TOWN OF SPRINGWATER
TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2026 - APPROVED

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

Pledge of Allegiance by all.

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, Planning Board Members Terry Kuznicki, Pat Hillyard, and Kathy Meyers, Boy Scout Troup #35 covering the Towns of Springwater, Wayland, and Cohocton, Boy scout Committee Member Robin Sellers, and Scout Leader Alicia Gunther, 3 members of the public.

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion made by Councilmember Gnau, to accept the minutes for the September 21, 2026, Board meeting, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Proctor; motion carried with all Ayes.

Public Hearing Opened

1. Town Supervisor Babbitt Henry read the public hearing notice for the Local Law #1 of 2026 Land Use Ordinance. This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(1)(ii)(11) that grants to local governments the authority to enact local laws regarding the protection and enhancement of its physical and visual environment as published in the October 2, 2026, edition of the Livingston County News newspaper. The public hearing was opened at 6:31pm. No one wished to speak. The public hearing was left open for further opportunity to comment later in the meeting.
2. Town Supervisor Babbitt Henry read the public hearing notice for the Local Law #2 of 2026 a Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C, to allow the Town of Springwater to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the tax levy limit as defined by General Municipal Law, as published in the October 2, 2026, edition of the Livingston County News newspaper. The public hearing was opened at 6:31pm. No one wished to speak. The public hearing was left open for further opportunity to comment later in the meeting.

Privilege of Floor

Anita Bloom addressed the Town Board and audience that she will be coming back as Chairman for the Livingston County Republican Committee.

Abstract of Claims # 10 of 2026 $ 166,772.34

Approving the Abstract of Claims # 10 of 2026 for Audit date 10/12/2026

General Fund	$ 13,135.92	Vouchers 272 - 298
Highway Fund	$ 153,103.94	Vouchers 191 – 218
Sewer Fund	$ 532.48	Vouchers 9 - 9

Motion made by Councilmember Gnau to approve abstract of claims #10 of 2026 for an overall total of $ **166,772.34,** 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

TOWN SUPERVISOR

1. The following monthly reports were distributed to the board: Assessor Report September 2026, Town Clerk Report September 2026, Town Justice Report September 2026, Town Supervisor Report September 2026.

2. Supervisor Babbitt Henry asked for the Board members' authorization for David Didas to close the water and heating system at the Town Park for the year. There were no objections from Board Members.

3. Supervisor Babbitt Henry reminded the Board that Election Day is Tuesday November 3, 2026.

4. Supervisor Babbitt Henry reminded the Board Members that Veterans Day is Wednesday November 11, 2026.

5. Supervisor Babbitt Henry reminded the Board Members that Town employees have 3 Holidays in the month of November. Election Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving. All Town buildings will be closed on these days.

6. Trick-or-Treat hours for Halloween on Saturday October 31, 2026, will be 5:00pm to 8:00pm, all children need to be off the streets by 8:30pm.

7. On Saturday October 31, 2026, there will be a horse parade on School Street in Springwater at 3:30pm, Trunk or Treat will be held at the Springwater Firehall from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

8. The Town of Springwater received a request from the Ford Christian Cemetery in Springwater for the William G. Pomeroy Foundation to place a marker sign at the Ford Christian Cemetery honoring the civil war and the Veterans that are buried there. Supervisor Babbitt Henry gave the foundation permission to place the sign. There will be no cost to the Town.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Highway Department for January 1, 2027- December 31, 2029: Supervisor Babbitt Henry, Deputy Supervisor Proctor met with the Union Board and the Highway Department and have a new contract for 2027. They cleaned up language and compromised on their ask for compensation. All parties agreed and completed within 2 hours.

Close Public Hearing: Town Supervisor Babbitt Henry again asked if anyone wished to speak on the Local Law #1 of 2026 Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Springwater; no one came forward. Town Supervisor Babbitt Henry again asked if anyone wished to speak on the Local Law #2 of 2026 exceeding the tax cap, no one came forward. **Motion** was made by Councilmember Gnau at 6:41pm to close the public hearing, 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.

2. Motion to adopt Local Law #1 of 2026: **Motion** was made by Councilmember Gnau to adopt Local Law #1 of 2026, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Proctor; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., aye; Councilmember Haywood, aye; Councilmember Gnau, aye; Deputy Supervisor Proctor, aye, Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

3. Motion to adopt Local Law #2 of 2026: **Motion** was made by Councilmember Haywood to adopt Local Law #2 of 2026, 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.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Employee Handbooks for the Town of Springwater: The Board Members are to review and send any corrections or suggestions to Supervisor Babbitt Henry.

2. Tentative Budget: Board Members were emailed and given a copy of the Tentative Budget. The Town of Springwater will exceed the Tax Cap limit. The Town tax rate will drop by $2.28 per 1,000.00. **Motion** made by Councilmember Haywood, to set a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for the November 9, 2026, regular Town Board Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Canute; 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 Councilmember Gnau, to accept the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Proctor; Roll Call: Councilmember Canute Jr., aye; Councilmember Haywood, aye; Councilmember Gnau, aye; Deputy Supervisor Proctor, aye, Supervisor Babbitt Henry, aye; motion carried.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Town Clerk – Nothing to report.

Councilman Proctor **(**Recreation, Town Clerk, Planning) – Discussion with Board Members on Cemeteries getting more help from the Town for maintenance cost.

Councilman Canute **(**Highway, LCWSA) – Nothing to report.

C*ouncilman Gnau* (Highway, LCWSA) – Councilmember Gnau stated there has been little contact with the Livingston County Water Sewer Authority.

Councilman Haywood (Fire) – Nothing to report.

Other Matters to come before the board:

Supervisor Babbitt Henry was notified by the Insurance Company that they have lowered the value of the old water tower.

Mark Hopkins from Schribner Road, asked for a copy of the Preliminary budget. The Preliminary Budget will be posted on the Town of Springwater website.

Discussion with the Board Members on the old Town Hall Property on making parking use more official.

Discussion with Board Members on reaching out to the Springwater Fire Department on the Spirngwater Highway Department plowing the new parking lot this winter. Concerns of liability.

Ryan Sellers, East Avenue of Springwater asked if the cemetery on East Avenue was private or Town owned. Supervisor Babbitt Henry explained the differences and how the Town, Association, and privately owned

cemeteries work.

Motion made by Supervisor Babbitt Henry to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm, seconded by Councilmember Canute Jr., motion carried with all ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Nisbet
Town Clerk

Minutes for the Regular Springwater Town Board Meeting of October 12, 2026