

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

- ~ Spafford Fire Department was cited for fuel tanks that are in violation of the D.E.C. regulations. The fines could be as much as \$37,500 per day per violation. Mr. Wiers is working with a fuel compliance company, which will conduct an inspection and advise Mr. Wiers on the necessary steps to bring the Town's fuel tanks into compliance. The inspection is a free service offered by this company.
- ~ The pick up truck broke down in Ithaca, while Mr. Wiers was attending a training seminar. The Town does not have an account with any Ithaca area businesses; therefore the truck had to be towed to Elbridge for repairs on its computer system. The bill for the towing was submitted with the other bills presented this evening.
- ~ Collard Road cross culvert will be done started June 30th.
- ~ Can repair work start on Lanning Road?
 - Supervisor Stevens said it should not be started yet.
- ~ Mr. Wiers reminded the Board he is interested in a four year term of office.
- ~ Mr. Wiers asked what the payment schedule would be for his presence at the Transfer Station on special collection days.
 - After a brief discussion, a single payment in November was agreed upon.

Mr. Wiers was asked to remove the old container box at the Spafford Cemetery. He replied he would see to it.

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

MINUTES

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

RESOLUTION 58-2008

Audit of Claims

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

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

Resolved the bills on Abstract #6, be paid in the following amounts:

General Fund	# 183 through # 216	\$ 26,119.22
Highway Fund	# 70 through # 79	\$ 31,083.44

(Highway Fund includes Machinery & Snow bills when applicable).

RESOLUTION 59-2008

Water District Expenses

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

REQUIRED LAND USE TRAINING

Mr. Fairchild notified the Town Board that not all members of the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Sub Division/Planning Board have completed the State mandated training program. The Town Board initially set a completion deadline for March 2008. The deadline was extended to April 19, 2008 in response to an appeal from the ZBA chair; the material is extensive. To date, only three of the ZBA members and four of the Sub Division/Planning Board members have completed the training. Mr. Fairchild is asking what action the Town Board wants to pursue. The Board instructed the Town Clerk to send final notices to the non-compliant members; stating they have until July 12, 2008 to comply. Additionally, letters are to be sent to the members in compliance, thanking them for their commitment; as well as advising them of the need for all their members to be certified to avoid the possibility of having their decisions challenged.

APPRECIATION

Supervisor Stevens expressed appreciation to the Memorial Day Observance Committee for their organization of the parade and memorial program.

He also offered thanks to Barbara Shoemaker for obtaining a grant to purchase an historic marker for the Spafford Union Meeting House that has been installed by the steeple bell at the four corners in Spafford. Thanks were also extended to Mr. Wiers for installation of the marker.

RESOLUTION 60-2008

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW 2008-4

WHEREAS, a Local Law has been introduced before the Board, to wit: Local Law No. 2008-4, the content of which is filed with the Town Clerk

NOW THEREFORE, on a motion by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Lieberman,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Spafford, County of Onondaga, State of New York, shall hold a Public Hearing on said proposed Local Law 2008-4, and that such Hearing shall be held at the Town Hall of the Town of Spafford, located at 1984 Route 174, Skaneateles, New York, on July 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk give notice of such Public Hearing by the publication of a notice in at least one newspaper circulated in the Town, specifying the time when and the place where such Public Hearing will be held, and in general terms, describing the proposed Local Law. Such notice shall be published once at least five (5) days prior to the Public Hearing.

Webb A. Stevens, Town Supervisor AYE
Richard Fesko, Councilor AYE
Ken Lieberman, Councilor AYE

Merrill Clark, Councilor AYE
Jeff Ireland, Councilor AYE

RESOLUTION 61-2008

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW 2008-5

WHEREAS, a Local Law has been introduced before the Board, to wit: Local Law No. 2008-5, the content of which is filed with the Town Clerk

NOW THEREFORE, on a motion by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Lieberman,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Spafford, County of Onondaga, State of New York, shall hold a Public Hearing on said proposed Local Law 2008-5, and that such Hearing shall be held at the Town Hall of the Town of Spafford, located at 1984 Route 174, Skaneateles, New York, on July 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk give notice of such Public Hearing by the publication of a notice in at least one newspaper circulated in the Town, specifying the time when and the place where such Public Hearing will be held, and in general terms, describing the proposed Local Law. Such notice shall be published once at least five (5) days prior to the Public Hearing.

Webb A. Stevens, Town Supervisor AYE
Richard Fesko, Councilor AYE
Ken Lieberman, Councilor AYE

Merrill Clark, Councilor AYE
Jeff Ireland, Councilor AYE

SOAWD REPORT

Mr. Chris Lawton, Barton & Loguidice, stated installation of the new water mains is complete within the Town of Spafford; bacterial testing has been done; individual connections should begin within the next couple of weeks, it is likely that the Mountain Glen customers will be fully functional in August.

Installation of the mains on the majority of the camp roads in the Town of Otisco should be complete before the seasonal residents return. All eminent domain issues in the Towns of Marcellus and Otisco have been resolved.

The foundation for the storage tank in Otisco is under construction. Construction of the pump station will begin soon. It will be located in Marcellus, by the OCWA plant.

Mr. Lawton anticipates major construction to be completed in September.

BARROW'S VIEW GOLF COURSE

Mr. Thomas Valenti spoke about his plans to renovate the MidLakes Golf Course; as the new owner, he has changed the name to Barrow's View Golf Course. He spoke of his intent to dispel rumors by speaking at the Town Board meeting and inviting concerned area residents and neighbors to an informational meeting at the Barrow's View club house next week.

Mr. Valenti wants to ensure the Town of Spafford and the County of Onondaga are satisfied with his plans for the course. He has familiarized himself with the New York State regulations. He is seeking to improve, refurbish, and reseed the first nine holes; there will be new greens and new bunkers.

There were questions and concerns from the Board regarding speaking with the immediate neighbors, buffer zones, safety screens, possibly trees, the type of road that is planned and if it will remain a private road or be dedicated to the Town.

Mr. Valenti stated he has met with the neighbors and will continue to discuss the project with them. Trees are planned along the new entrance to provide protection for the neighbors. The road will probably be black-top and Mr. Valenti is looking to maintain it as a private road.

Supervisor Stevens requested Mr. Valenti return to the Town Board with final blueprints and plans. Councilor Ireland asked if the Planning Board would review the final plans and prints. Supervisor Stevens stated they will; but the Town Board is the lead agent for this undertaking.

COLLARD ROAD RUN-OFF

Mr. William Parfitt, Mr. James Lantier, and Mr. Anthony Geiss requested the Town Board respond to their concerns regarding property damage from storm run-off originating on Collard Road. They stated a letter was sent to the Town in 2007 stating their concerns; but no response was received and no action was taken. Supervisor Stevens, the members of the Board, and Highway Superintendent Wiers replied they did not receive such a letter. There was a discussion of the culverts involved as well as the drainage ravine that goes to Skaneateles Lake. The discussion included speculation on the cause of the problem and the affected residents concerns. Mr. Parfitt asked what steps should be taken next. Supervisor Stevens recommended a meeting with the D.E.C., an engineer, and the Town to determine what needs to

be done. Mr. Geiss asked which culvert Mr. Wiers listed earlier for repair work. It is the cross culvert at Shamrock Road. If an engineer is retained, will the Town compensate them for the cost? Supervisor Stevens stated the Town will not pay that cost; if the Town retains an engineer, the Town will pay that cost; but not the cost of the property owners hiring an engineer. Additional discussion included an invitation to the Board members to examine the affected properties, whether or not recent private construction and/or road work led to the situation. Mr. Wiers noted that one of the photos provided by Mr. Lantier shows the ravine is 20 feet wide at Route 41, but only 5 feet wide at the lake's edge. Mr. Geiss suggested the retention basin off of Collard Road is not working properly. Councilor Ireland explained the City of Syracuse Water Authority is very involved where retention basins are concerned and this basin is functioning correctly. Mr. Geiss commented that one year ago, there were no problems; now, with construction of a new home and road work, major problems have developed.

Supervisor Stevens requested the property owners contact the D.E.C., City of Syracuse Water Authority, Skaneateles Lake Watershed, and Onondaga County Soil & Water to review the situation and arrange a meeting with the Town.

SENIOR CITIZEN PARKING LOT

Drawings for possible finishing of the parking lot next to the Borodino Grange building were available for review. Supervisor Stevens is looking to complete the project.

FIBER OPTIC OR CABLE?

Mr. Thomas Bresadola asked if either fiber optic lines or cable access would be available on Shamrock Road. Councilor Lieberman offered to speak with Mr. Bresadola after the meeting. Councilor Lieberman has spoken with the companies that offer these services and he can explain the requirements for availability.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Lieberman the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford

Next meeting to be held
July 10, 2008 @ 7 p.m
@ Spafford Town Hall
Public hearings are scheduled for LL 2008-4 & 2008-5