

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.

RESOLUTION 74-2009

Resolution Of Intent To Claim Lead Agency Status Pursuant To The State Environmental Quality Review Act

WHEREAS, the Town of Spafford Town Board has prepared Local Law 2009-2 concerning the amendment of its zoning regulations ; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has also prepared an Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) in connection with proposed Local Law 2009-2; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined in accordance with 6 NYCRR 617.6 that: the proposed action appears to be a Type I action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); coordinated SEQRA review shall be undertaken; and the Town Board is willing to act as SEQRA Lead Agency for purposes of that coordinated review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Town of Spafford Town Board hereby declares its intention to assume SEQRA Lead Agency status, and will circulate Notice of said intention to all involved agencies as set forth in the EAF, and as may be identified in the future, in accordance with 6 NYCRR 617.6(b)(3), together with a copy of the EAF and Local Law 2009-2; and
2. Any involved agency which objects to the Town Board acting as Lead Agency shall so notify the Town Board, in writing, within 30 days of the circulation of the Notice.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board by a majority vote. Motion made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Clark. AYES – 5 – Stevens, Fesko, Lieberman, Clark, Ireland.
NAYS – 0.

RESOLUTION 75-2009

Window Treatments

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 replace the drapes in the Community Room/Court Room with wooden blinds, comparable to the blinds installed in the new offices. The new blinds would provide improved security when court is in session.

RESOLUTION 76-2009

Surplus Equipment – Sharp Copier

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 to declare the Sharp copier as surplus equipment; further resolved to transfer said copier to the Spafford Fire Commissioners.

Salaries

The following increases in salaries were requested and discussed:

- Town Supervisor no increase requested, salary will remain at \$7,770.
- Town Board – one member requested an increase to \$1,500 per year. The Board decided to keep the salary for the Board members at \$1,450 per year.
- Town Justice and Court Clerk did not request increases. Salaries will remain at \$4,500 and \$3,000 respectively.
- Town Clerk no increase requested, Town Board approved 2% increase, Town Clerk requested the increase be applied to the Deputy Town Clerk salary. Approved.
- Deputy Town Clerk\$3,000/year – \$ 2,750 approved.
- Tax Collector..... no increase requested, salary will remain at \$3,000.
- Assessor\$26,135 – \$25,000 approved.
- Highway Superintendent..... \$48,400 – \$47,000 approved
- Highway Department Payroll.....\$132,000 – \$131,000 approved
- Code Enforcement Officer..... no increase requested, salary will remain at \$20,000
- Codes Department Clerk..... \$6,500 – \$6,120 approved.
- Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk..... no increase requested, salary will remain at \$1,000
- Landfill Supervisor.....\$3,540 – \$3,440 approved
- Landfill Attendant.....\$11.50/hour – reflects a 2% increase – accepted.
- Dog Control Officer..... no increase requested, salary will remain at \$1,300.
- Custodian.....\$1,500 – \$2,000 approved

The following changes were also made to the 2010 Tentative Budget:

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- INDEPENDENT AUDITOR, Contractual - Requested increase to \$9,100. Board approved increase to \$8,900.
- ASSESSOR, Equipment – Requested \$500 for purchase of camera – approved.
- CENTRAL PRINTING, Contractual – Increase to \$8,900
- SPECIAL ITEMS, Judgements and Claims – increase to \$5,000 in anticipation of tax certiorari cases.

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- SAFETY INSPECTIONS, Contractual - Requested increase to \$1,900 – approved.

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- OTHER TAX ITEMS, Garbage Removal Fees – increase to \$13,000 – approved.

The foregoing changes result in no change to the General Fund tax rate per thousand of \$1.14.

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- MACHINERY, Equipment – retain at \$50,000 – approved
- SNOW REMOVAL, Contractual – reduce to \$135,000 – approved
- EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, Social Security – increase to 11,700 - approved
- LOCAL SOURCES, Services Other Governments – increase to \$63,500 – approved.

The foregoing changes result in a Highway Fund tax rate per thousand of \$1.47.

The foregoing adjustments reflect a tax rate decrease of \$1.70 to \$2.60 per thousand for the total Town budget; said budget increasing from \$847,325 in 2009 to \$975,029 for 2010.

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SOUTHERN ONONDAGA AREA WATER DISTRICT (SOAWD)

Mr. Chartrand provided a review of the SOAWD finances. There are sufficient funds remaining in the short term Bond Anticipation Note (Eminent Domain) to allow for an increased payment to be made on the EFC loan. An increased payment will enable the due date for the loan payments to be later than January – allowing receipt of tax monies from the water district.

The rate payments for the Spafford residents in SOAWD will be \$478; SOAWD residents in Marcellus and Otisco will have a rate payment of \$450. The difference is due to the \$28 charge for membership in the Metropolitan Water Board for Spafford SOAWD residents.

TENTATIVE TO PRELIMINARY BUDGET

A motion to move the revised tentative budget to the Preliminary Budget was made by Councilor Lieberman and seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

A motion to conduct a Public Hearing on November 5, 2009 at 7 p.m. for review of the 2010 Town budget was made by Councilor Fesko and seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

DAN BARROWS

Dan Barrows, out on disability since January 2009, is renewing his CDL driver's license. A Department of Transportation physical is required. Mr. Barrows requests the Town of Spafford cover the cost of the physical. The Town Board feels cost of the physical is Mr. Barrows responsibility.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Ireland the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Next meeting to be held
October 8, 2009 @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford