

TOWN OF SPRINGWATER TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2026 - APPROVED

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Babbitt Henry at 6:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Board - Present: Councilmember Thomas Canute, Jr., Councilmember Timothy Haywood, Councilmember Lawrence Gnau, Deputy Supervisor Tracey Proctor, Supervisor Deborah Babbitt Henry.

Present at Meeting – Town Clerk Joyce Nisbet, Highway Superintendent Matt Nisbet, one member of the public.

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion made by Councilmember Gnau, to accept the minutes for the January 6, 2026, Town Board and Organizational meeting, seconded by Councilmember Haywood; motion carried with all Ayes.

Abstract of Claims # 2 of 2026 \$ 151,389.11

Approving the Abstract of Claims # 2 of 2026 for Audit date 02/09/2026		
General Fund	\$ 33,019.10	Vouchers 14 - 43
Highway Fund	\$ 118,370.01	Vouchers 11 - 36

Motion made by Councilmember Gnau to approve abstract of claims # 2 of 2026 for an overall total of \$ 151,389.11, seconded by Councilmember Canute Jr.; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., aye; Councilmember Haywood, aye; Councilmember Gnau aye; Deputy Supervisor Proctor, aye; Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

Supervisors

1. The following monthly reports were distributed to the board: Assessor Report January 2026, Town Clerk Report January 2026, Town Justice Report January 2026, Town Supervisor 2025 Year End Report.
2. Reminder to Board members to put out bids for mowing the three town owned cemeteries, Town Parks, Town Hall, sign at end of Town and the Old Highway site; Franks Mowing N More, Inc., was the last bidder for the Town of Springwater in 2025.

Motion made by Councilmember Gnau, to authorize placing an ad in the paper for the 2026 mowing bid, seconded by Supervisor Babbitt Henry Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., aye; Councilmember Haywood, aye; Councilmember Gnau, aye; Deputy Supervisor Proctor, aye, Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

3. Reminder NYMIR Workplace Violence and Harassment and Discrimination webinars are required for all part time full time and all Board Members.
4. Discussion with Town Board Members on cold weather issues at the Town Hall, a recommendation was made by Lewis Caskey for the town to use special treated fuel for the Town Hall due to the cold weather, Board Members also discussed the need for a generator for the Town Hall.

Motion made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry, to start purchasing treated fuel for the winter months for the Town Hall, seconded by Councilmember Haywood; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., aye; Councilmember Haywood, aye; Councilmember Gnau, aye; Deputy Supervisor Proctor, aye, Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry, to pursue looking into switching from fuel oil and putting in a propane heating system and installing a propane generator for the Town Hall, seconded by Councilmember Haywood; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., aye; Councilmember Haywood, aye; Councilmember Gnau, aye; Deputy Supervisor Proctor, aye, Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

5. Supervisor Babbitt Henry received an email from the Comptroller's Office saying there were no findings regarding the Tax Cap, the Town of Springwater has passed the Tax Cap.
6. The Town received a letter from the DEC Oak Wilt Infection Center; Wilt Infection is a disease that affects oak trees. Board Members were given a map of the infected areas. Feather Street in Naples is one of the areas. NYS-DEC has some rules and regulations: leaves, branches and wood cannot be removed from these areas.
7. The Highway Department received notice from Unifirst, there will be a 5% price increase as of February 3, 2026, for the Highway Department uniforms.
8. Appoint James Pirrung to the Board of Assessment Review for the remaining term for Tim Haywood.

Motion made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry, to appoint James Pirrung to the Board of Assessment Review for the remaining Term of Tim Haywood, seconded by Councilmember Gnau; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr.; aye; Councilmember Haywood, aye; Councilmember Gnau, aye; Deputy Supervisor Proctor, aye, Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

Old Business

1. Supervisor Babbitt Henry will be making the upcoming Wire Transfer for Payment of Highway Barn; Interest only payment due February 15, 2026.

Motion made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry, to appoint James Pirrung to the Board of Assessment Review for the remaining Term of Tim Haywood, seconded by Councilmember Gnau; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., aye; Councilmember Haywood, aye; Councilmember Gnau, aye; Deputy Supervisor Proctor, aye, Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

2. An update from the Livingston County Water Authority, LCWASA, that the Town of Springwater was not awarded the WQIP funding this round for the new sewer project.
3. The Board Members discussed and agreed upon opening the Park Pavilion for the year. To rent the pavilion, the renter will need to provide proper insurance, with the Town of Springwater as the Certificate holder, refundable deposit, if the pavilion and grounds are left in good condition, and a rental and cleanup fee.

New Business

1. Board Members were given information from MEGA Energy on how the Town can best cut down on energy usage, Mega is a municipal entity that has municipal electric and gas alliance. The Town Supervisor will need authorization for pricing proposal request.

Motion made by Councilmember Gnau, to authorize Supervisor Babbitt Henry to request the pricing proposal, seconded by Councilmember Canute, Jr., Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., aye; Councilmember Haywood, aye; Councilmember Gnau, aye; Deputy Supervisor Proctor, aye, Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

2. Discussion with Board Members on Proposal from Empire Access to allow placement of a transfer cabinet on the old town highway property. Supervisor Babbitt Henry will reach out to the Town Attorney, Jim Campbell, to see if an easement is needed.

Motion made by Councilmember Canute Jr., to allow Empire Access placement of a transfer cabinet on the old town highway property, seconded by Town Supervisor Babbitt Henry, with letting it be known, Supervisor Babbitt Henry to check with the Town Attorney, Jim Campbell, to see if the Town will need to give them a legal Right of Way or Easement if they are on Town property; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., aye; Councilmember Haywood, aye; Councilmember Gnau, aye; Deputy Supervisor Proctor, aye, Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

Board Reports

Town Clerk – Nothing to report.

Councilman Proctor (Recreation, Town Clerk, Planning) – Nothing to report.

Councilman Canute (Highway, LCWSA) – Councilmember Canute, Jr. spent time with the Highway garage sharing his knowledge running the grader.

Councilman Gnau (Highway, LCWSA) – Nothing to report.

Councilman Haywood (Fire) – The Springwater Fire Department will be holding a steak roast and comedy show on March 14th, 2026.

Motion made by Councilmember Gnau to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Proctor, motion carried with all ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Town Clerk