

Springport Planning Board Minutes September 17, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Sacco at 7:00PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Members present: Mike Sacco, Karen Luziani, Amy Rindfleisch-Alcock, Cathy Dreverman, Donna O'Hara and Jon Patterson

Members absent: Lance Winter

Visitors: Howard Tanner, Town of Springport Codes Enforcement Officer
16 residents were also in attendance.

- ✓ Mike Sacco, Board Chair, introduced himself to the public in attendance. He explained the Planning Boards responsibility over the past year and how property was rezoned. In order for this board to move forward on the issue of the Staehr Property Mining Operation, we are awaiting a "Site Review Plan" from NYS DEC. There will be no vote at this meeting regarding this proposed plan.

He told the public that the Board welcomed any comments but time would be limited.

- ✓ Elizabeth "Betsy" Koon had several comments regarding the land site review and the approval and her disappointment with the Town Boards Zoning Change from Agricultural to Industrial and the notification process for Town of Springport residents.
- ✓ Mary Seitz asked about the Zoning Change. She thanked the board for our work. A small group of residents have formed a group called "SCAMO", Springport Citizens Against Mining Operations.
- ✓ Lisa Mulher asked who would be looking into the increase of traffic that would be on the roads surrounding the proposed site and questioned the waiting period for Public Comments from NYS DEC.
- ✓ Patrick Waldron questioned how any blasting will affect the gas lines that are in the area.

Howard Tanner and Mike Sacco addressed some of the concerns residents had and explained the procedures of the Town Board, Town Planning Board, Cayuga County and NYS DEC. All of the concerns have previously been addressed by the Planning Board and submitted to the Cayuga County Planning Board and are awaiting for response from the NYS DEC.

Howard explained to the group that this is a process. The town will be looking into mass emails and/or mass mailings. After much discussion about the matter, Karen Luziani will check with Kathy Wilde, Town of Springport Town Clerk regarding this.

At this time, Mike Sacco advised the group that the time allotted for Public Comments had concluded. He advised visitors that they were welcome to stay as the Town Planning Board would need to continue their meeting.

Minutes from the August 20, 2025 meeting were read. Motion was made by Donna O'Hara and seconded by Cathy Dreverman to approve the August 20, 2025 minutes.

Howard also explained that when there is a Public Hearing, the Planning Board has the right to have professionals, like our Codes Enforcement Officer, an attorney, an engineer to help the board address concerns the public may have.

Howard explained that the property in question will revert back to Agricultural from Industrial if, after 5 years and there is no operation on the proposed site due to the "Sunset" clause in NYS law. A traffic study may also be requested from DEC as well. Howard also spoke of the Town of Springport updating the Town of Springport Comprehensive Plan and should be updated every five (5) years. If the zoning is changed as stated above, the Town of Springport must include the "Sunset Clause" in its comprehensive plan.

The question was raised to Howard regarding Special Event Permits in the Town of Springport. If attendance is less than 200, no permit is needed. If the event is over 200-1000, a Special Event Permit would be required UNLESS there is a profit being made at the event, i.e. selling food, etc. That would be covered under Ag & Markets for a permit.

The question was also raised why the Town Board questioned three (3) special permits that had some difficulty being passed years ago. Those issues were addressed by the previous Town Board, not the current one.

Howard also informed us that the NYS Website lists towns and lists additional information that may be helpful.

Karen Luziani will check with Kathy Wilde and let her know that Dave Schenck, Town Supervisor, would like each board member that was in attendance at this meeting, receive one (1) hour of training credit due to the invaluable information that was received from Howard.

Motion made by Donna O'Hara that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Jon Patterson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen T. Luziani, Secretary Town of Springport Planning Board