Wright-Bookkeeper.

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

- A. **AGENDA:** Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to approve the Agenda, Seconded by Mr. Cornell. Aye, all with no discussion.
- B. **MINUTES:** Mr. Cornell made the motion to approve March 10, 2025, minutes. Seconded by Mr. Rindfleisch. Aye, all with no discussion.
- C. **Reports:** 1. Codes-Membership for ICC \$170.00 Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to become members of the ICC. Second by Mr. Rosenkrans, Aye all with no discussion.
2. Dog report e-mailed to the board
3. Clerk report e-mailed to the board. Copy of Tax Collector report given to board Meeting with County Treasurer April 17th to close town tax season. Martin L. Rindfleisch has paid for sewer but has not connected to the town sewer. He is waiting for DOT approval to bore under Route 90. Mr. Selover Made the motion to reimburse Martin L. Rindfleisch \$682.83 for sewer charges on his water bill. Second by Mr. Rosenkrans. Aye Mr. Cornell & Mr. Selover. Mr. Andrew Rindfleisch abstained.
4. Supervisor and Financial report sent to board.
5. Assessor Report emailed to board.
- D. **Public Hearing-** District 1 water rate to Village of Union Springs up 80 cents /1000 gallons. Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to open the public hearing. Second by Mr. Rosenkrans. Aye all with no discussion. Public hearing opened at 7:10pm. Motion made by Andrew Rindfleisch to close the public hearing regarding the increase in District 1 water rate of \$0.80 to cover the increase of buying water from the Village of Union Springs at 7:35pm, second by Mr. Selover. Aye all with no discussion. Mr. Selover questioned why there was no notice from the Village prior to increasing the rates. Mr. Rindfleisch stated the village did have a public hearing in March but was too late for the town billing cycle.
- E. **3 min open Floor:**
- F. **Old Business:** 1. Sewer District 1- no septic inspection or grinder pump. The letter was sent to residents with no septic or grinder pump. Need to either complete septic inspection or hook up to public sewer.
2. Lead agency resolution to sign- water exploration. New resolution signed by the board.
- G. **Drug Policy:** New Drug Policy- to comply with record retention policy, clerk will be responsible to keep records. Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to accept the new policy. Second by Mr. Selover, Aye all with no discussion.
- H. **New Business:** Heat pumps. Tim Carmen was in to look at space and will send a Quote soon. Heat pumps on hold until 3 quotes are received. Supervisor Schenk will be meeting with the Village of Union Springs Mayor to review the water/sewer agreement with the village. The original agreement was signed in August 1999, and it self-renews for 10 years if not addressed. The agreement is self-renewed until 2029.
- I. **Highway Report:** Superintendent Walter stated they were cleaning equipment, and you can probably smell the fumes, repairing driveways, farmers are calling. Ten-Wheeler truck stated he believes it's an emergency to get something done with the truck or purchase one. Superintendent requested Dana Haff to discuss truck. Dana is a NYS DOT inspection certified. Superintendent Walter stated he asked Dana to come in and look at the truck. Dana told him if that truck was on the road, got pulled over, it would get red flagged. Because the tailgate hinges rusted out, it would be a hazard with a commodity or aggregate on it. Superintendent said to the board members and for those of you who don't know what red flag is, that means it's out of service right there. Unless you get it fixed on the spot or you know, get it towed or trailered away. So, I'm kind of stuck at, you know, leaving that truck sit idle until something gets worked out. Mr. Rindfleisch stated there is an Equipment Committee. The Superintendent and the Equipment Committee should meet and figure out what is needed. Mr. Selover stated that the Equipment Committee had met, and it is time to discuss what to do next. The Superintendent stated that the truck chassis he was looking at has sold. Mr. Cornell stated he is not in favor of buying a new truck until they back off on the emissions which he feels they will do. Mr. Cornell stated the truck should be repaired. That's his viewpoint. And then also we should be taking these trucks to Krown undercoating in Geneva. They do wet undercoating to help maintain these trucks.

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Dana Haff stated he came and just did a quick walk around of the truck. He did not look under the truck. Dana said there are a lot of safety issues with the truck. Dana stated Municipal trucks are not subject to DOT inspections. They are exempt from roadside inspections, but they would get inspected if a serious crash, physical injury or fatal or something severe happened. They would come and do a post collision inspection here at the shop. Dana said so that you know, I'm not here to give an opinion on should you buy a new one? Should you fix that one? But it definitely needs a lot of attention if it's going to stay in service.

Dana said the safety issues are the tailgate and underneath frame rust. Dana said he would be willing to inspect the truck. Mr. Rindfleisch thought it was a good idea to do an inspection to present to the board. The board agreed. Dana will present his findings at the May board meeting. Supervisor Schenck stated it was a good discussion and thanked everyone.

Superintendent Watler mentioned the town highway pickup truck is going on 3 years old with almost 40,000 miles. Superintendent stated the trucks should be replaced every 3 to 4 years. He thinks the resale value would almost pay for a new truck with the government discount.

J. BOOKKEEPER: Remaining ARPA \$\$ to be used for new water/sewer truck.

K. Water/Sewer: Hearing 6pm 16th @ Firehouse/ water 2 non-hookup. Supervisor Schenck requested the board consider reducing sewer rate from 194.00 to \$180 as the Fund balance is a little over ½ million dollars. Mr. Rindfleisch made a motion to approve reducing the sewer rate to \$180. Per quarter. Second by Mr. Rosenkrans, Aye all with no discussion.

L. COMMUNICATIONS : 1. Support letter to village sewer grants. 2. Co Supv letter against Gov Hochul Ex order #47.3

M. FINANCIAL: Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to pay the following bills: **ABSTRACT #4** General Fund (A) vouchers #82-91, 93, 98, 101, 103, 107, 109-111, 114-115, 120-125, 127-128 totaling \$17,965.20. General Fund outside village vouchers #97 totaling \$272.10. Highway Fund-outside village vouchers #88, 94, 99, 102, 105, 106, 108, 112, 113, 119, 122 totaling \$45,017.69. Sewer District #1 vouchers # 88, 100, 109, 114, 116, 188, 122 totaling \$60,431.56. Sewer District #2 Vouchers # 56, 69 totaling \$379.02. Water District #1 voucher #82, 88, 92, 95, 100, 104, 109, 114, 116, 117, 121, 122 totaling \$17,292.75. Water District #2 voucher # 82, 88, 92, 96, 100, 102, 104, 109, 111, 117, 121, 122, 126, totaling \$22,914.29. Second by Mr. Selover. Aye, All with no discussion.

N. Executive session: possible litigation- not needed at this time.

Adjourn: Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Second, by Mr. Selover. Aye all with no discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Wilde, Town Clerk