

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: Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers, Town Clerk Lisa Valletta, Code Enforcement Officer Kim Fairchild, and Accountant Tom Chartrand.

Supervisor Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Meeting with insurance attorney and engineers regarding Gilberti claim next week.
- Request permission to hire a temporary part-time employee to fill in for Dan Barrows.
- NYMIR inspection successfully completed.
- PESH violations have been corrected.
- Mr. Wiers has completed six years of attendance at Cornell Local Roads Highway Schools.

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

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the three May 2009 Town Board meetings as submitted was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

RESOLUTION 45-2009

Audit of Claims

On a motion by Councilor Clark 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	# 180 through #199 & 201	\$ 5,315.33
Highway Fund	# 64 through # 73	\$22,112.73

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

RESOLUTION 46-2009

Water District Expenses

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 subject to approval by the Town Board of Marcellus and the Town Board of Otisco the bills in relation to the establishment of the Spafford Area Water District are to be paid in the following amounts:

Capital Fund	#29 through #30	\$ 933.07
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TOWN SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT & STATEMENT

Town Supervisor’s Monthly Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments for May 2009 was read by Accountant Thomas Chartrand and filed. A motion to accept the Town Supervisor’s Monthly Reports & Statement as presented was made by Councilor Ireland seconded by Councilor Lieberman. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

Town Clerk’s Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments for May 2009 was read. A motion to accept the Report as presented was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Clark. The

motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT

- Nine new permits were issued.
- Three permits were renewed.
- Five final inspections for Certificates of Occupancy were completed.
- Fire inspection completed at the c.1820 House – no problems found.
- One court case – will return to court in July
- Three appeals approved by the ZBA; one appeal will return in July.
- Two new applications for appeal were made to the ZBA
- One complaint received - turned over to Town Attorney due to prior court ruling.
- Mr. Fairchild completed 2 hours of gas pipeline safety training.

A motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer’s report was made by Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

MISCELLANEOUS BOARD ITEMS

- Need to obtain a revised estimate for the chimney work at the Highway Garage.
- Estimates will be sought for improving the lighting in the Town Hall parking lot.
- Councilor Lieberman will obtain cost information for installation of a street light at the Senior Citizen Parking Lot.
- Councilor Ireland and Councilor Clark will contact the lawn mowing contractor to review the specifics of the expected work.
- Grant funding may be available through State Archives for preservation and restoration of the Town’s minute books. The books are not to be released from the Town Hall; other than for preservation and restoration work.
- Replacement of the overhead doors on the Highway Garage (new doors to have man doors inset) potential cost \$15,000 - \$20,000. Request for 180 day extension has been filed with NYS Dept. of Labor. The plan is to purchase two at the end of 2009 and one in 2010.
- Southern Hills Preservation Corporation is seeking a letter of support for their programs.
- Sub Division/Planning Board member De Ann Porter requesting reimbursement of \$65 for attendance at Onondaga County Planning’s January training.

RESOLUTION 47-2009

Southern Hills Preservation Corporation

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 send a letter of support from the Town of Spafford to Southern Hills Preservation Corporation.

RESOLUTION 48-2009

General Fund Voucher 200

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

Resolved to pay General Fund voucher 200 in the amount of \$65 to De Ann Porter as reimbursement for the Onondaga County training course fee.

RESOLUTION 49-2009

General Fund Voucher 207

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 to pay General Fund voucher 207 in the amount of \$252.45 to Hiscock & Barclay, Town Attorneys.

TREE REMOVAL

The estimate for removal of the two trees at 1858 Route 41, (Town property) is \$150. The trees will be cut to ground level; clean up is included. The estimate to cut down a tree at 1865 Route 41 (also Town property) is \$200.

RESOLUTION 50-2009

Tree Removal

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

Resolved to hire Chris Adams for removal and clean up of two trees at 1858 Route 41 and felling of one tree at 1865 Route 41 for a total cost of \$350.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting was opened for public comments. Comments focused on the current revaluation of properties. The Town Board will invite a representative from the NYS Office of Real Property Services to an informational meeting on June 9, 2009 at 7 p.m. to answer questions for the public. The Town Attorney will also be present.

COURT CONSTRUCTION BIDS

The Town Board rejects all bids received for the court construction project. The project specifications need revision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter into executive session at 8:55 p.m. was made by Councilor Lieberman and seconded by Councilor Ireland. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0. The purpose of the executive session is to discuss a medical issue regarding an employee.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Lieberman. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Next meeting to be held
June 9, 2009 @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford