

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 Ken Lieberman, Councilor Merrill Clark and Councilor Jeff Ireland. Absent: Councilor Rick Fesko.

The following Town Officers were present: Town Clerk Lisa Valletta, Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers, Accountant Thomas Chartrand, and Code Enforcement Officer Kim Fairchild. Supervisor Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilor Lieberman requested a moment of silence to acknowledge the death of community member Gerard Marcheterre. The Board agreed to lower the flag at the Town Hall to half-mast on Saturday.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Mr. Wiers received two estimates for relocation of the overhead doors onto the storage building. The estimates are: Wayne Dalton -- \$4,575; Stevens -- \$5,167.
- Mr. Wiers would like to post weight limits on all the town roads prior to any planned heavy development this year.

Mr. Wiers proposed a weight limit of ten tons per axle. There is a need to determine the levels of authority regarding posting weight limits on roads and enforcement. Posting of roads would need to be advertised with a specific time the limits would be in effect. Mr. Wiers will obtain additional information for posting weight limits for next week. There was a discussion of the funds available for relocating the overhead doors.

RESOLUTION 20-2010

Overhead Doors Replace Sliding Doors

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

AYES – 4	Stevens, Lieberman, Clark, Ireland
NAYS – 0	

Resolved to accept the \$4,575 estimate from Wayne Dalton for replacing the sliding doors on the Highway storage building with the overhead doors being removed from the Highway Garage.

A motion to accept the Highway Superintendent's Report was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Ireland. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2010 Town Board meeting as submitted was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

RESOLUTION 21-2010

Audit of Claims

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

AYES – 4	Stevens, Lieberman, Clark, Ireland
NAYS – 0	

Resolved approve payment of the bills General Fund and Highway Fund bills on Abstract #3, (audited abstract totals to be included in March 2010 minutes).

- No new permits were issued this month
- Three variance requests were sent to the ZBA.
- One Certificate of Compliance was issued.
- The violations at the Borodino Church have been corrected.
- Complaints were filed for 2552 Nunnery Road. Property owner has stated violations will be corrected.
- Outdoor wood boiler at 1851 East Lake Road is being monitored.

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

MANDATED LAND USE TRAINING

Mr. Fairchild explained that four hours of training is required for all members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. Onondaga County scheduled only one training session this year. Not all members from the Town of Spafford's boards were able to attend. The New York Planning Federation (NYPF) has scheduled a training session for the end of April. The board members that need to obtain the training have been registered for the class.

NYPF has stated the mandated training may be done "in-house" by an individual (board member or town official) that has undergone the training.

A motion to appoint Mr. Kim Fairchild for training of the Town of Spafford Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board members, with Mr. Brian Underwood as the SEQRA trainer, was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Lieberman. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

MARCELLUS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

David Miller presented a request to the Town Board for inclusion of a section of Ripley Hill Road as part of the snowmobile trail maintained by the Marcellus Snowmobile Club (the Club). The portion of the road is currently used as part of the trail; the Club is seeking a resolution from the Town Board for permission to enter the land for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a seasonal snowmobile trail. The trail opens after the Big Game hunting season and closes on April 1 of each year.

Councilor Rick Fesko arrived at 7:35 p.m.

RESOLUTION 24-2010

Landowner Agreement

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 grant permission to the Marcellus Snowmobile Club to establish and maintain a seasonal snowmobile trail on a portion of Ripley Hill Road. This agreement is with the understanding the Town will be insured under an insurance policy provided by the Club and the New York State Snowmobile's Association's Master Liability Insurance Plan. Further, this agreement will continue from year to year unless, the Town of Spafford notifies the Marcellus Snowmobile Club of any revocation or modification of this agreement or changes in ownership or land boundaries.

TAX COLLECTOR PAY SCHEDULE

The Tax Collector requests she be paid once a year, at the end of the year. A motion to set the Tax Collector's pay schedule as once a year, at the end of the year was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded

by Councilor Lieberman. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY

The Planning Board does not have a designated secretary. Mrs. Read currently serves as Zoning Board of Appeals secretary and Building Department secretary. A motion to appoint Kim Read as secretary to the Planning Board at the same pay rate as the Zoning Board of Appeals secretary was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Ireland. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

RESOLUTION 25-2010

Cemetery Regulation

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

Resolved that any burial in a cemetery owned and/or maintained by the Town of Spafford which involves exhumation of a vault followed by placement of the original and a second vault into the original plot will be charged double the burial fees at the time of the event. Be it further resolved charges will include the prevailing cost for removal of the original vault and placement of the second vault.

COLD WAR VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

Onondaga County has passed a resolution allowing a property tax exemption for cold war veterans. This exemption applies to the servicemen and servicewomen on active duty during the years from 1945 to 1991. The County allows a 10% exemption, not to exceed \$8,000. The Town of Spafford will pursue adopting this exemption for its residents.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Time Warner is still not looking at expansion in Spafford.
- Councilor Fesko has not yet met with Tom Valenti to review Mr. Valenti's proposal for the golf course property.
- The Town Board will hold a work session next week at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 18 to discuss Mr. Valenti's proposal.
- Gordon Ireland will be invited to meet with the Town Board on March 18th to discuss the Bicentennial.
- The improper practice charge filed by the Teamsters Union has been dismissed.
- Councilor Lieberman attended the hydro-fracking information session in Skaneateles.
- Councilor Clark is waiting for information from a vendor regarding the Honor Roll for the Veterans' Memorial Park.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 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, @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford