

The Town Board of the Town of Spafford assembled at the Spafford Town Hall, 1984 Route 174, Skaneateles, New York with Supervisor Webb Stevens presiding and the following Board members present: 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 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorneys Hiscock & Barclay have clients involved in hydro-fracking creating a conflict of interest. Any Town business related to hydro-fracking will need to be handled by a different attorney. Supervisor Stevens will obtain rates from alternate attorneys and report back to the Board.

SPAFFORD LANDING ROAD CULVERT

The specifications on file are insufficient for use as bid specifications. Barton & Loguidice has offered to prepare appropriate documents for a \$5,000.00 fee. A motion to contract with Barton & Loguidice for preparation of appropriate Spafford Landing culvert replacement bid specifications was made by Councilor Clark, seconded by Councilor Lieberman. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

RESOLUTION 54-2011

SOAWD Bills

On a motion by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Clark the following resolution was PASSED
AYES – 4 Stevens, Lieberman, Clark, Ireland
NAYS – 0

Resolved to pay Southern Onondaga Area Water District vouchers 12-13. These vouchers cover Bond Anticipation Notice payments and hydrant charges.

REVIEW OF THE 2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET

The assessed value of the Town dropped slightly from last year. The Board discussed the new Tax Cap law. An override provision was included in the law allowing local municipalities to exceed the 2% increase cap through a local law, including a public hearing. The Board determined not to pursue a local law at this time.

The Spafford Fire District has not yet held the public hearing for their 2012 budget. No preliminary figures were submitted to the Town of Spafford to include in the tentative budget. The 2012 Town of Spafford tentative budget was presented with the following rates per thousand: General Fund – \$1.03 (a decrease from 2011 of \$0.07); Highway Fund -- \$1.51 (an increase from 2011 of \$0.18).

Salaries

The following increases in salaries were requested and discussed:

- Town Supervisor \$8,000 - approved.
- Town Board – did not request increases. Salaries will remain 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 no increase requested, salary will remain at \$15,300.
- Deputy Town Clerk\$3,160 - approved.

- Website Clerk no increase requested, salary will remain at \$ 1,000.
- Tax Collector..... no increase requested, salary will remain at \$3,000.
- Assessor no increase requested, salary will remain at \$25,000.
- Highway Superintendent..... \$49,470 - approved
- Highway Department Payroll.....under union contract will increase to \$134,000
- Code Enforcement Officer..... no increase requested, salary will remain at \$20,000
- Codes Department Clerk..... \$6,242 - approved.
- Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk..... \$12.25 per hour - approved.
- Landfill Attendant.....\$12.00 per hour - approved.
- Dog Control Officer..... no increase requested, \$1,400 approved.
- Custodian.....\$2,040 - approved.

The following changes were also made to the 2012 Tentative Budget:

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- ASSESSORS, Contractual – Decrease from \$3,420 to \$2,000
- BUILDINGS, Equipment – Increase from \$5,000 to \$6,000
- BUILDINGS, Capital Improvements – Increase from 30,000 to \$35,000

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- TOTAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT increases, due to above adjustments, from \$234,480 to \$239,060.
- CONTROL OF DOGS, Personal Services – increased per salary discussion to \$1,400

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- SPAFFORD LANDING – Increase from \$275,000 to \$285,000
- TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED increases from \$363,036 to \$373,036
- TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS increase from \$8884,652.40 to \$899,232

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- UNEXPENDED BALANCE decreases from \$399,872 to \$394,872

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- MACHINERY, Equipment – lease to purchase a new 10 wheel truck. Remove from 2012 budget. Consider setting funds aside towards future purchase.
- TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND APPROPRIATIONS decrease from \$747,434.06 to \$685,973.00

The foregoing adjustments reflect the following changes:

GENERAL FUND

- Amount to be raised increases from \$382,080.40 to \$401,660.00
- Tax Rate per thousand increases from \$1.03 to \$1.08 (decrease from 2011 of \$0.02)

HIGHWAY FUND

- Amount to be raised decreases from \$559,861.06 to \$498,400.00
- Tax Rate per thousand decreases from \$1.51 to \$1.34 (increase from 2011 of \$0.02)

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 Clark. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing has already been scheduled for November 10, 2011 at 7 p.m. for review of the 2012 Town budget.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Next meeting to be held
Thursday, October 13, 2011 @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford