

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 Merrill Clark and Councilor Jeff Ireland.

The following Town Officers were present: Town Clerk Lisa Valletta, Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers, and Code Enforcement Officer Kim Fairchild. Supervisor Stevens called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COLLARD ROAD DRAINAGE

The intent of this special session is to discuss the drainage from Collard Road. Mark Burgher and Ryan Cunningham from Onondaga County Soil & Water District (OCSWD) and Pete Cheedy from City of Syracuse Water Department (SWD) were present for the discussion.

Supervisor Stevens met with OCSWD and SWD last week and viewed the drainage systems in place near Collard Road. They also looked at the Hayes property, which may have been affecting the amount of water draining from the area. Everything appears to be a typical installation.

Ranjini Govender stated at a prior meeting that drainage going into a ditch is illegal. No one present today is familiar with a basis for this statement.

Mr. Burgher conducted a slide presentation with images of the area. He also reviewed the drainage system involved at “Withey Pond”. OCSWCD has consulted and kept records of the Withey Pond drainage system since 1984. Mr. Burgher’s opinion is that the Withey Pond drainage system was properly installed and works well for the area.

Ms. Govender also questioned the existence of necessary permits for construction at the Hayes property. Code Enforcement Officer Fairchild explained that all permits required by the Town of Spafford at the time of the construction were properly completed.

Councilor Ireland explained that one of the ponds mentioned as a concern by Ms. Govender is on the King property and is not involved in this drainage issue.

A discussion of the drainage systems followed. Supervisor Stevens asked if the sediment in the area of concern is excessive compared to similar inlets. Mr. Cheedy’s opinion is that the sediment is comparable to other, similar inlets.

Mr. Burgher offered to provide a copy of Cornell Cooperative Extension’s naturalized stabilization. Mr. Cunningham has experience with stream bank stabilization through vegetation. Mr. Cunningham will inspect the drainage in the area of concern and prepare recommendations for vegetation stabilization of the bank. In the past, he provided recommendations for the area at Shaner property.

Mr. Wiers wanted to know who is responsible for the maintenance of the retention ponds. Mr. Burgher explained the OCSWCD has a contract with the landowner to access the land for maintenance purposes. There was further discussion of water drainage.

At this time, the Town Board is not willing to go across Route 41 to fix the property. A letter including information from today’s meeting will be prepared and sent to Ms. Govender. Said letter will contain the finding that the Hayes’ property was properly constructed; and that no evidence is readily available on the illegality of sending water into the ditch.

The Town Board thanked Mr. Burgher, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Cheedy for their time and involvement.

OCWA HYDRANT USE POLICY

Onondaga County Water Authority sent information for the Town to obtain a permit for use of the hydrants in the Southern Onondaga Area Water District. If the Town will not be using the hydrants, no permit is required. There was a discussion of whether the Highway Department would have a reason to

Resolved to order a new sign for the exterior of the Town Hall from BoneHead Graphics at a cost not to exceed \$200.00.

COLLARD ROAD CULVERTS

The Highway Department schedule includes repaving and replacing some of the culverts on Collard Road this year. The Town Board recommends photographing existing conditions prior to beginning the work.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

A motion to declare the 2004 Ford 550 pickup truck and the 1998 John Deere 310 backhoe as surplus equipment was made by Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Ireland. Both items are to be posted for sale with Auctions International. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

A motion to declare the 2003 pickup truck sander box as surplus equipment was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The sander box is to be posted for sale with Auctions International. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m. was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Next meeting to be held
Thursday, April 21, 2011 @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford