

At 7:07 p.m. Supervisor Webb A. Stevens called to order this special meeting of the Spafford Town Board. Councilors Bill Vinzant, Richard Fesko, Ken Lieberman and Merrill Clark were present. Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers and Town Clerk Lisa Valletta were also present.

Supervisor Stevens reminded the Board members that the purpose for this meeting was to discuss the culvert project on Spafford Landing Road. Due to Supervisor Stevens connection to LakeCountry Construction & Contour, (it is his son-in-law's company), Deputy Supervisor Vinzant will conduct the discussion.

Deputy Supervisor Vinzant provided a brief overview of the planned project and described the need for a change in the bid regarding the culvert pipe diameter. The engineer confirmed the diameter should be 42 inches. There was a discussion of the design of the pipe itself, the inlet and outlet, and the existing reinforcement immediately around the culvert.

LakeCountry Construction & Contour submitted a cost estimate for the revision to the project:

Remove 30" pipe and reinstall new 42" smooth wall pipe; backfill and compact with onsite materials – total cost with materials, labor and equipment is \$5,280.

Option #1 – 48" flange for outlet at additional cost of \$1,200.

Option #2 – existing wall stabilization: repair concrete and stone outlet of existing pipe at additional cost of \$950.

Councilor Clark stated he would like written confirmation of the Town Board's intent for the project provided to the contractor.

RESOLUTION 109-2007

Spafford Landing Culvert Project Revision

On a motion by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Fesko the following resolution was

PASSED

AYES – 4 Vinzant, Fesko, Lieberman, Clark

NAYS – 0

Resolved to accept the estimate from LakeCountry Construction & Contour authorizing the removal of the 30 inch pipe and installation of a 42 inch pipe and to additionally authorize LakeCountry Construction & Contour to stabilize the existing wall. Total cost of the authorized work is \$6,230.

Deputy Supervisor Vinzant returned command of the meeting to Supervisor Stevens.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Supervisor Stevens conveyed to the Board that a letter of resignation was received from Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) member Robert McKenty. Mr. McKenty's resignation will become effective December 31, 2007. The Board requested the Town Clerk place an advertisement for applicants in the newspapers.

Councilor Clark commented that James Clark, a member of the ZBA, was not informed of the requirement for annual training. Supervisor Stevens instructed the Town Clerk to consult the ZBA secretary regarding notification to the Board members.

DISABILITY

There was a question regarding the Highway Superintendent’s eligibility for disability coverage. Highway Superintendent Wiers contacted the Association of Towns and was told that elected officials are not eligible to collect disability insurance.

There was a discussion of how the Town of Spafford would handle a disability situation: would the employee receive full salary and turn disability payments over to the Town or would the Town deduct disability payments from the salary? Should vacation time be used before allowing an employee to draw disability? The Town Attorney will be asked to craft a policy for the Town Board’s review.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

Highway Superintendent Wiers requested authorization for Deputy Highway Superintendent Mike Catherman to hire a temporary employee, if necessary, while Mr. Wiers is recovering from surgery. There was a discussion of the logistics of this possibility.

RESOLUTION 110-2007

Temporary Employee

On a motion by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor Lieberman the following resolution was PASSED
AYES – 5 Stevens, Vinzant, Fesko, Lieberman, Clark
NAYS – 0

Resolved to authorize Deputy Highway Superintendent Mike Catherman to hire a qualified temporary employee as necessary during Highway Superintendent Wiers recovery for a maximum of 100 hours at a pay rate of \$10 per hour with no overtime pay and no benefits; workers’ compensation will be carried for this employee.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Vinzant the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. subject to the Call of the Town Clerk. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Next meeting to be held
November 8, 2007 @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford