

**VILLAGE OF SPRINGVILLE
BOARD MEETING
April 20, 2026, Minutes – 7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Trustees of the Village of Springville was held at the Village Municipal Building, 65 Franklin Street, Springville, New York at the above date and time.

Present:

Mayor Russel Belscher

Deputy Mayor Kelly Baker

Trustees Barbara Lipka
Vince Roberts
Jessica Schuster

Village Attorney Paul Weiss

Police Officer Nick Budney
In Charge

Superintendent Duane Boberg

Code Enforcement Officer John Baker

Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Haberl

Also Attending:

Max Borsuk – Springville Journal

Other members of the public – **see attachment – 04202026 A.1**

Absent:

Marc Gentner – SVFD Chief

Todd Catalano – Natural Disaster Coordinator

Mayor Belscher called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2026, were approved as written by Trustee Schuster, seconded by Trustee Baker and carried with unanimous approval.

PRESENTATION

- Kevin Parrett from Hometown Firefighters did a presentation on our LOSAP plan and investment options.

PUBLIC HEARING – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ashley Lowry – 151 East Avenue – Raised concerns over the mayoral appointment of the Village Justice and Associate Justice and informed the board of her qualifications and interest in applying for either position.
- Nicole Watson – 35 South Vaugn – Requested approval to have a greenhouse on her property to grow fruits and vegetables. She is requesting an amendment to the code which will be discussed later in the meeting.
- Tim Michaels – 346 North Buffalo Street – Congratulated the current board and would like to see a code of ethics for elected officials going forward.

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- Jessica Schuster – 514 Franklin Street – addressing the board as a member of the public. Since being elected two years ago, there have been some good changes made and she is looking to the board to continue with those good changes. She also supports a code of ethics and thinks it's a good idea as everyone can do better.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Belscher makes the one-year appointment of Leslie Gibbin to the position of Village Justice pursuant to Village Law §3-312(3)(b).
- Mayor Belscher makes the one-year appointment of Gene Heintz to the position of Village Associate Justice pursuant to Village Law §3-312(3)(b).
- Resolution for Mayor Belscher to make a one-year appointment for the following liaison's effective for the term April 6, 2026, to April 5, 2027: Town of Concord – Barb Lipka
This was approved by Trustee Schuster, seconded by Trustee Roberts and carried with unanimous approval.
- Accept resignation of Helen Brogan from the HPC effective April 6, 2026. This was approved by Trustee Schuster, seconded by Trustee Lipka and carried with unanimous approval. Trustee's Schuster and Lipka wanted to thank Helen for her service and is appreciative of all the work she did over the years.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer

Resolutions - None

Discussion:

- Last day to pay any unpaid water/sewer and lawn mowing invoices is April 20th. Any accounts left unpaid after that will be relieved onto the Village tax bill for June 1st.

Superintendent Report

Resolutions:

- To advertise for a Public Hearing for Local Law 7 of 2026: Addition to code 73-18 (a) Re-levy Fees and Fines in the code. Public Hearing will be May 4, 2026, at 7:01pm at 65 Franklin St during the regular scheduled Village Board Meeting. LL 7 of 2026 - All fees and fines levied by the Village of Springville that are unpaid after April 20th of every year, will be re-levied to the property owners Village of Springville's property tax. This was approved by Trustee Roberts, seconded by Trustee Schuster and carried with unanimous approval.
- To hire Adam Tillinghast and Beth Steward as part-time dispatchers. Both Adam and Beth are per diem, and Beth will be working overnight. Starting pay will be \$22.00/hr. while training, increasing to \$25.00/hr. after training is completed. This was approved by Trustee Schuster, seconded by Trustee Roberts and carried with unanimous approval.
- To hire Philip Emerling, Mia Rogers, Nolan Bobseine, Jack Nannen, Landon Roy and Rowen Oakley, Lillian Benz and Jack Nannen for summer employment. Pay will be \$17.50/hr. This was approved by Trustee Schuster, seconded by Trustee Roberts and carried with unanimous approval.
- Resolution to have mayor sign the NDA for high-speed internet for the Village of Springville. This was approved by Trustee Schuster, seconded by Trustee Baker and carried with unanimous approval.

Discussion:

- The week of May 18th will be the only spring pickup for leaves. There will also be brush pick up on Monday and Tuesday. NO LAWN CLIPPINGS, ROOTBALLS OR LOOSE PLANT WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP.
- Tim Sutton passed the Grade 3 Wastewater Treatment exam. We are now in compliance with DEC regulations. Ed Allen will be stepping down as acting Grade 3 Operator as of April 21, 2026. We thank him for the coverage he provided.
- 24 North Buffalo Street – Mayor Belscher would like to move forward as the current office space is too small and all agreed to proceed with next steps for 24 North Buffalo Street.

Police Report

- Police Officer-in-charge Nick wanted to thank the Springville Walmart/Manager Jennifer Armstrong/Walmart Foundation for awarding the Village Police Department a \$5000 community grant to serve as the seed money for our 10th annual Shop with a Cop event which will be held in early December.

Fire Report - No report this evening.

Code Enforcement Officer – CEO John Baker reported on the following:

- 426 E. Main Street – all cleaned up, meter will be replaced, ready to go on market to sell.
- Short Term Rental (STR) license application – will email draft to board members before printing and putting online.
- Wendy’s site plan passed at the last Planning Board meeting– project will begin.
- Burn ban is in effect until May 15.
- Greenhouses – urges board to make minor changes to code. There should be a resolution at next board meeting on 5/4/2026 to advertise for a public hearing to take place at the 5/18/2026 board meeting. On the 5/18/2026 board meeting, there will be a resolution to pass the changes made to the code regarding greenhouses.

Control Center – No report this evening

OLD BUSINESS

- Resolution to appoint and re-appoint members to the Village of Springville Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC), a committee consisting of a total of five (5) members – Jessica Schuster as Trustee; John Baker as CEO; and Members - Allison Duwe, Terry Skelton, and Devin Kowalske. These committee members have a 2-year term ending April 5, 2027. This committee will meet quarterly. The 1st meeting will be held on May 12, 2026, and every quarter thereafter on the 2nd Tuesday of every third month as follows: 8/11/2026; 11/10/2026; 2/9/2027. This was approved by Trustee Roberts, seconded by Trustee Schuster and carried with unanimous approval
- Resolution for Mayor Belscher to make an appointment of Tom Hawkins (replacing Helen Brogan) to the Historic Preservation Commission as member for a four (4) year term which expires in 2028. It was noted that the resume for Tom needs to be submitted. This was approved by Trustee Lipka, seconded by Trustee Schuster and carried with unanimous approval
- Resolution for Mayor Belscher to make an appointment of Terry Skelton (replacing Barb Lipka) to the Planning Board as member for the remainder of a five (5) year term which expires in 2027. Terry’s resume was received by Mayor Belscher on 4/19/2026. This resolution was passed with unanimous approval, although there wasn’t a 1st or 2nd motion. Therefore I’ll add to Old Business at the May 4, 2026 Board meeting to make it a legal resolution.

BILLS – Bills, as examined by members of the Board of Trustees, were approved for payment in accordance with Abstracts # 309-324 of 2025/2026 total of \$213,658.30 for the General, Water/Sewer, Electric, Trust and Agency Funds by motion of Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Roberts and carried with unanimous approval.

CONSENT AGENDA – The motion was made by Trustee Schuster, seconded by Trustee Baker and carried with unanimous approval to accepting the permits and applications below.

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Building applications received by the CEO Baker, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeal and Historic Preservation Commission as follows:

Minutes of the Historic Preservation meeting on March 9, 2026. **CA.1**

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| PROJECT: 0000011226 - DECKS
PROPERTY: 271 W MAIN ST
ISSUED DATE: 3/25/2026
ISSUED TO: NABOZNY, JP
271 W. MAIN ST.
SPRINGVILLE, NY 14141 | TYPE: DECKS |
| PROJECT: 0000011227 - DRIVEWAY
PROPERTY: EAST HILL RUN
ISSUED DATE: 4/02/2026
ISSUED TO: BILL GUGINO BUILDERS INC
14220 ROUTE 219
SPRINGVILLE, NY 14141-9740 | TYPE: DRIVEWAY |
| PROJECT: 0000011228 - RESIDENTIAL HOME/STRUCTURAL
PROPERTY: 182 MILL ST
ISSUED DATE: 4/02/2026
ISSUED TO: CARLEY, DUSTIN
9192 DOW ROAD
REEDOM, NY 14065 | TYPE: RESIDENTIAL HOME/STRUCT |
| PROJECT: 0000011229 - UTILITY CHANGES-ELECTRIC
PROPERTY: 182 MILL ST
ISSUED DATE: 4/02/2026
ISSUED TO: CARLEY, DUSTI
9192 DOW ROAD
FREEDOM, NY 14065 | TYPE: ELECTRIC |
| PROJECT: 0000011230 - VARIANCE
PROPERTY: 35 S VAUGHN ST
ISSUED DATE: 4/02/2026
ISSUED TO: WATSON, NICOLE
35 S VAUGHN ST
SPRINGVILLE, NY 14141 | TYPE: ZONING REVIEW |
| PROJECT: 0000011231 - UTILITY CHANGES-SEWER
PROPERTY: 17 MILL ST
ISSUED DATE: 4/06/2026
ISSUED TO: ZUECHS ENVIRONMENTAL SRVC
PO BOX 108
8312 RT 98
FRANKLINVILLE, NY 14737 | TYPE: PLUMBING |

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PROJECT: 0000011232 - UTILITY CHANGES-SEWER TYPE: PLUMBING
PROPERTY: 69 ELK ST LWR
ISSUED DATE: 4/06/2026
ISSUED TO: ZUECHS ENVIRONMENTAL SRVC
PO BOX 108
8312 RT 98
FRANKLINVILLE, NY 14737

PROJECT: 0000011233 - UTILITY CHANGES-SEWER TYPE: PLUMBING
PROPERTY: 80 S CENTRAL AVE
ISSUED DATE: 4/06/2026
ISSUED TO: ZUECHS ENVIRONMENTAL SRVC
PO BOX 108
8312 RT 98
FRANKLINVILLE, NY 14737

PROJECT: 0000011234 - UTILITY CHANGES-ELECTRIC TYPE: ELECTRIC
PROPERTY: 643 FRANKLIN ST
ISSUED DATE: 4/06/2026
ISSUED TO: EATON, ADAM
643 FRANKLIN ST
SPRINGVILLE, NY 14141

PROJECT: 0000011235 - ACCESSORY BUILDING TYPE: ACCESSORY BUILDINGS
PROPERTY: 12 GREENWOOD PL
ISSUED DATE: 4/06/2026
ISSUED TO: FALLON, DANIELLE
12 GREENWOOD PL
SPRINGVILLE, NY 14141

PROJECT: 0000011236 - LICENSES TYPE: LICENSES
PROPERTY: 184 S CASCADE DR
ISSUED DATE: 4/06/2026
ISSUED TO: PHANTOM FIREWORKS STORE
2445 BELMONT AVE
YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44505

PROJECT: 0000011237 - ACCESSORY BUILDING TYPE: ACCESSORY BUILDINGS
PROPERTY: 121 N BUFFALO ST
ISSUED DATE: 4/06/2026
ISSUED TO: ROBERTS, THOMAS
13973 MILL ST
SPRINGVILLE, NY 14141

PROJECT: 0000011238 - FENCES TYPE: FENCES
PROPERTY: 42 MILL ST
ISSUED DATE: 4/07/2026
ISSUED TO: RICE, COLLIN
42 ELLIS AVE
SPRINGVILLE, NY 14141

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PROJECT: 0000011239 - UTILITY CHANGES-ELECTRIC TYPE: ELECTRIC
PROPERTY: 15 MECHANIC ST
ISSUED DATE: 4/08/2026
ISSUED TO: GIBBIN, LESLIE
P.O. BOX 43
SPRINGVILLE, NY 14141

PROJECT: 0000011240 - VARIANCE-SHIPING CONT BARN TYPE: ZONING REVIEW
PROPERTY: 121 N BUFFALO ST
ISSUED DATE: 4/13/2026
ISSUED TO: ROBERTS, THOMAS
13973 MILL ST
SPRINGVILLE, NY 14141

PROJECT: 0000011241 - ACCESSORY BUILDING TYPE: ACCESSORY BUILDINGS
PROPERTY: 57 NEWMAN ST
ISSUED DATE: 4/14/2026
ISSUED TO: DASH, ALAN
57 NEWMAN ST
SPRINGVILLE, NY 14141

ATTACHMENT NO. C.A.1

AGENDA DATE APRIL 20, 2026

*Village of Springville
Historic Preservation Commission*

March 9, 2026 7:00 pm

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Village of Springville was held at the Municipal Building, 65 Franklin Street, Springville, New York at the above date and time. Present were:

Members:
Bill Skura Chairman
Helen Brogan-Absent
Don Orton
John Baronich-Vice Chairman-Absent
Kelly Baker
Mike Wolniewicz

Also present:
Jessica Schuster
Drew Brown-Visit Buffalo-403 Main St., Suite 30, Buffalo
Seth Wochensky

Clerk: Jennifer Blumenstein

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Skura called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Chairman Skura asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2026, meeting.

Kelly Baker made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Don Orton. All in favor, none opposed.

The first Certificate of Appropriateness application before the Board tonight comes from Drew Brown, Senior Creative Director for Visit Buffalo. Visit Buffalo seeks to connect Buffalo neighborhoods, Village and Towns across Erie County in a comprehensive neighborhood mural project that sources inspiration from community residents creating a network of murals that will encourage visitors and locals to discover each piece of art.

The murals will be painted by the artist James "Yames" Moffitt onto a substrate that will fit into a steel or aluminum frame that will be mounted into the mortar of the bricks on the west facing wall of 39 E. Main Street. The mural will be roughly 42' wide by 12 feet tall and will feature phrases and iconic attractions that are unique to our community.

Seth Wochensky mentioned that the exact mural content has not been determined yet. Visit Buffalo has been going through over 100 suggestions/ideas for the tiles.

Don Orton asked about the color samples provided. He wanted to know if the colors provided were the only colors to be used in these murals. Drew Brown said that the colors provided were the Brand Colors for Visit Buffalo and they would be sticking to those colors provided.

Kelly Baker was happy to see that the murals will not be painted directly onto the existing brick.

Bill Skura asked about the weight of each 3' x 4' tile, and Drew said that they are approximately 50 lbs. a piece and there will be roughly 10 tiles for this mural. That is a total weight of about 500lbs. that will be mounted to the wall with either Tap cons or a strong adhesive.

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Chairman Skura asked for a motion to approve this application.

Mike Wolniewicz made the motion to approve this Certificate of Appropriateness as presented, seconded by Bill Skura. All in favor, none opposed.

Bill Skura asked Seth Wochensky for an update on open projects within the Village. Seth said the work being done at 37 N. Buffalo is still on hold until the internal components for the sign arrive. He is hoping to have this done in time for the Art Crawl in June 2026, but he cannot say for sure.

Seth also mentioned that the work at 3 E. Main Street is progressing and the lighting project at 69 E Main is not happening at this time and is to void the application.

The last Certificate of Appropriateness before the board this evening is from Phil Convertini with Moeller Signs. They are replacing all the signage at 40 W. Main Street from Rite Aid to Dollar General.

Since no one from Moeller Signs was able to attend tonight's meeting, the board members went through the application, drawings and design of the signage provided. After some review and discussion, Bill Skura asked for a motion on this application.

Kelly Baker made the motion to approve this application as presented. Seconded by Mike Wolniewicz. All in favor, none opposed.

Bill Skura informed the board that the Historic Preservation Committee for the Village of Springville has been awarded a grant from the Certified Local Government to create a new Brochure, Website and outreach workshops to raise public knowledge and acceptance of local historic preservation programs.

Mike Wolniewicz will take the lead on this and reach out to Gregory Pinto with Clinton Brown Company Architecture, PC on who will be working closely with the Historic Preservation Board on this project

Don Orton made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm, seconded Mike Wolniewicz. All in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted
Jennifer Blumenstein

VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT – No report this evening.

TRUSTEE NOTES & PROJECT REPORTS

Trustee Schuster

- Green Springville is having their annual donation of trees in the Village on 4/25/2026. All you need to do is fill out a form online and they will plant the tree for you.
- Status update to CEO Baker on the Erie County STR registry. The contract has been signed and is in the implementation stages. Once active, by law, Erie County will share this registry with municipalities and then the Village will have a full scope of STR's located in the Village.
- School concert season is coming soon, and Trustee Schuster wants it noted that if you need road closures for parking, please make sure to apply for the appropriate permits.
- Trustee Schuster hopes people take what Ashley Lowry said during public comment to heart. The court plans need to be discussed in public and there needs to be transparency about the court plans for the future.

Trustee Lipka

- Reached out to Ed Heary about the VOS Farmer's market in Heritage Park and he thanked the Board for all their help in getting the farmers market in Springville. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on 5/9/2026 and all members of the Village Board are welcome to attend.
- Reached out to the Town of Concord supervisor about the fireworks celebration to take place on 7/3/2026 at Community Park. This will be a celebration of America's 250th anniversary and will include a band and the pledge of allegiance before the fireworks display at dusk. The Town of Concord and the Village of Springville stand together as a collaborative community.
- Regarding Ashley Lowry's statements during public comment, Judge Gibbin is a well-respected person within the community and well within her rights legally to represent the Village and Town. Gene Heintz has a high character and strong moral compass and is a sitting judge. She thought the comments were disrespectful and the facts weren't accurate.

Trustee Roberts

- Attended his 1st SYI Board meeting and is gaining info on capital projects and getting up to speed. The overall program membership is up.

Trustee Baker

- The community cleanup is on April 26 – will begin at the Moose Club at 11 and go until late afternoon. There is no need to pre-register. There will be an after-party fundraiser and basket raffle. Proceeds to benefit Kiwanis Club and the Garden Club to help repair the Village of Springville sign at Lowes.
- The Village of Springville sign at Lowes needs work, this location is 1st priority as it needs the most work.
- Reached out to the Rail Trail contact.
- Reached out to the library contact.
- Is registering to go to the Southern Tier West training at Houghton College on 6/4/2026.

Mayor Belscher

- No report this evening.

TREE COMMITTEE REPORT - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tim Michaels – 346 North Buffalo Street – Didn't agree with Ashley Lowry's comments. Tim believes the board has made a good decision by appointing Gene Heintz as Associate Justice. He highly recommends Gene Heintz as he is a sitting judge with years of experience.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Trustee Schuster, seconded by Trustee Lipka, and carried with unanimous approval to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Haberl
Clerk/Treasurer