

Resolved subject to approval by the Town Board of Marcellus and the Town Board of Otisco the bills on Abstract #5 in relation to the Spafford Area Water District are to be paid, (audited abstract total to be included in June 2010 minutes).

ABSTRACT #4 – APRIL 8, 2010

Audited bills for Abstract #4 were as follows:

General Fund	vouchers 118 – 160	\$26,008.24
Highway Fund	vouchers 45 – 55	\$ 5,134.35
	(Highway Fund includes Machinery & Snow bills when applicable).	
Capital Fund	vouchers 2 – 3	\$209,261.44

TOWN SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT & STATEMENT

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

Mr. Chartrand recommended a budget transfer to cover the reimbursements generated by tax bill errors.

RESOLUTION 35-2010

Budget Transfer

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

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

Resolved to authorize the following General Fund budget transfer:

From: A1990.4	Contingent, Contractual	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
		<u>\$1,000.00</u>
To: A1950.4	Judgements and Claims, Contractual	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
		<u>\$1,000.00</u>

RESOLUTION 36-2010

2009 Town Justice Court Books

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 the audit of the 2009 Town Justice Court books has been completed and found to be a positive audit.

RESOLUTION 37-2010

2009 Town Clerk Cash Books

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 the audit of the 2009 Town Clerk Cash books has been completed and found to be a positive audit.

RESOLUTION 38-2010

April 2010 Bank Reconciliations

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 find a positive audit of the April 2010 bank statements presented by Mr. Chartrand.

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 April 2010 was read. A motion to accept the Report as presented was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Lieberman. The motion PASSED. AYES - 5, NAYS - 0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer's Report for April 2010 was read.

- Nine new permits were issued.
- One driveway permit was processed.
- Two Certificates of Occupancy were issued.
- Three Zoning Violations were issued; two included Stop Work Orders.
- Seven cases are in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Three Court Appearance Tickets were issued.
- Mr. Fairchild has completed 24 hours of in-service training, completing the requirements for 2011 certification. The Town of Scott shared in the costs related to the training.
- New State Code Books will be issued later this year. There will be no Town cost for the books and will be effective 8/14/2010.

There was a discussion of how zoning complaints should be filed - verbally or in writing. The Town Attorney stated the Code Enforcement Officer must respond to verbal complaints. Councilor Ireland believes if a verbal complaint is received, the complainant should be required to sign a written complaint. The discussion was tabled until June 10, 2010 Town Board meeting.

A motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES - 5, NAYS - 0.

BIDS FOR ELECTRICAL WORK AT SPAFFORD FOUR CORNERS

No bids were received.

SOAWD DRAINAGE (McLaughlin) PROJECT

A motion to advertise for bids for a drainage project at the McLaughlin property in the Southern Onondaga Area Water District (Otisco) was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES - 5, NAYS - 0.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

A motion to schedule a Town Board meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Spafford Town Hall to open any and all received bids for the SOAWD drainage project and any other business

before the Board was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Lieberman. The motion PASSED. AYES - 5, NAYS - 0.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2010-2

A local law is proposed for the Town of Spafford, providing for an exemption from real property taxes for cold war veterans. Cold War veteran is defined as a person, male or female, who served on active duty in the United States armed forces, during the time period from September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991, and was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions. Supervisor Stevens read the details of the proposed exemption:

Section 3. Amount of Exemption. Pursuant to Section 458-b of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, the maximum Cold War veteran’s exemption from real property taxes is established as follows:

a. Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 15% of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) or the product of thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, whichever is less.

b. In addition to the exemption provided by subparagraph (a) of this section, where the Cold War veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Veterans Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by 50% of hegt Cold War veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, whichever is less.

RESOLUTION 39-2010

Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law 2010-2

Whereas, a Local Law has been introduced before the Board, to wit: Local Law No. 2010-2; now, therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Spafford, County of Onondaga, State of New York, shall hold a Public Hearing on said proposed Local Law 2010-2, and that such Hearing shall be held at the Town Hall of the Town of Spafford, located at 1984 Route 174, Skaneateles, New York, on June 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.; and be it further

Resolved, that the Town Clerk give notice of such Public Hearing by the publication of a notice in at least one newspaper circulated in the Town, specifying the time when and place where such Public Hearing will be held, and in general terms, describing the proposed Local Law. Such notice shall be published once at least five (5) days prior to the Public Hearing.

PASSED

AYES – 5

Stevens, Fesko, Lieberman, Clark, Ireland

NAYS – 0

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Gordon Ireland provided a progress report on the planning for the Town of Spafford’s bicentennial. A booklet of the history of the Town, including organizations, events, and sites has been drafted. The committee is seeking permission from the Town Board to spend up to \$2,900 for publication of the booklet.

RESOLUTION 40-2010

Bicentennial Booklet Publication

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 the Bicentennial Committee is authorized to spend up to \$2,900 for publication of the bicentennial booklets.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE (cont')

Gordon Ireland explained the committee is also seeking to organize a community picnic in late August 2011, possibly located at Lourdes Camp. There was a brief discussion of the plans for the picnic.

COUNTY SALES TAX AGREEMENT

Onondaga County Legislature Chair James Rhinehart provided a history and overview of the sales tax agreement negotiations and decision. He reminded those present that the sales tax revenue goes towards the costs of MediCare, jails, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 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 27, 2010 @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford