

On Thursday, July 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Ireland called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Spafford Town Board. Councilors Fred Chappell and Jeff Ireland were present. Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers, Accountant Thomas Chartrand, and Town Clerk Lisa Valletta were also present.

Carolyn Schinaman

Court Clerk Carolyn Schinaman read a statement to those present regarding a portrayal in the local paper about the operation of the Town Court. A copy of the statement will be placed in the Court's Monthly Report file in the Town Clerk's office.

Kathy Adams

Mrs. Adams, 958 Bacon Hill Road, informed the Town Board of the formation of a committee to further address the possible Comprehensive/Master Plan for the Town. The committee members are: Chris Fesko, Mary Bean, Merrill Clark and Mrs. Adams.

John Wickwire

Mr. John Wickwire, 366 Spafford Landing Road, commented on the levelness of the obelisk at the Veterans Memorial park. In his opinion, it is not truly vertical.

Barbara Clary, Town of Owasco Councilor

Ms. Clary, a Town Councilor from Owasco, spoke to the Spafford Town Board about efforts to compel non-local truck traffic to use the Interstate highways. Supervisor Ireland commented that Spafford Town Board passed a resolution two years ago in support of the effort. A copy of the resolution was provided to Ms. Clary. There was a discussion of the efforts being made by the various towns surrounding Skaneateles Lake. Councilors Barnett and Vinzant will act as Town Board liaisons on a committee with Spafford residents Mr. Ted Lavery and Mr. Rick Fesko to strengthen the support from the Town of Spafford.

RESOLUTION 41-2005

May 12, 2005 Minutes

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

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

Resolved the minutes of the May 12, 2005 Town Board meeting be approved as submitted by the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION 42-2005

Audit of Claims

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

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

General Fund #173 through #215 \$19,608.47
Highway Fund # 93 through #109 33,567.51
(Highway Fund includes Machinery & Snow bills when applicable)

RESOLUTION 43-2005

Town Supervisor’s Monthly Report & Statement

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 the Town Supervisor’s Monthly Report & Statement for the month of May 2005 be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 44-2005

Approval of Transfer of Funds

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 transfer \$32,800.00 from the Highway Surplus fund and \$2,300.00 from the Highway Machinery fund to the Highway Repairs and Highway Machinery funds. \$16,800.00 is from the FEMA reimbursement in consideration of work done after the August 2004 flooding. \$16,000.00 is from the sale of the grader and the remaining \$2,300.00 is from the Machinery, Contractual fund.

Further resolved to transfer \$50.00 from the General Contingent, Contractual fund to the General Workshops, Contractual fund.

RESOLUTION 45-2005

Town Clerk’s May 2005 Report

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 the Town Clerk's May 2005 Report be accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 46-2005

Waiver of Dept. of Aging and Youth Funds

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 authorize Supervisor Ireland to sign the Syracuse/Onondaga County Youth Bureau 2005 Waiver of State Aid Eligibility for Recreation to the Town of Otisco.

RESOLUTION 47-2005

Temporary Change of Meeting Place

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

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

Resolved to hold the July 14, 2005 meeting of the Spafford Town Board at the Spafford Fire House, 660 Route 41.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers informed the Board of a minor on the job injury to one of the Highway employees. The employee will miss two weeks of work.

Mower/Sweeper

Mr. Wiers consulted the Town Attorney regarding the possible lease of a mower/sweeper. The equipment cannot be leased under State Bid therefore, Mr. Wiers is no longer pursuing the lease.

Temporary Road Closings

Willow Hill Road and Becker Road will be closed for one week each, during the month of July for culvert repair. Notices will be sent to the residents of these roads.

RESOLUTION 48-2005

Onondaga County Snow Plow Contract

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 Town Board of the Town of Spafford does hereby authorize Supervisor Ireland to sign the three year contract with Onondaga County for snow and ice removal on specific County roads in the Town of Spafford.

Town Attorney Bernard Reagan

Brame Property

Town Attorney Bernard Reagan offered information regarding the Brame property on Spafford Landing Road. The owner was served with an Order to Remedy, he is unavailable to supervise the remedy process, Ms. Marilyn Kelly has responded to the Order with the statement that Mr. Brame has limited income and asked if the Town might suggest a course of action.

Tessorio Property

Mr. Reagan offered information in respect to the Tessorio property as well. The owners were served with an Order to Remedy. The attorney for the owners has assured Mr. Reagan that some action will be taken within the next sixty days to correct the violation.

Marcheterre Property

Councilor Barnett asked Mr. Reagan for an update on the Order to Remedy issued for the Marcheterre properties. Mr. Reagan briefly reviewed the history of the Marcheterre file. The Spafford Town Justice has recused himself from the case based on a conflict of interest. The case has been sent to Onondaga County Courts for reassignment.

Former Town Justice Yuhas

Councilor Barnett asked Mr. Reagan to explain the status of the audit on Justice Yuhas books. Mr. Reagan explained the audit revealed some irregularities. Town Accountant Thomas Chartrand was instructed to correspond with Justice Yuhas to seek correction of the irregularities. This correspondence has not resulted in any corrections being made. Mr. Reagan explained it is now up to the NYS Department of Audit and Control to seek remedial action.

RESOLUTION 49-2005

Justice Yuhas Books

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

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

Resolve the Town Board has directed Mr. Reagan to send a letter to Justice Yuhas requesting the books be closed in a proper manner.

RESOLUTION 50-2005

Borodino Grange Restoration

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

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

Resolved the Town Board approves of the change in architect from Stearns and Crawford to Franklin Couch for the restoration of the Borodino Grange to be done under the Community Development Grant #76704 guidelines.

List of Veterans

Supervisor Ireland stated he has compiled a list of area veterans dating from the Revolutionary War through World War II. The list is recorded here:

1865 East Lake Road

Supervisor Ireland received from Barton and Logudice the asbestos study results and a contract for designs to remove asbestos and demolish the buildings at 1865 East Lake Road. Councilor Barnett requested the purchase offer for the property be reviewed prior to a vote on the contract. Following a discussion, Mr. Reagan explained the Town would need to declare the building to be surplus, an appraisal to determine a reasonable sale price would need to be conducted, the sale would need to be advertised to allow for any and all interested parties to make an offer, and then the acceptance of an offer would be subject to a permissive referendum. Based on these criteria, Mr. Reagan recommended the Town Board not accept the purchase offer. Discussion of the property continued.

RESOLUTION 51-2005

1865 East Lake Road Demolition

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 – 1 Barnett

Resolve to proceed with the demolition of the structures at 1865 East Lake Road.

RESOLUTION 52-2005
Barton and Logudice Contract

WHEREAS, the Town of Spafford has purchased a certain parcel of land from one Timothy Kissane, Tax Map number 013-02-11, part of Farm Lot 88 in the Town of Spafford.

WHEREAS, Community Development funds, Onondaga County were used for the purchase of said property and additional Community Development funds will be used for the demolition of two buildings located on said property at 1865 East Lake Road in the Town of Spafford.

WHEREAS, once 1865 East Lake Road property buildings are removed, the space shall be used for additional parking and a septic system for the existing Borodino Grange Building.

WHEREAS, an asbestos study has been authorized by the Town and performed by a licensed engineering firm, Barton & Logudice, P.C.

WHEREAS, asbestos abatement design and demolition contracts must be entered into by a licensed engineering firm with environmental studies.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Spafford does grant permission for Town Supervisor Gordon Ireland, in conjunction with the Town Attorney and the Town Attorney is directed to draw the documents and solicit bids, specifications and advertise for the demolition of the buildings located at 1865 East Lake Road.

Gordon Ireland	aye	Jeffrey Ireland	aye
Billy Vinzant	aye	Joyce Barnett	abstain
Fred Chappell	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 16th day of June, 2005, a quorum being present.

