

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.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- Mr. Wiers did purchase a trailer.
- Bacon Hill Road drainage project is proceeding. The road was reopened.
- Onondaga County has asked if the Town of Spafford would be interested in plowing an additional eleven miles of County roads.

The current reimbursement rate for plowing County roads is \$5910.00 per mile; it is due to be renegotiated next year. Mr. Wiers estimates three hours to plow the additional miles.

There is a backhoe available at an equipment auction scheduled for this Saturday. Supervisor Stevens requested Mr. Wiers attend the auction and consider purchase of the backhoe.

A motion to accept the Report was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

**MINUTES**

A motion to accept the minutes of the August 5th and August 12, 2010 Town Board meetings as submitted was made by Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Lieberman. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

**RESOLUTION 72-2010**

**Audit of Claims**

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 approve payment of the bills General Fund and Highway Fund bills on Abstract #9, (audited abstract totals to be included in October 2010 minutes).

**RESOLUTION 73-2010**

**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 #9 in relation to the Spafford Area Water District are to be paid, (audited abstract total to be included in October 2010 minutes).

**ABSTRACT #8 – AUGUST 12, 2010**

Audited bills for Abstract # 8 were as follows:

General Fund	vouchers 260 – 290	\$26,325.99
Highway Fund	vouchers 108 – 120	\$35,550.41

(Highway Fund includes Machinery & Snow bills when applicable).

Capital Fund	voucher 20	\$ 187.37
SOAWD	voucher 4	\$ 64.78

TOWN SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT & STATEMENT

Town Supervisor’s Monthly Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments for August 2010 was read by Accountant Thomas Chartrand and filed. A motion to accept the Town Supervisor’s Monthly Reports & Statement as presented was made by Councilor Lieberman seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

RESOLUTION 74-2010

August 2010 Bank Reconciliations

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

RESOLUTION 75-2010

Casella Waste Services Billing

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

Resolved to authorize payment of August 2010 billing to Casella Waste Services upon reconciliation of charges by the Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

Town Clerk’s Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments for August 2010 was read. A motion to accept the Report as presented was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

DOG LICENSING

The Town Board needs to consider the upcoming transition in dog licensing. Effective January 1, 2011 the local municipalities will be responsible for all administration and costs of licensing dogs. A local law will need to be adopted to set the fees and procedure.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer’s Report for was read.

- Six building permits were issued.
- 1 court case, expected to be settled
- Two Certificates of Occupancy were issued.
- One complaint was received. It has been resolved.
- Two cases were in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Fairchild described the current status of Frank Marcheterre's property at 1852 East Lake Road. Mr. Marcheterre did not appear at his court hearing; the notice of the date was sent by certified mail, but returned unclaimed. Mr. Fairchild prepared a list of the violations at the judge's request. Justice

Schinaman is handling the matter himself from this point forward. The Code Enforcement Office will not be involved and no compliance date was set by the judge.

Additionally, Mr. Marcheterre is working to bring his property at 2501 Nunnery Road into compliance. Mr. Fairchild will check on his progress tomorrow.

The hogweed on Mr. Marcheterre's East Lake Road property has been viewed by Onondaga County Health Department. The County Health Department will discuss any action they may consider at a County Health Commissioner meeting.

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

**GRAVE OPENING FEE**

Recent charges to the Town for opening a grave for burial have increased to \$350.00. A motion to increase the fee payable to the Town of Spafford for opening and closing of a grave for burial from \$250.00 to \$350.00 was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION CEMETERY MARKER**

Requests for placement of two cemetery markers in local cemeteries have been submitted to the Town of Spafford. One request is for placement in Spafford Cemetery on Cold Brook Road. The second request is for placement in Stanton Yard Cemetery at the corner of Stanton Road and Becker Road.

The Town of Spafford has authority for Spafford Cemetery. It is unclear who has authority over Stanton Yard Cemetery.

A motion to approve installation of a Veterans' Administration provided Cemetery Marker in Stanton Yard Cemetery, approval contingent upon confirmation of Town authority for the cemetery, was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

A motion to approve installation of a Veterans' Administration provided Cemetery Marker in Spafford Cemetery was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

**RESOLUTION 76-2010**

**NYS Magistrates Conference**

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 to reimburse the Town Justice for the costs of registration, mileage and housing for attending the NYS Magistrates Conference.

**KATHY ADAMS**

Kathy Adams offered appreciation for the opportunity to pursue her project to create a comprehensive plan for the Town. She provided a review of the activities to date.

Supervisor Stevens told Mrs. Adams that Mr. John Marsellus has contacted the Town regarding his donation toward her project. Mr. Marsellus is under the impression his donation would save the Town the costs associated with her project. Supervisor Stevens reminded Mrs. Adams that when she originally brought her proposal to the Town Board it was made clear the Town of Spafford would not be financially involved in the process; any and all costs associated would be paid by Mrs. Adams and any interested citizens. The Town would only be willing to act as a "pass-through" agent for any funds that may be donated; said funds would be distributed in response to vouchers received in relation to the

