

The Town Board of the Town of Spafford assembled at the Borodino Grange Hall, 1861 East Lake Road, 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 and Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers. Supervisor Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNTY CONSOLIDATION

Onondaga County provided a proposal of costs for various highway services. There was a discussion of the benefits and disadvantages of consolidating with the County for highway services.

- Town of Spafford highway employees are paid \$1.00 more per hour than the highest tier of County highway employees. The proposal does not include salaries.
- Budget cost for the Town of Spafford would be significantly lower under a consolidation plan – the savings in benefits, fuel costs, and machine repairs comprise the majority of the difference.
- County is concerned with the age and size of some of the culverts.
- Town of Spafford would remain responsible for outstanding debts on equipment.
- Highway Superintendent could serve as local contact; providing County with road condition reports and recommendations for road repair/upkeep.

The Town Board will review the information sheet for future discussion.

JUSTICE COURT GRANT

Paint

The courtroom/meeting room walls need to be repainted. Specifications for painting of the courtroom/meeting room were set as follows: walls to be prepared for painting, holes to be filled – single coat of paint to cover – color to be comparable to existing color – bathroom and kitchen to be repainted as well – all walls and ceilings to be painted - bids to be received by September 10, 2009.

Carpet

The carpet in the courtroom/meeting room needs to be replaced. Councilor Lieberman will seek recommendations on type of carpet and installation best suited to the use of the room. Bids will include removal and disposal of old carpet.

FITTS APPRAISAL CONTRACT

Mr. Larry Fitts, Fitts Appraisal Services, was unable to attend this meeting to defend his claim for final payment of his contract. Mr. Fitts will be invited to attend the August 13, 2009 meeting to discuss the claim with the Town Board.

RESOLUTION 59-2009

Justice Court Grant Application

WHEREAS, Town Justice Jerome Schinaman has presented an application for grant moneys to purchase equipment for the Town Justice Court; and

WHEREAS, the application requires the approval of the sitting Town Board for submission;

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Justice Court Assistance Program Grant Program Application prepared by Jerome Schinaman, Town Justice for the Town of Spafford as submitted to the State of New York

Unified Court System Justice Court Assistance Program is hereby approved by the Town Board of the Town of Spafford.

Webb A. Stevens	aye	Merrill Clark	aye
Richard Fesko	aye	Jeffrey Ireland	aye
Ken Lieberman	aye		

ELECTRICAL REPAIRS

Alpha Electrical Contractors submitted a proposal for replacing exterior lights on the Town Hall:

- Replace the two existing lights on the south side of the building with two 70 watt metal halide wall packs controlled by photo cell on with time clock off. Remove old conduit and wall light by the door.
- Add one 70 watt metal halide wall pack on west side of building, controlled by photo cell on and time clock off. Remove existing wall lights and blank off.
- Add one 100 watt metal halide wall pack on north side of building controlled by photo cell on and time clock off.
- All new lights to be controlled by the same photo cell and time clock. No switch control for any of the new fixtures.
- East and west side existing large wall pack light fixtures are to remain. They are to be rewired for dusk to dawn operation with no switch control.
- Estimated cost --- \$1,785.00

ZONING REWRITE

A tentative draft of the rewritten zoning ordinance is being compiled for review by the revision committee. Said draft may be ready for Town Board review in two weeks.

TAX CERTIORARI CASE

Town of Spafford property owner Frederick Marty is an attorney at the Hiscock & Barclay law firm, the Town of Spafford attorneys. To avoid a conflict of interest, Mr. Marty has contracted with an attorney outside of the Hiscock & Barclay firm to represent him in the tax certiorari proceeding for his property.

AUCTION PROCEEDS

Auctions International provided receipts showing the money for the auctioned equipment had been received from the buyer. Auctions International will send a check to the Town of Spafford.

EQUIPMENT TRAILER

An equipment auction will be held in Seneca Falls on August 13th; there may be an equipment trailer in good condition that could be purchased for the Highway department.

RESOLUTION 60-2009

Equipment Trailer Purchase Authorizaiton

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 authorize Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers spend up to \$4,500 for the purchase of a tagalong trailer at the Seneca Falls equipment auction on August 13, 2009.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Highway garage was broken into during the night of Tuesday, July 28th. Just over \$9,000 worth of tools was taken, including a pavement cutting saw leased from the Town of Marcellus. The insurance deductible is \$250. The policy allows for replacement at today’s costs. All locks on the Highway buildings have been changed.
- Ramsden Contracting submitted an estimate for replacement of the chimney on the Highway garage:
 - Take down existing chimney
 - Build new chimney with flue
 - Install new chimney cap
 - Estimated cost --- \$2,990

RESOLUTION 61-2009

Purchase Replacement Tools

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 that Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers is authorized to purchase replacement tools at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Ireland. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Next meeting to be held
Thursday, August 13, 2009 @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford