

On Thursday, October 13, 2005 at 7:20 p.m. Supervisor Gordon Ireland called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Spafford Town Board. Councilors Bill Vinzant, Jeff Ireland and Joyce Barnett were present. Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers, Accountant Thomas Chartrand and Town Clerk Lisa Valletta were also present.

### Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Personnel Property Tax Exemption

Supervisor Ireland invited Spafford Fire Chief Rick Wise to address the Town Board. Mr. Wise presented copies of a letter to the Town Board requesting the Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Personnel Property Tax Exemption be considered for adoption by the Town of Spafford. Supervisor Ireland thanked Mr. Wise and stated the Board would review the request.

### Borodino Grange Restoration

Mr. Vic Sayko presented to the Town Board a priority list from architect Franklin Couch for work at the Borodino Grange. Mr. Sayko asked the Town Board to consider a resolution authorizing the Restoration Committee to bring bid packages to the Town Clerk for release to bidders. Said packages will include the specifications for the work to be done at the Grange and will be prepared by Mr. Couch. Once complete, the package will be sent to New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for approval and then brought to the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Ireland asked who would pay for the cost of advertising. Mr. Sayko responded that it is his belief the cost is covered under the grant; but due to the low estimated amount of the bid, advertising may not be necessary. Contractors may be formally invited to bid on the package. The completed bids would be returned to the Town Board for acceptance.

### RESOLUTION 79-2005

#### **Preparation and Release of Bids for Grange Restoration Work**

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

PASSED                      AYES – 5              G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland, Barnett  
   NAYS – 0

Resolved to authorize the Borodino Grange Restoration Committee to oversee preparation of bid specifications for restoration work at the Borodino Grange and submit said bid package to the Town Clerk for release.

### RESOLUTION 80-2005

#### **Board of Assessment Review Position**

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 – 1              Barnett

Resolved the Town Board re appoints Mr. David Schoeneck to a five year term as a member of the Board of Assessment Review; said term effective October 1, 2005 and ending September 30, 2010.

Councilor Barnett stated she would prefer to see these positions opened up for new applicants instead of reappointing the same person to the position.

1865 East Lake Road

Councilor Barnett stated she had received a letter from an attorney representing the Citizens for Rural Development. The letter indicated he is prepared to take legal action against the Town due to the improper SEQRA form being completed. Supervisor Ireland responded that Onondaga County Community Development deemed the SEQRA form to be proper and he has no knowledge of actual legal action being initiated.

Councilor Barnett asked Supervisor Ireland about telephone calls from the State Attorney General's office. Supervisor Ireland explained the Town Attorney is in contact with the State Attorney General.

Councilor Barnett asked why the Town Board is not being informed of the situation regarding possible legal action and any action being pursued by the State Attorney General. Supervisor Ireland explained the matters are being dealt with by the Town Attorney.

RESOLUTION 81-2005

August 30, 2005 Minutes

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  
   Councilor Barnett abstained.

Resolved the minutes of the August 30, 2005 Public Hearing be approved as submitted by the Town Clerk. Said public hearing was for the opening of bids received for the demolition of buildings at 1865 East Lake Road.

RESOLUTION 82-2005

September 6, 2005 Minutes

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

PASSED                      AYES – 5              G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland, Barnett

NAYS – 0

Resolved the minutes of the September 6, 2005 Special Meeting of the Spafford Town Board be approved as submitted by the Town Clerk. Said meeting was held for review of the conditionally awarded bid for demolition with Nina Andon-McLane of Onondaga County Community Development.

September 8, 2005 Minutes

Councilor Barnett asked who the publications from New York Planning Federation were for. Town Clerk Lisa Valletta responded the publications were requested by the Chairperson of the Sub Division/Planning Board and would be available for other Town officials review.

Councilor Barnett asked if written statement of approval from Onondaga County Community Development for the SEQRA form had been received. Supervisor Ireland responded the Town Attorney may have the written form. Councilor Barnett requested a copy of the statement.

RESOLUTION 83-2005

September 8, 2005 Minutes

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

PASSED                      AYES – 5              G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland, Barnett  
NAYS – 0

Resolved the minutes of the September 8, 2005 meeting of the Spafford Town Board be approved as submitted by the Town Clerk.

1865 East Lake Road

Councilor Barnett asked if a date has been set for demolition. Supervisor Ireland explained the contract has been signed, the contractor has until November 9, 2005 to complete the demolition. Councilor Barnett repeated her question. Supervisor Ireland explained an exact date was not offered by the contractor.

RESOLUTION 84-2005

September 21, 2005 Minutes

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  
Councilor Barnett abstained

Resolved the minutes of the September 21, 2005 Public Hearing be approved as submitted by the

Town Clerk. Said public hearing was an informational hearing regarding the proposed Southern Onondaga Area (Spafford) Water District.

**Town Supervisor's Monthly Report & Statement**

Accountant Thomas Chartrand reviewed the Receipts and Disbursements statement for September 2005. He pointed out the revenue sharing is greater than what was received last year.

RESOLUTION 85-2005

**Town Supervisor's Monthly Report & Statement**

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

PASSED                      AYES – 5              G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland, Barnett  
   NAYS – 0

Resolved to accept the September 2005 Town Supervisor's Monthly Report & Statement as presented by Accountant Thomas Chartrand.

**2006 Tentative Budget**

Mr. Chartrand asked if the Town Board was prepared to approve the 2006 Tentative Budget as the 2006 Preliminary Budget. Supervisor Ireland asked if changes could still be made to the Election cost portion of the budget once it became the 2006 Preliminary Budget. Mr. Chartrand stated that the Election salaries could not be increased once the 2006 Preliminary Budget was approved.

Supervisor Ireland explained that all Election functions and costs are being taken over by the County. County Legislator James Rhinehart and County Executive Nicholas Pirro recommend Towns remove the line item from their budgets.

RESOLUTION 86-2005

**Removal of Election Line from 2006 Budget**

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

PASSED                      AYES – 5              G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland, Barnett  
   NAYS – 0

Resolved to approve removal of all Budget lines, specifically A1450.4 Elections – Contractual and A1450.1 Elections – Personal Services, from the 2006 Budget.

RESOLUTION 87-2005

**2006 Preliminary Budget**

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

was

PASSED                      AYES – 5              G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland, Barnett  
   NAYS – 0

Resolved to adopt the Tentative 2006 Budget with the above change as the 2006 Preliminary Budget.

RESOLUTION 88-2005

**Public Hearing for 2006 Budget**

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

PASSED                      AYES – 5              G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland, Barnett  
   NAYS – 0

Resolved to hold a public hearing for the 2006 Budget on Thursday, November 10, 2005 at 7 p. m. at the Spafford Town Hall.

**RESOLUTION #89-2005**  
**Conveyance of Cemetery Lots**

WHEREAS, the Town of Spafford owns and manages three cemeteries known as Spafford Cemetery, Borodino Cemetery, and Otisco Valley Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, individuals have approached the Town Officials of the Town of Spafford seeking to transfer their ownership of lots in said cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Spafford has decided that it does not wish to repurchase lots from individual lot owners; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Spafford believes it to be in the public interest to permit cemetery lot owners to convey by sale or gift lots which they might own in the aforementioned Town cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, individuals wishing to sell or convey lots on their own may do so, however, a Letter of Conveyance, which is available at the Town Clerk's Office, shall be duly executed and notarized with a copy of the deed attached thereto and filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Spafford.

NOW THEREFORE, on a motion made by Councilor Jeffrey Ireland and seconded by Councilor Chappell,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Spafford does hereby authorize the conveyance of lots located in the Borodino, Otisco Valley, and Spafford Cemeteries pursuant to the conditions set forth in this Resolution.

Gordon Ireland	aye	
Fred Chappell		aye
Billy Vinzant		aye
Jeffrey Ireland	aye	
Joyce Barnett		aye

I, Lisa M. Valletta, Clerk of the Town of Spafford, County of Onondaga, State of New York, do hereby certify that the foregoing was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Spafford, County of Onondaga, State of New York, at their regular monthly meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005, a quorum being present.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lisa M. Valletta, Town Clerk of the Town of Spafford

Bockes Road

Councilor Chappell informed the Town Board and those present that New York State Dept. of Transportation (NYS DOT) conducted a second speed study on Bockes Road. The first was done in February, a quiet time of year on this lake access road. A letter from NYS DOT last week stating a second study was completed. The NYS DOT has determined the speed limit can be reduced to 40 mph on Bockes Road.

RESOLUTION 90-2005

Audit of Claims

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

PASSED                      AYES – 5              G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland, Barnett  
    NAYS – 0

Resolved the bills on Abstract #10 be paid in the following amounts:

General Fund	#298 through #338	\$16,871.53
Highway Fund	#130 through #146	95,476.12

(Highway Fund includes Machinery & Snow bills when applicable)

## Highway Superintendent's Report

### *Truck Repairs*

The 2004 truck is back at Stadium International for repairs. It has been in and out of the repair shop for nearly five months. They are unable to locate the problem. Highway Superintendent Wiers is considering trading in this truck for a new one under a lease agreement. There was a discussion of the truck.

### *Willow Hill Road*

The paving of Willow Hill Road is completed. The final cost was \$86,000.00.

### *Snow Budget*

The Snow budget has \$20,000.00 remaining in it for 2005. Mr. Wiers has discussed the anticipated costs for the remainder of the year with Mr. Chartrand and asks the Town Board to consider transferring \$17,000.00 from the Highway fund to cover the cost of sand and salt.

## RESOLUTION 91-2005

### Budget Transfer

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

PASSED                      AYES – 5              G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland, Barnett  
   NAYS – 0

Resolved the Town Board authorizes the transfer of \$17,000.00 from 2005 budget line DA5110.4 General Repairs – Contractual to 2005 budget line DA5142.4 Snow Removal – Contractual.

### Southern Onondaga Area Water District

The Town of Otisco is working to resolve issues regarding multiple units within the proposed coverage area of the Southern Onondaga Area Water District. The town attorneys will meet to review the status of the project. The SEQRA study has been completed and is available in the Town Clerk's office for review. The Spafford Town Board will consider a resolution for approval of the water district at their November 10, 2005 meeting.

## RESOLUTION 92-2005

### Town Clerk's September Report

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

PASSED                      AYES – 5              G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland, Barnett

NAYS – 0

Resolved the Town Clerk's September 2005 Report, showing \$3,789.29 in fees received for the Town, be accepted as submitted.

Recreation Program

Mr. Merrill Clark reported the proposal allowing Spafford residents to participate in the Town of Scott recreation program will be presented to the Town of Scott residents for approval. The Town of Scott is seeking a cooperative effort from the Town of Spafford for participation in the program.

Adjournment

On a motion by Supervisor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Chappell the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. subject to the Call of the Town Clerk. The motion PASSED, AYES – 5 – G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland, Barnett.

Respectfully submitted

by,

Next meeting to be held  
November 10, 2005  
@ Spafford Town Hall

*A Public Hearing is scheduled for  
this same evening. The Hearing will  
open at 7 p.m. The Town Board meeting  
will immediately follow the public hearing.*

Lisa M. Valletta  
Town Clerk  
Town of Spafford