

At 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Stevens called to order the meeting of the Spafford Town Board. Councilors Rick Fesko, Ken Lieberman, Merrill Clark, and Jeff Ireland were present. Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers, Code Enforcement Officer Kim Fairchild, Accountant Thomas Chartrand and Town Clerk Lisa Valletta were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The pick up truck is in for repairs: an oil leak that requiring removal of engine to access; computer problem - dashboard indicators are not functioning.
- Truck 12 (2000 International) is also in for repairs: crankshaft sensor and seals and computer problems.
- Received letter from NYS Emergency Management Office Recovery Workshop - instructions on receiving FEMA funds when/if needed.
- Dickey-John cost is \$3,000 - \$4,000 uninstalled.

RESOLUTION 88-2008

Purchase of Dickey-John Unit

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

AYES - 5	Stevens, Fesko, Lieberman, Clark, Ireland
NAYS - 0	

Resolved Highway Superintendent Wiers is authorized to purchase one Dickey-John at the best price possible for installation by the Spafford Highway Department.

A motion to accept the Highway Superintendent's Report was made by Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Lieberman. The motion PASSED. AYES –5, NAYS –0.

MINUTES

Councilor Clark asked if Casella Waste Management Services (Casella) had resolved the issues regarding the billing for the Spafford Transfer Station. The Town Clerk responded they had not. Calls have been made by the Town Clerk with no response from Casella.

RESOLUTION 89-2008

Casella Waste Management Bills

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

AYES - 5	Stevens, Fesko, Lieberman, Clark, Ireland
NAYS - 0	

Resolved the check for payment of the September 1, 2008 Casella Waste Management Services for August 2008 service at the Transfer Station is authorized to be prepared and held by the Town Clerk until such time as the billing issues are resolved.

Be it further resolved, the Town Clerk will continue to retain the check for payment of the July 2008 services until the billing issues are resolved.

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2008 Town Board meetings as submitted was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer Kim Fairchild reviewed the submitted September activity report. Councilor Clark asked if Mr. Fairchild conducted inspections after a fire. He does. Councilor Clark also asked if inspections were made for installation of a replacement chimney. Mr. Fairchild explained such an installation would require a building permit; therefore, inspections would be made.

Councilor Lieberman explained the Zoning Board of Appeals is considering an alternate night for their sessions to accommodate Mr. Fairchild's schedule. Does the Town Board need to approve such a change? The Zoning Board of Appeals has authority to change the night of their meeting without Town Board involvement.

Supervisor Stevens asked about the Spafford Landing Road property in violation of the local zoning regulations and the local Unsafe Buildings Law. There was a brief discussion of the approach for resolving the issue.

A motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's Report was made by Councilor Clark and seconded by Councilor Lieberman. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

ONONDAGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Supervisor Stevens reported there are sufficient funds in Onondaga County Community Development (CD) grants currently held by the Town of Spafford to cover the cost of paving the parking lot next to the Borodino Grange and there will still be a balance. CD requires evidence the parking lot is designated for senior citizen use. There was a discussion of the CD grant funds and appropriate wording for the sign. Councilor Ireland will pursue purchase of the sign within the limits of the Town of Spafford procurement policy: not to exceed \$500. Councilor Lieberman asked what age would be considered eligible for senior citizen parking status. The Board agreed that 50+ years of age would be considered eligible senior citizen status for parking purposes.

TOBACCO FREE ONONDAGA COUNTYRESOLUTION 93-2008Point of Purchase Advertising Targeting Youth

Retail stores have long been an important component of the tobacco company marketing strategies. Tobacco retailers serve as the tobacco company's major communication channel to reach present and future customers. The store environment exerts a unique influence to promote tobacco use as a desirable social norm because tobacco is both advertised and sold in these stores.

WHEREAS, smoking is the number one cause of preventable death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General has concluded that tobacco advertising contributes to youth smoking rates; and

WHEREAS, tobacco companies spend more than \$15 billion to market cigarettes in the United States; and

WHEREAS, children who report seeing cigarette advertising in stores are 38% more likely to have experimented with smoking; and

WHEREAS, Tobacco-Free Onondaga County has conducted a tobacco advertising survey and found that retailers in Onondaga County have an average of 33 exterior tobacco ads and 27 interior tobacco ads per store; and

WHEREAS, three out of four teenagers are reported to shop at convenience stores at least once a week, and are therefore exposed at high rates and with great frequency to tobacco marketing; and

WHEREAS, stores within 1000 feet of schools in New York were significantly more likely to place ads near candy displays and also had significantly more tobacco advertisements posted on the store exterior than stores further from schools; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Supervisor Stevens of the Town of Spafford hereby calls on retailers to reduce overall tobacco advertising in their place of business and to eliminate tobacco advertising from areas likely to be seen by children, including wall space below five feet, near candy displays, and on counter tops; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Supervisor Stevens of the Town of Spafford hereby encourages law enforcement agencies throughout the Town of Spafford to take appropriate measures to ensure all local, state and federal laws regarding advertising generally and the placement of tobacco advertising in general are observed.

PASSED AYES – 5 Stevens, Fesko, Lieberman, Clark, Ireland
NAYS – 0

FINGERLAKES LAND TRUST

FingerLakes Land Trust is seeking a representative from the Town Board of the Town of Spafford to attend a meeting with various area agencies and organizations to form a steering committee. Councilor Clark offered to attend the meeting.

SOUTHERN ONONDAGA AREA WATER DISTRICT

Barton & Loguidice engineer Chris Lawton provided a review of the financials involved in the construction of the SOAWD water line. The construction is under budget, but eminent domain costs far exceeded the anticipated amount and are not eligible for reimbursement with EFC funds.

The meters that are being installed are purchased by the property owner from Onondaga County Water Authority - cost of the meter will appear on their water usage bills.

The pump station is expected to be online at the end of November. The holding tank is currently about half-full; when full it holds about 380,000 gallons of water.

BILLY VINZANT

Mr. Billy Vinzant requested to address the Town Board regarding planning and sub division within the Town of Spafford. There is a current project under the Planning/Sub Division Board's review: Dave Hull Road. There was a discussion of the current Town of Spafford Sub Division regulations and recommended additions or changes to those regulations. Mr. Vinzant suggested the Board consider amending the preamble to the Zoning Ordinance to provide additional guidance.

Mr. Vinzant further spoke on Southern Hills Preservation Corporation (Southern Hills), providing a brief review of the programs offered to low-income homeowners and first-time home buyers. Mr. Vinzant is willing to serve as preliminary local contact person for Southern Hills.

2009 PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW

The Board chose to look at the Preliminary 2009 Budget again to seek further reduction of the tax burden. There was a discussion of the various budget items and what could be reduced.

Highway Superintendent Wiers reported he is negotiating the best price on the purchase of the backhoe; he has been able to get one company to lower their price based on a quoted price from a different company. There was a discussion of whether or not to purchase an extended warranty on the backhoe. The Board determined the extended warranty should not be purchased.

Supervisor Stevens commented there may be a used Grade-All available; he will explore the possibility. There was a discussion of the benefits of a Grade-All versus a backhoe.

There was further discussion of additional budget items. Mr. Chartrand cautioned the Board that the more cut from the budget the less flexibility would be available to address unexpected expenses.

RESOLUTION 94-2008

Budget Line Items

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

PASSED AYES – 5 Stevens, Fesko, Lieberman, Clark, Ireland
NAYS – 0

Resolved to accept a SOAWD first year tax rate of \$450 per EDU. Further resolved to move Spafford Landing line item of \$137,000 from 2008 Town of Spafford budget forward into the 2009 budget.

TAX RATE DISCLOSURE

The publication notice for the 2009 Preliminary Budget must now include the tax rate per thousand with tax exemptions applied and the tax rate per thousand if the tax exemptions were not applied. New York State has determined the need for a clearer depiction.

MISCELLANEOUS

The condition of the parking lot for the Town Hall could be preserved if the Highway trucks could avoid driving around the Town Hall. There was discussion of relocating Highway materials and redirecting truck traffic to the fuel holding tanks to alleviate the load on the parking lot.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Ireland the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p. m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Next meeting to be held
November 6, 2008 @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall
The PUBLIC HEARING for the 2009
Budget will be held on this same evening.

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford