

The Town Board of the Town of Spafford assembled at the Spafford Town Hall, 1984 Route 174, Skaneateles, New York with Supervisor Webb A. Stevens presiding and the following Board members present: Councilor Rick Fesko, Councilor Ken Lieberman, Councilor Merrill Clark and Councilor Jeff Ireland.

The following Town Officers were present: Town Clerk Lisa Valletta, Supervisor Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PESH - NYS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

The overhead doors at the Highway garage cannot be cut to insert man doors. It would compromise the structural integrity of the doors. New overhead doors with inset man doors would have to be purchased. There was a discussion of the possible solutions to correct the problem.

A motion to request bids for installation of new overhead doors with inset man doors was made by Councilor Ireland and seconded by Councilor Lieberman. The motion PASSED. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. e overhead doors; this would be an acceptable resolution. Costs for man doors in three of the overhead doors will be obtained for the May 19, 2009 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were made regarding the tentative property values and property classifications. The Board entered into discussion with the audience on the revaluation and the process for grieving values. Inventory errors were also mentioned; those errors need to be brought to the attention of the Board of Assessment Review and the Assessor. Some discussion points were:

- *Can the Town Board make adjustments after the roll has been certified by the Assessor? Yes.*
- *Will Town Board support the concerns of the residents? Town Board is looking out for all the residents of the Town.*
- *Burden of taxation should not be on property. That is something the State would have to enact.*
- *Real estate values are dropping. The revaluation is equalizing to the top 10%, not the average.*

The Town Board assured the gathering they will respect the concerns of all the residents of the Town.

RECESS

A brief recess was called at 8:05 p.m. by Supervisor Stevens to allow the gathering to calm.

RECONVENE

The meeting resumed at 8:10 p.m.

ZONING ORDINANCE REVISION

A brief review of the goals and intents of revising the Town of Spafford Zoning Ordinance was made by Supervisor Stevens. Town Attorney Andrew Leja provided his thoughts on the current ordinance. Mr. Leja proposed the work be done by Hiscock & Barclay at hourly rates (\$160 for partners, \$125 for associates) with a total fee cap of \$15,000. Hiscock & Barclay has completed similar projects in other towns; and anticipates being able to complete the project in September provided the committee appointed to work on the project is willing to meet on a regular basis.

RESOLUTION 44-09

Zoning Ordinance Revision

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

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

Resolved to contract with Hiscock & Barclay for rewriting of the Town of Spafford Zoning Ordinance for a total cap fee of \$15,000.

ZONING REVISION COMMITTEE

A motion to appoint Councilor Lieberman, Brian Underwood (Zoning Board of Appeals), John Marshall (Zoning Board of Appeals), Kim Fairchild (Code Enforcement Officer) and a resident of the town to serve on the Zoning Revision Committee was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion PASSED. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Supervisor Stevens is authorized to approach select residents of the town to serve as the final member of the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Lieberman. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Next meeting to be held
June 4, 2009 @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford