

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, Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers, and Accountant Thomas Chartrand. Supervisor Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The pick up truck is at the repair shop.
- Replacement work has begun on the culvert at the bottom of Moon Hill Road.
- The Town Board previously authorized Mr. Wiers to spend up to \$5,000 to purchase replacement tools. There is \$712.50 remaining from the first insurance check. The insurance company has requested this balance be spent before additional funds will be released.
- Charles Lincoln is filling in for Roger Dennison at the Transfer Station.

RESOLUTION 65-2009

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 spend \$712.50 for replacement tools.

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

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2009 Town Board meeting as submitted was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Ireland. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

RESOLUTION 66-2009

Audit of Claims

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 approve payment of the bills General Fund and Highway Fund bills on Abstract #9, (audited abstract totals to be included in October 2009 minutes).

RESOLUTION 67-2009

Water District Expenses

On a motion by Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Lieberman 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 on Abstract #9 in relation to the Spafford Area Water District are to be paid, (audited abstract total to be included in October 2009 minutes).

ABSTRACT #8 – AUGUST 13, 2009

Audited bills for Abstract # 8 were as follows:

General Fund	vouchers 234 – 261	\$30,009.71
Highway Fund	vouchers 90 – 104	\$38,689.50
	(Highway Fund includes Machinery & Snow bills when applicable).	
Capital Fund	vouchers 31 – 37	\$65,993.35

TOWN SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT & STATEMENT

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

There was a discussion of the Bond Anticipation Note repayment schedule.

SOUTHERN ONONDAGA AREA WATER DISTRICT (SOAWD)

Mr. Craig Billinson, the attorney handling the easements for the water district, has held funds in anticipation of settling the various eminent domain issues within SOAWD. Mr. Chartrand spoke with Mr. Billinson and Mr. Chartrand recommends the funds held by Mr. Billinson be returned to SOAWD and retain \$9,000 of these funds in an escrow account for a period of one year, pending any eminent domain appeals.

RESOLUTION 68-2009

Unspent Balance for Eminent Domain Proceedings

The Town Board is satisfied with Mr. Billinson’s services to date and with the report Mr. Billinson filed regarding eminent domain costs. 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 the Town Board does hereby request the unexpended balance held in escrow by Mr. Billinson be returned to the Southern Onondaga Area Water District. Further resolved these monies will be held by SOAWD for any eminent domain appeals for a period of one year.

RESOLUTION 69-2009

Bond Anticipation Notes

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 to return \$50,000 of unused Bond Anticipation Note funds as payment of interest due; and further resolved to renew the remaining \$250,000 BAN at a later date.

A motion to accept the Town Supervisor’s Monthly Reports & Statement as presented was made by Councilor Fesko, 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 August 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

Code Enforcement Officer’s Report for August 2009 was submitted.

- Nine new building permits were issued.
- Seven cases were in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Three Certificates of Occupancy were issued; one was temporary – until October 1, 2009
- Two Stop Work Orders were issued.
- One complaint was received regarding junk storage on Nunnery Road. The items are construction equipment, there was no violation found at the time of inspection.

COMMUNITY ROOM PAINTING BID OPENING

One of the bids was submitted by LakeCountry Construction, a company owned by a relative of Supervisor Stevens. Supervisor Stevens recused himself, turning control of the session to Deputy Supervisor Lieberman. Five bids were received:

Dennis Thorpe	\$2,566
Cosimo’s Painting	\$2,700
Best Step Floors	\$2,550
Reitz’s Painting	\$1,200
LakeCountry Construction	\$3,700

RESOLUTION 70-2009

Community Room Painting

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

PASSED	AYES – 4	Fesko, Lieberman, Clark, Ireland
	NAYS – 0	
	Abstain	Stevens

Resolved to contract with Reitz’s Painting for the Community Room Painting project at a cost of \$1,200.

COMMUNITY ROOM CARPET REPLACEMENT BID OPENING

Three bids were received:

Best Step Floors	\$5,260
Baker Carpet House	\$4,368
WM Floors	\$3,383

The bid received from Best Step Floors was not to specifications of the bid.

RESOLUTION 71-2009

Community Room Carpet Replacement

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

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

Resolved to contract with WM Floors for the Community Room Carpet Replacement project at a cost of \$3,383.

Deputy Supervisor Lieberman returned charge of the session to Supervisor Stevens.

RECOGNITION

Appreciation of Town Historian Barbara Shoemaker for her work to obtain two historic markers; one designates "Factory Gulf" at Five Mile Point, the second indicates the location of the "Puddin' Mill" on Willowdale Road.

A letter of appreciation was received from the Spafford Area Historical Society (SAHS) for installation of the light in the Senior Citizen parking lot.

FITTS APPRAISAL SERVICES

Fitts Appraisal Services contracted work has not yet been completed. A motion to table the bill until the October Town Board meeting was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Lieberman. The motion PASSED. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0.

RESOLUTION 72-2009

Joint Newsletter

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 the cost of printing and mailing a joint newsletter with SAHS.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Town attorneys, Hiscock & Barclay, submitted a fee rate higher than expected for the certiorari cases stemming from the town-wide revaluation. Supervisor Stevens spoke with the attorneys and they agreed to a lower fee rate. Five certiorari cases have been filed with the court.
- Onondaga County is seeking a local representative to consult on a grant for preservation of water quality within the Otisco Lake Watershed.
- A request was received for a letter of damage assessment from the August 9 – 10, 2009 storms. Highway Superintendent Wiers stated the only cost to the Town of Spafford was the fuel used while checking the roads; there was no significant damage.
- The September 24, 2009 budget work session may include Town Board business and should be advertised with that information.

GLEN UNDERWOOD

Mr. Underwood presented to the Town Board his plan for cleaning brush, limbs and weeds at the Borodino Cemetery as his Eagle Scout project. He presented a plan for clearing around and repainting the shed. Mr. Underwood discussed the particulars of his plan and the timeline for completion with the Town Board. Release waiver forms were provided to Mr. Underwood for completion by himself and any other individuals that may assist him with the project. The Town will purchase the paint for the shed. Highway Superintendent Wiers will contact Chris Adams for an estimate for removal of a tree in the Borodino Cemetery. The Town Board approves of Mr. Underwood's plan and will allow him to carry out the work once the waivers have been completed.

RESOLUTION 73-2009

Casella Waste Services

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

Resolved payment of the July 2009 Casella Waste Services bill for the Transfer Station service contract will be made upon reconciliation of the charges by the Town Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Next meeting to be held
Thursday, September 24, 2009 @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall
This meeting will include a budget work session.

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford