

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2025

SPRINGPORT TOWN HALL 7:00 PM

Members Present: Supervisor: David Schenck, Deputy Supervisor Andrew Rindfleisch
Councilmen: Eric Rosenkrans, Michael Selover, Lloyd Cornell, Clerk Kathy Wilde, Deputy Clerk Grace Shipman, Bookkeeper Connie Wright. Absent Highway Superintendent William Walter.

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

- A. CLNB- Kelly Wade:** Kelly Wade and Jackie Dmytrenko were presented with a plaque reading Town of Springport wishes to recognize Cayuga Lake National Bank and grateful appreciation for over 150 years of generous support and being the cornerstone of our community since 1864.
- B. AGENDA:** Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Selover. Aye, all with no discussion. Carried
- C. MINUTES:** Mr. Selover made the motion approve the August 11, 2025, minutes. Second by Mr. Cornell. Aye, all with no discussion. Carried
- D. 3-minute mike: open floor.** Lance Winters- zoning and planning board questions were sent in a letter form the planning board Secretary. Supervisor Schenck stated the letter was received today. After the Board goes through the protocol, they will respond to the planning board secretary. Lance said one of the biggest concerns is not being personally notified as a property owner. The Clerk reviewed the process. Public hearings are posted in the local newspaper and on the bulletin, board located outside of the Town Office Building. The Board will review other avenues to notify the residents. Supervisor Schenck stated the Board would be forwarding everything to the Town Attorney to review. Supervisor Schenck stated Lance Winters business is covered by the Ag district law with the horses and with people coming in to compete in contest. Supervisor Schenck asked how many people typically attend from the public? Lance stated that they have not had any contest in quite some time. Supervisor Schenck said the Board has been very supportive and tries to be very supportive of all businesses. Lance said there are two businesses on his property, the horse sporting facility and the chicken barn. Which is where his concern is how the dynamite and things of that nature not knowing where your aquifers come from will affect the water wells. Supervisor Schenck said he had a little background.
1st there's a NYS law with the DEC, any affected well, those people that are operating that have to replace it or furnish you with potable water.
2nd We have several quarries in the town existing now. The quarry in Oakwood, which is large and is permitted to up to over 200 acres of quarry, we have never had one complaint about blasting or anything. They're small blasts, they've got berms. The people around those houses don't even hear them.
Supervisor Schenck said he understand Lances concerns; they're legitimate especially in the notification.
Mike Sacco Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Board received an application for a special use permit. A letter from the Staehr Farm decided to change paths and have it rezoned.
Supervisor Schenck explained it is not legal to provide both a variance and a special use permit.

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The site plan will be returned to the Planning Board. Staehr Farm has cut their scope in half. It is now 10 acres and over 1,500 feet from Winters boundary.

Supervisor Schenck said we all have questions, but it's got to go through all those processes. Supervisor Schenck also explained to Lance when he is hosting a barrel race contest and such events he is obligated to have a special use permit, too. Lance was not aware that he needed a special use permit and will keep that in mind. Supervisor Schenck said the Town Board is trying to treat everybody the same. In the future Supervisor Schenck is more than happy to come in front of your Planning Board and speak in favor of Lance getting a special use permit. The Town Board has been very supportive to all businesses.

Supervisor Schenck said he is going to give a little history lesson because this is an old bugger getting out of community service here in a couple of months. I wish I could install a collective memory. We took over 15 years ago from a group that didn't want any business started here. They were hostile to businesses, starting or expanding. And our present Town Board supports business. Now, my own experience, this town costs me seven years and a lot of extra money attempting to stop and prevent me from starting my senior citizens community. I've got a property that was assessed for \$13,000 when I bought it, that's assessed for just under \$600,000 now. It was only after the town attorney understood I was ready to sue them that they stopped trying to block me from what I was able to legally do.

As a town justice sitting up here, I refused to sign a stop work order by our township attempting to prevent a chicken farm construction on Fitzpatrick Road. That sound familiar, Lance? Because I told them it was your property, and it was in an Ag district. Lance said Right, it was an Ag business in Ag zone. Supervisor Schenck said, "but they were trying to stop you, okay? So that's the history of the town.

Our town received a pummeling from a mostly hostile crowd, numbering close to 100 people at the fire department, who opposed the expansion of Twin Oaks Campground. Our board allowed their expansion for the better of the local community, commerce, and the business and their right to do so. That supports all these harbors, campgrounds and supports these businesses in the village. Deputy Rindfleisch said half the economy comes from the business generated by the summer people. Supervisor Schenck said 60% of the revenue comes from the summer people. Deputy Rindfleisch said without 60% business from summer people the village businesses would not survive, and the village would look like the village of Cayuga. You'd have nothing.

Supervisor Schenck said at another capacity crowd right in here, we took a lot of heat for the ability of Hibiscus Harbor to renovate an old rundown, watershed and construct a modern bathhouse. Planning Board Chair Mike Sacco said he remembered that. Supervisor Schenck said our board allowed Hibiscus to proceed, resulting in a beautiful facility that supports an important business in our community.

We also took a pretty good hit when we declared our town a right to farm town. So, we've been very active, we've turned it around, we try to support business and they're right to go through the process. And the Staehr Farm has just started the process.

Lance asked when I want to sell my businesses, I can come to you and get changed to commercial or industrial so that I can have more opportunities for people to take my properties. Supervisor Schenck said that's the process. When the Staehr Farm realized they went through

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the wrong process, it was not legal for what they were trying to get the Planning Board to do for them. They then came through the Town Board. The Town Board is regulated by different statutes, what we can do and how we can do it than the Zoning Board is. Or the ZBA, they're different yet, they've all got different statutes. And I'll try to get all of that together. It's going to take me a little time to get it to the Planning Board Secretary.

Other concerns- changing that area from agriculture to industrial- adult entertainment, a junkyard, or one of 15 things listed or so. Not consistent with the farmland that's in that area or a warehouse in a shipping area.

Have they done an environmental impact statement? Who would absorb that cost? Would that be something the town would absorb? Supervisor Schenck said there would be no cost to the Town.

Causing any air quality issues to animals or people

Any problem with someone's well or groundwater

Kora Alcock said horses are not pasture pets, they're athletes with the diets and workout routine as an athlete. These horses are worth a lot of money. Personally, my horse is outside 24/7, he does not appreciate being in stalls. And just that it really does affect his personal well-being. These horses, it affects them, like colic, for example. It's just simple stuff like that that could cost my horse's life just from a simple explosion. You say that people can't hear it, the horses can feel it. This horse is an athlete that I've had my whole life. So, as you can see, I'm genuinely concerned. And I'm 15, so it's just genuine.

No damage to road for cost to town-

Question about district 2 water line pay off. Supervisor Schenck stated it was a 38-year loan not 20 years which pre-dates the current Board Members

Mr. Sacco said he appreciated the Board listening to the residents and going over the information. He said by being on a Planning Board if they had that variance in front of them and they denied it or whatever the Planning Board could still get superseded by DEC they have the final word per the law. It was nice for the Town Board to at least listen to these people; they're in your community. This is the best Town Board Mike Sacco has seen in 40 years that he has been out here. Mike thanked the Town Board for listening. Supervisor Schenck Thanked everyone for coming. After much discussion it was decided any notification would be town wide even though it may be expensive.

E. Reports:

1. Codes- report emailed to the board.
2. Dog- report e-mailed to the board.
3. Clerk- report emailed to the board.
4. Supervisor and Financial report sent to board.
5. Historian- report presented by Grace Shipman discussion about adding Historian page to webpage.
6. Bookkeeper- budget-related items- added cemetery in general fund and added line for ambulance service in general fund Town Wide.

F. Old Business:

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G. New Business: budget workshop September 22, 2025 7pm

H. Highway Report: Highway Superintendent Walter absent

I. Water/Sewer Report: Water District #2 extension - Trailer Park on the corner of Cork St. has requested water. Looking to go from water tower down Townline- Cork St- Southwest 34B to Mapleton Ag. To service about 18-19 residents plus trailer park. Cost about 175,000. Over 20 years to residents in the extension.

J. Communications: NYMIR newsletter; Assoc Towns- budget, Cayuga Lake Group.

K. FINANCIAL: Mr. Selover made the motion to pay the following bills: **ABSTRACT #9** General Fund (A) vouchers #282-289, 293, 294, 296, 298, 299, 303-305, 308, 310, 312, 313, 315 totaling \$13,066.75. General Fund outside village vouchers #291 totaling \$139.46. Highway Fund-Townwide vouchers #309 totaling \$4,500.00. Highway Fund-outside village vouchers #287, 292, 294, 295, 297, 301-304, 313 totaling \$25,670. 77. Sewer District #1 vouchers # 284, 294, 300, 304, 313 totaling \$4,661.13. Water District #1, voucher #288, 290, 294, 300, 304, 307, 310, 313, 314 totaling \$8,080.69. Water District #2 voucher # 281, 284, 290, 294, 304-307, 311, 313 totaling \$46,994.63. Second by Mr. Rosenkrans. Aye, All with no discussion. Carried

L. Executive Session: personnel: Mr. Rindfleisch made the motion move to executive session for personnel. Second, by Mr. Cornell. Aye all with no discussion. Carried Moved to executive session at 7:55pm. Mr. Selover made the motion to close executive session. Second, by Mr. Rindfleisch. Aye all with no discussion. Carried. The executive session was closed at 8:40pm

Adjourn: Mr. Selover made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Second, by Mr. Rosenkrans. Aye all with no discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Wilde, Town Clerk.