

The Town Board of the Town of Spafford assembled at the 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.

Supervisor Stevens invited Mr. Scott Chatfield to discuss rewriting the Town of Spafford Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance). Mr. Chatfield assured the Town Board he is currently not involved in any local proceedings that would pose a conflict of interest if the Board decides to enter into contract with him for the project. Mr. Chatfield proposed completion of the revision in approximately four months time. The Town Board raised some points to be considered for discussion during revision: commercial districts; deforestation; handling of special permits. The process for creating a revised Ordinance would include creation of a draft, a public hearing, modifications if needed, and then adoption as a local law. Mr. Chatfield has done similar projects in other towns and does not expect his fee would exceed \$25,000 for revision of the Town of Spafford Zoning Ordinance. Supervisor Stevens asked Mr. Chatfield to submit a bid for the project to the Town Board for review at their May 14, 2009 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - REVALUATION

Supervisor Stevens invited the residents attending the meeting to offer their comments, if they chose. Three of the five people in attendance voiced concern about the increased property values in the Town of Spafford. The Board reminded them of their right to apply for a hearing in front of the Board of Assessment Review.

KATHY ADAMS - COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROJECT

- Ms. Adams offered comments on the revision of the Town of Spafford Zoning Ordinance.
- She asked if work had begun on the application to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for grant funding through the Municipal Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.

Supervisor Stevens assured Ms. Adams the application is being prepared by a knowledgeable, qualified individual. Ms. Adams asked for the name of the person and offered to assist in the writing of the grant. Ms. Holly Norton is preparing the application and Supervisor Stevens requested the document be prepared exclusively by Ms. Norton. Ms. Adams advocated for inclusion of her own time and labor as “in kind” services to meet requirements of the grant.

OUTDOOR WOOD BOILERS - DRAFT LOCAL LAW

The Town Board reviewed the draft of a local law to govern the use of outdoor wood boilers within the Town of Spafford. Following the discussion, some modifications to the draft were agreed upon.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Ireland. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford

Next meeting to be held
May 14, 2009 @ 7 p.m.
@ Borodino Grange
1861 East Lake Road