

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 Merrill Clark and Councilor Jeff Ireland. Councilor Ken Lieberman was absent.

The following Town Officers were present: Town Clerk Lisa Valletta, Accountant Thomas Chartrand, and Code Enforcement Officer Kim Fairchild. Supervisor Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. .

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2009 and August 6, 2009 Town Board meetings as submitted was made by Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

RESOLUTION 62-2009

Audit of Claims

On a motion by Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Fesko the following resolution was PASSED
AYES – 4 Stevens, Fesko, Clark, Ireland
NAYS – 0

Resolved the bills on Abstract #8, be paid in the following amounts:

General Fund	#239 through #268	\$ 30,997.84
Highway Fund	#84 through #96	\$ 34,427.97
(Highway Fund includes Machinery & Snow bills when applicable).		

SOUTHERN ONONDAGA AREA WATER DISTRICT (SOAWD)

Mr. Teal Trendowski reported roughly 40 complaints/issues have been received and resolved. The contracting company has been easy to work with; some of the issues arose from errors in the engineering, such as taps into the main established on the wrong parcel. Billing for added services that were not under contract will amount to \$5,000 - \$6,000. Mr. Trendowski will submit his bill in October. The bill for additional services will be presented in October as well. The Board discussed the remaining funds in the SOAWD budget. It is anticipated to finish about \$500,000 under budget. The preliminary estimate from Mr. Craig Billinson is \$9,000 remains in the eminent domain fund.

RESOLUTION 63-2009

Water District Expenses

On a motion by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Ireland the following resolution was PASSED
AYES – 4 Stevens, Fesko, 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 Spafford Area Water District are to be paid in the following amounts:

Capital Fund	#32 through #38	\$65,993.35
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TOWN SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT & STATEMENT

Town Supervisor’s Monthly Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments for July 2009 was read by Accountant Thomas Chartrand and filed.

RESOLUTION 64-2009

Budget Transfer

On a motion by Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Ireland the following resolution was PASSED
 AYES – 4 Stevens, Fesko, Clark, Ireland
 NAYS – 0

Resolved to authorize budget transfers as follows:

GENERAL FUND

From:	A1990.4	Contingent, Contractual	\$ 5,400
			<u>\$ 5,400</u>
To:	A3610.4	Examining Boards	\$ 5,400
			<u>\$ 5,400</u>

HIGHWAY FUND

From:	DA599	Surplus, Sale of Equipment	\$ 4,500
	DA5110.1	Repairs, Personal Services	<u>\$10,000</u>
			<u>\$14,500</u>
To:	DA5130.2	Machinery, Equipment	\$ 4,500
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			<u>\$14,500</u>

A motion to accept the Town Supervisor’s Monthly Reports & Statement as presented was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

2010 BUDGET

A motion to schedule a work session for the 2010 budget on Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 7 p.m. was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

Town Clerk’s Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments for July 2009 was read. A motion to accept the Report as presented was made by Councilor Clark seconded by Councilor Ireland. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer’s Report for July 2009 was read:

- Four new building permits were issued; two building permits were renewed.
- Six cases were in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Five Certificates of Occupancy/Completion were issued.
- Henricksen’s court case has been closed.
- An administrative search warrant was requested and denied for interior inspection of the Marcheterre property on East Lake Road. The Abandoned Building Law does not apply to this property.
- A new barn on Ripley Hill Road is under review by the water shed agricultural program and is granted the agricultural exemption from building permit requirement.

A motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

FITTS APPRAISAL SERVICES

Mr. Larry Fitts was invited to speak with the Town Board regarding the completion of work under his contract for the revaluation.

- There are not photos of all the properties. - Mr. Fitts stated he will complete the photo log.
- Mr. Fitts delay in filing data limited the available time for property owners to discuss the values informally with the Assessor. - Mr. Fitts stated he extended his schedule to accommodate the property owners and held telephone meetings with some of them.
- The formula for determining linear foot value for waterfront property was discussed. - Mr. Fitts concurred it is not a State mandated value. Land sales are taken into consideration, as well as residual land in a sale. Tear downs are viewed as land sales.
- The change from 260 - Seasonal classification to 210 - One family classification was discussed. - Mr. Fitts stated the Assessor made the changes.

Councilor Fesko recommended waiting until the photo log is complete before approving final payment. Councilor Ireland proposed tabling the subject until the September 10, 2009 meeting. The discussion was tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- ⊕ Ellen Warner - the depth of her property was 160 feet, it is now listed as 139 feet. A 2002 survey is on file with the Town. She would like the error corrected.
- ⊕ Mary Marshall - her property was one that was erroneously changed from 260 to 210. She is awaiting the correction.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

1. Exterior Lighting - An estimate for repairing, replacing and increasing the exterior lighting at the Spafford Town Hall was submitted by Alpha Electrical Contractors at Supervisor Stevens request. The estimate includes establishing or improving lighting on each side of the building. The quoted cost for the work is \$1,785.
2. Replace Carpet in Meeting Room - specifications have been prepared for the project.
3. Additional Work for Interior Office Project - electrical outlets in interior walls; window and electric baseboard heater in smaller office. The contractor will be asked for an estimated cost of the additional work.

A motion to advertise for bids for the replacement of the carpet in the meeting room and kitchenette in the Spafford Town Hall was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0. Bids are to be submitted for opening at the September 10, 2009 meeting.

A motion to authorize contractor Robert Norton to proceed with the additional work on the interior office project should his estimate not exceed \$2,999 was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Ireland. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

A motion to authorize Alpha Electrical Contractors to repair, replace and increase the exterior lighting as specified in their August 3, 2009 proposal was made by Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

EQUIPMENT AUCTION

A motion to authorize a check up to \$4,500 for purchase of an equipment trailer, should Mr. Wiers find a suitable one for purchase at the auction, was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

LAWN MOWING CONTRACT

The Board discussed their dissatisfaction with the work of the contractor mowing the cemeteries and town properties. Trimming is insufficient and the mowing schedule is irregular.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. was made by Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Ireland. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Next meeting to be held
Thursday, September 10, 2009 @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford