

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, 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.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Stevens invited Mr. Ed Lukens to address the Town Board prior to the start of the business portion of the meeting. Mr. Lukens explained his dissatisfaction regarding the assessment of his Pine Bluff Road property. He was advised by the Board to proceed into the grievance process with his concerns.

### HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Cornell Local Roads Program School is in June; the cost to attend is \$90.00.
- There are fifteen (15) truck tires in good condition that the Highway Department will no longer need. There is also a three hundred (300) gallon gas tank that is no longer being used. Seeking permission to sell these items on the County's auction website.
- Mr. Wiers would like to purchase a new backhoe. The cost is \$66,700.00. The old backhoe has a trade-in value of \$15,000.00; bringing the cost to \$51,700.00. Additionally, purchase a sweeper to use behind the backhoe. Cost of the sweeper is \$10,000.00. \$50,000.00 in the 2010 Highway budget for the purchase of a new backhoe.
- There was a washout on Bacon Hill Road - estimated cost of restoration is \$35,000.00.

There was a discussion of the culverts on Bacon Hill Road and the surrounding land. The discussion included funding the restoration and the materials that may be used.

- A letter was sent to Mr. Wiers by Mr. Gary Prochna, a resident of Bacon Hill Road, complaining about the condition of Bacon Hill Road.
- Union negotiations have set May 1st as the start for the Highway employees to switch to 10 hour work days/ 4 days per week. Mr. Wiers would like to start this schedule this coming Monday, April 12th. The Board discussed the merits and disadvantages of sanctioning this action.

A motion to retain May 1st as the start date for 10 hour days/4 day work week was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Lieberman. The motion PASSED. AYES - 4 - Stevens, Fesko, Lieberman, Clark; NAYS - 1 - Ireland.

A motion to declare the fifteen truck tires and the 300 gallon gas tank as surplus equipment and place them on the County's auction website was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion PASSED. AYES - 5, NAYS - 0.

The Board tabled the discussion of purchasing a new backhoe as opposed to a used backhoe until additional information could be gathered.

A motion to send Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers to the Cornell Local Roads Program school June 7 through June 9 at a cost of \$90 was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion PASSED. AYES - 5, NAYS - 0.

A motion to accept the Highway Superintendent's report was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Ireland. The motion PASSED. AYES - 5, NAYS - 0.

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2010 and March 25, 2010 Town Board meetings as submitted was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES - 5, NAYS - 0.

RESOLUTION 26-2010

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 #4, (audited abstract totals to be included in May 2010 minutes).

RESOLUTION 27-2010

Water District Expenses

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 subject to approval by the Town Board of Marcellus and the Town Board of Otisco the bills on Abstract #4 in relation to the Spafford Area Water District are to be paid, (audited abstract total to be included in May 2010 minutes).

ABSTRACT #3 – March 11, 2010

Audited bills for Abstract #3 were as follows:

|   |                   |             |
|---|-------------------|-------------|
| General Fund  | vouchers 87 – 117 | \$20,236.35 |
| Highway Fund  | vouchers 29 – 44  | \$25,405.99 |
| (Highway Fund includes Machinery & Snow bills when applicable). |                   |             |
| Capital Fund  | vouchers 3 – 6    | \$ 1,954.34 |

TOWN SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT & STATEMENT

Town Supervisor’s Monthly Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments for March 2010 was read by Accountant Thomas Chartrand and filed.

RESOLUTION 28-2010

Budget Transfer

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 authorize the following transfer of funds:

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| FROM | A599   | Surplus  | Justice Grant | \$2632.29  |
| TO   | A110.2 | Justices | Equipment     | \$2,632.39 |

A motion to accept the Town Supervisor’s Monthly Reports & Statement as presented was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES - 5, NAYS - 0.

RESOLUTION 29-2010

**February 2010 & March 2010 Bank Reconciliations**

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 find a positive audit of the February 2010 & March 2010 bank statements presented by Mr. Chartrand.

**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

Town Clerk’s Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments for June 2009 was read. A motion to accept the Report as presented was made by Councilor Fesko seconded by Councilor Lieberman.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT**

Code Enforcement Officer’s Report for was read.

- Five new permits were issued.
- Two permits were renewed.
- Six appeals were in front of the ZBA
- Five complaints were processed. All are awaiting resolution from the property owner.
- Two Certificates of Occupancy were issued.

There was a discussion of the procedure used for filing complaints. A search through minutes of prior meetings will be made to determine the procedure. A motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer’s report was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion PASSED. AYES - 5, NAYS - 0.

**MOWING CONTRACT BIDS**

The Town Clerk opened the four received bids:

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| ○ Top Notch Tree Service (Chris Adams)             | \$4,650.00 |
| ○ Legacy Spine (Jon Agricola)                      | \$4,975.00 |
| ○ Duckett’s Lawn Care & Landscaping (John Duckett) | \$5,985.00 |
| ○ Fingerlakes Forestry (Chad King)                 | \$4,700.00 |

RESOLUTION 30-2010

**Mowing Contract Award**

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 to award the 2010 Town of Spafford Mowing Contract to Top Notch Tree Service in the amount of \$4,650.00 pending receipt of Certificate of Liability Insurance by April 15, 2010.

RESOLUTION 31-2010

**Sawmill Road Speed Limit**

In the matter of the request of the residents of Sawmill Road for a reduced speed limit WHEREAS, the current legal speed limit for Sawmill Road is fifty-five miles per hour (55 mph) and, WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Spafford believes that to be an excessive speed and, WHEREAS, a request for a lower speed limit has been received by the Town Board of the Town of Spafford and,

NOW THEREFORE, on motion made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Lieberman, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Spafford does hereby approve of and formally request a reduction of the speed limit on Sawmill Road in the Town of Spafford.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**SALES TAX**

Supervisor Stevens has information on the sales tax distribution plan, which may eliminate distribution to the towns, villages and school districts.

**HONOR ROLL AT VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK**

Councilor Clark presented images of two plaques that could be installed at the park. He will obtain cost estimates for the May meeting.

**ELECTRICAL WORK ADVERTISEMENT**

A motion to advertise for bids for installation of electrical fixtures at the Spafford Four Corners bell site in the Scotsman Press was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion PASSED. AYES - 5, NAYS - 0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 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, May 13, 2010 @ 7 p.m.  
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta  
Town Clerk  
Town of Spafford