

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 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

RESOLUTION 78-2010

Borodino Cemetery

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 purchase 12 hard maple trees (2" diameter) at a cost of \$245 per tree from Locust Hill Nursery to be planted along the north border of the Borodino Cemetery.

PLOWING COUNTY ROADS

A request has been made by Onondaga County for the Town of Spafford to assume plow duty for additional County roads, specifically: West Valley Road, Sawmill Road, and Willowdale Road. The Board had a discussion of the additional expense compared to the additional reimbursement the Town would receive from Onondaga County. The Town Board decided not to accept plow duty for any additional roads.

BACKHOE PURCHASE

Highway Superintendent Wiers purchased a 2001 John Deere backhoe at the Teitsworth auction. The price was \$22,000.

RESOLUTION 79-2010

SOAWD Bills

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 pay Southern Onondaga Area Water District vouchers 7-9. These vouchers cover Bond Anticipation Notice payments and hydrant charges.

RESOLUTION 80-2010

General and Highway Bills

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 pay General Fund vouchers 319 and 321 - 323. Further resolved to pay Highway Fund voucher 136.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Fran Randall presented a request from the Bicentennial Committee for money to be included in the budget for fireworks at the celebration next year.

REVIEW OF THE 2011 TENTATIVE BUDGET

The Spafford Fire District has not yet held the public hearing for their budget for 2011. No preliminary figures were submitted to the Town of Spafford to include in the tentative budget. The 2011 tentative budget was presented with the following rates per thousand: General Fund – \$1.10 (a decrease from 2010 of \$0.04); Highway Fund -- \$1.49 (a increase from 2010 of \$0.03).

Salaries

The following increases in salaries were requested and discussed:

- Town Supervisor \$7,854, salary will remain at \$7,770.
- Town Board – one member requested an increase to \$1,500 per year; one member requested an increase to \$1,475 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 \$15,300 Approved.
- Deputy Town Clerk \$ 2,800 Approved.
- Website Clerk (new position)..... \$ 1,000 Approved.
- Tax Collector..... no increase requested, salary will remain at \$3,000.
- Assessor\$25,750 – salary will remain at \$25,000.
- Highway Superintendent..... \$48,000 – \$48,500 approved
- Highway Department Payroll.....will remain at \$131,000
- Code Enforcement Officer..... no increase requested, salary will remain at \$20,000
- Codes Department Clerk..... \$6,500 – salary will remain at \$6,120.
- Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk..... \$12 per hour. Approved.
- Landfill Supervisor.....position eliminated
- Landfill Attendant.....\$11.75/hour approved.
- Dog Control Officer..... no increase requested, \$1,350 approved.
- Custodian.....\$2,060 salary will remain at \$2,000.

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

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- EXAMINING BOARDS, Contractual – Increase to \$1,750 (change to \$40/day)

The foregoing changes result in a General Fund tax rate per thousand of \$1.09.

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- IMPROVEMENTS - Remove from appropriations and revenues, unsure if CHIPS will continue.
- MACHINERY, Equipment - purchase a new pick up this year. Remove \$61,000 from 2011 budget.

The foregoing changes results in a Highway Fund tax rate per thousand of \$1.32.

The foregoing adjustments reflect a tax rate decrease of \$0.19 to \$2.42 per thousand for the total Town budget; said budget decreasing from \$975,529 in 2010 to \$899,799 for 2011.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing has already been scheduled for November 4, 2010 at 7 p.m. for review of the 2011 Town budget.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 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, October 14, 2010 @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford