

Assessor Robert Brown, Jr.

Revaluation

Mr. Brown has received two bids for the revaluation. The first bid is \$25 per parcel. The second bid is approximately \$19 per parcel. The second bid was received from Appraisal Consultants, the same company that performed the work for the 2003 revaluation.

Mr. Brown explained there have been between fifty and sixty sales of property since the last revaluation; many of these properties sold at a value substantially higher than the assessed value. The law dictates that the assessment on these properties cannot be changed to reflect the higher value, (sale price), until a town-wide revaluation is conducted.

Councilor Vinzant requested Mr. Brown gather the data pertinent to Mr. Hart's earlier concerns and present them to the Town Board at a future meeting.

Firemans' Exemption

Mr. Brown presented the following specifics regarding the proposed tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance service personnel.

- 1) Qualifications: Primary residence of applicant
Enrolled member of the organization for at least five years. (certified by Fire Dept. or Ambulance Service)

- 2) Amount of Exemption: Ten percent of assessed value of residence, not to Exceed \$3,000, adjusted by the equalization rate, Currently 89%, maximum exemption would be \$2,670 in Spafford.

- 3) Applicant with twenty years of active service and so certified will receive lifetime exemption as long as his or her residence is primary and is located within the county adopting the law.

- 4) Fire Department advises 50 members will qualify. Current town tax rate is \$3.42 per thousand.

- 5) Onondaga County has a resolution to review this law and will vote on it on or about November 20th.

Supervisor Ireland requested Rick Wise, Ken Lieberman, and Rick Fesko work as a committee to review the information and determine what steps may be necessary to adopt this

exemption. They are to return to the Town Board with the information.

Historical Marker

Mrs. Mary Osborne, 1818 East Lake Road, as a member of the Spafford Area Historical Society, (SAHS), explained to the Town Board of SAHS desire to install an historical marker in front of the Borodino Grange. Catskills Casting, a company that produces historical markers in New York State quoted a cost of \$425 two years ago; the current cost is now \$725 plus \$25 for shipping and handling. Mrs. Osborne contacted other companies for prices, but no other companies offer the product. Mrs. Osborne asked if a permit would be necessary to install the marker. Supervisor Ireland stated if one is needed, there would be no cost. Mrs. Osborne asked if the town would order the pole and install it. Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers stated that could be done. Mrs. Osborne explained any necessary maintenance of the marker and pole would be done by SAHS and the Grange. Mrs. Osborne explained the cost of the marker and pole is

beyond the current funds available in SAHS; would the Town be willing to partially fund the purchase? Supervisor Ireland stated, if needed, the Town could help pay for the purchase.

Town Supervisor's Monthly Report & Statement

Accountant Thomas Chartrand reviewed the Receipts and Disbursements statement for October 2005. He explained the disbursement under the Highway Fund, Abstract #10 was all the road work accomplished.

RESOLUTION 95-2005

Audit of Claims

On a motion by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor J. Ireland the following resolution was

PASSED AYES – 4 G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland
 NAYS – 0

Resolved the bills on Abstract #11 be paid in the following amounts:

General Fund	#339 through #342 and #344 through #377	\$10,112.03
Highway Fund	#147 through #184	47,244.05

(Highway Fund includes Machinery & Snow bills when applicable)

Bill #343 is from Appleton Disposal.

RESOLUTION 96-2005

Budget Transfers

On a motion by Councilor J. Ireland, seconded by Councilor Vinzant the following resolution was

PASSED AYES – 4 G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland
 NAYS – 0

Resolved to make the following budget transfers as recommended by Accountant Thomas Chartrand:

HIGHWAY FUND

From:	DA5110.4	Repairs	Contractual	1,015.00
To:	DA5112.2	Improvements	Capital Outlay	<u>1,015.00</u>

GENERAL FUND

From:	A1990.4	Contingent	Contractual	10,600.00
	A8389.4	Water Systems Other	Contractual	<u>3,400.00</u>
				14,000.00
To:	A1420.4	Attorneys	Contractual	
		A1940.4	Purchase of Land...	Contractual
		A1991.4	Workshops	Contractual
		A5132.4	Garage	Contractual
	A8810.4	Cemeteries	Contractual	
				<u>3,400.00</u>
				14,000.00

RESOLUTION 97-2005

Town Supervisor's Monthly Report & Statement

On a motion by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor Chappell the following resolution was

PASSED AYES – 4 G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland
 NAYS – 0

Resolved the Town Supervisor's Monthly Report & Statement for the month of October 2005 be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 98-2005

Daniel Barrows 2006 Sick Time Adjustment

On a motion by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor Chappell the following resolution was

PASSED AYES – 4 G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland
 NAYS – 0

Resolved to reduce the amount of sick time allotted Daniel Barrows, Highway employee, to

regain the time used in 2005.

RESOLUTION 99-2005

Adjust End of Year Pay Date

On a motion by Councilor Chappell, seconded by Councilor J. Ireland the following resolution was

PASSED AYES – 4 G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland
 NAYS – 0

Resolved to change the End of the Year payroll date to December 8, 2005.

RESOLUTION 100-2005

Appleton Disposal Bill

On a motion by Councilor J. Ireland, seconded by Councilor Chappell the following resolution was

PASSED AYES – 4 G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland
 NAYS – 0

Resolved to pay the bill submitted by Appleton Disposal for service in October 2005 after verification of charges is completed by the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION 101-2005

Application to Syracuse/Onondaga County Youth Bureau

On a motion by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor Chappell the following resolution was

PASSED AYES – 4 G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland
 NAYS – 0

Resolved to make an application to the Syracuse/Onondaga County Youth Bureau for funding for a youth program.

RESOLUTION 102-2005

Minutes of October 13, 2005 Town Board Meeting

On a motion by Councilor Chappell, seconded by Councilor Vinzant the following resolution was

PASSED AYES – 4 G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland
 NAYS – 0

Resolved to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2005 Town Board meeting as presented by the Town Clerk.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Generator

The Spafford Fire District voted at their October 19, 2005 meeting to donate a 7,000 watt generator to the Town of Spafford Highway Department. Said donation will be made upon completion of necessary wiring at the Highway facility.

Fuel

In the past, fuel has been purchased from Suburban and Agway; after making inquiries, Mr. Wiers has determined that Mirabito has lower prices for fuel and he will purchase fuel from them for the Town's needs.

20004 International

Mr. Wiers has been offered a \$75,000 trade-in value for the 2004 International. This truck has been consistently in for repairs over the last several months. A new vehicle would cost \$145,000. Mr. Wiers is requesting the funds for a new mower be applied toward the purchase of a new truck. The warranty on the 2004 International is close to its expiration. The 2004 International will be used through this winter. A new truck cannot be ordered until January 2006. Supervisor Ireland recommended waiting until January 2006 to discuss the possible trade-in and purchase.

Easement for Grange Septic

Supervisor Ireland explained that the easement for a new septic system for the Borodino Grange building may require a 10 year lease of the property to SAHS. A meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2005 at 3 p.m. to discuss the easement.

Recess

On a motion by Supervisor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Chappell the meeting was recessed at 8:12 p.m. until Monday, November 14, 2005 at 3 p.m.

The motion PASSED AYES – 4 – G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland;
 NAYS – 0

Respectfully submitted

by,

Next meeting to be held
December 8, 2005 @ 7:30 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford