

At 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Webb A. Stevens began the public hearing for the opening of the bids received for the mowing work in the Town of Spafford. Councilors Bill Vinzant, Joyce Barnett, and Richard Fesko were present. Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers, Accountant Thomas Chartrand, Assessor Robert Brown and Town Clerk Lisa Valletta were also present. Councilor Ken Lieberman was absent. The hearing was duly advertised in the official Town newspaper and posted on the public bulletin board. Three bids were received.

- Speedy's Landscaping & Lawn Service – bid amount \$5,679.00
- Duckett's Lawn Care and Landscaping Service – bid amount \$4,875.00
- B & G Mowing – bid amount \$6,097.00

Following a brief discussion of the bids, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Town Supervisor Stevens, seconded by Councilor Vinzant. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

#### **RESOLUTION 50-2006**

##### **2006 Mowing Contract Award**

On a motion by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor Barnett the following resolution was  
PASSED AYES – 4 Stevens, Vinzant, Barnett, Fesko  
NAYS – 0

Resolved to award the 2006 contract for mowing of the Town cemeteries and Town owned property as described in the specifications to Duckett's Lawn Care and Landscaping Service.

Supervisor Stevens called to order the meeting of the Spafford Town Board.

#### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- An old roller has been donated by the Leader family for use as a decorative display piece for the Highway Department. It was requested by them that the roller be placed in memory of the Leader family.
- The new trucks should be delivered at the end of July.
- Mr. Wiers researched the cost of repairing the 12.5 miles of paved road within the Town of Spafford. The cost would be approximately \$173,000. Mr. Wiers shortened the repair list to 7 miles of roadway and spot patching for a cost of \$63,000.
- Culvert work is needed on Becker Road with an expected cost of \$7,000.
- There is an electrical problem with a set of light switches in the office area. Mr. Wiers examined the switchbox and was unable to determine the problem. The Board authorized Mr. Wiers to contact an electrician to examine the wiring and make any necessary repairs.
- Blocks supporting the large item container at the Transfer Station are deteriorating and the fence surrounding the site needs repair. Mr. Wiers estimates the cost of repairs to be \$2,400. Supervisor Stevens commented an increase in the service contract for the Transfer Station is

anticipated, an additional \$5,000 has been added to the budget for that increase and funding the repairs will be considered after the contract fee for service is known.

**RESOLUTION 51-2006**

**Highway School**

On a motion by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Vinzant the following resolution was  
PASSED AYES – 4 Stevens, Vinzant, Barnett, Fesko  
NAYS – 0

Resolved Mr. Wiers to attend Highway School at Cornell at a cost of \$85 for the three days, the cost to be paid by the Town of Spafford.

Councilor Barnett asked for the budget amount for road repair work. Mr. Wiers responded the 2006 budget included \$207,000 for road repair. Accountant Thomas Chartrand added that there is \$28,000 available through CHIPS.

A motion to accept the Highway Superintendents Report was made by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor Barnett. AYES – 4, Nays – 0. Motion PASSED.

**March 9, 2006 Minutes**

A motion to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2006 meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Vinzant. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0. The motion PASSED.

**TOWN SUPERVISOR'S REPORT & STATEMENT**

The Justice court has already reached 50% of their anticipated revenues for this year. Half of the funds from Onondaga County for snow and ice removal has been received. The Highway payroll seems high due to three payroll cycles in March. The grant payment for the monument sign at the Veterans Memorial has been received.

**RESOLUTION 52-2006**

**Budget Transfer**

On a motion by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor Fesko the following resolution was  
PASSED AYES – 4 Stevens, Vinzant, Barnett, Fesko  
NAYS – 0

Resolved to transfer \$20,290.00 from Highway DA599, Surplus to Highway DA5130.2, Machinery, Equipment.

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

A motion to accept the Town Supervisor's Monthly Report & Statement as presented was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Barnett. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

**Town Clerk's March 2006 Report**

A motion to accept the Town Clerk's March Cash Report as presented was made by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

**RESOLUTION 53-2006**

**Cemetery Fees & Regulations**

On a motion by Councilor Barnett, seconded by Councilor Vinzant the following resolution was  
PASSED AYES – 4 Stevens, Vinzant, Barnett, Fesko  
NAYS – 0

Resolved to accept the regulations for the active cemeteries in the Town of Spafford. Further resolved to change the lot price from \$200 to \$300 per 4' x 10' lot. And further resolved to change the regular burial fee from \$200 to \$250.

**TRANSFER STATION SERVICE CONTRACT**

A motion to advertise for bids for the service contract for the Spafford Transfer Station was made by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor Fesko. Said bids to be received by May 11, 2006 for opening at the May 11, 2006 Town Board meeting. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

**HONOR ROLL II**

An Honor Roll listing the veterans from the Revolutionary War, Civil War, and World War I has been completed for display in the Town Hall. The Town Board extends its appreciation to Gordon Ireland and Barbara Shoemaker for their efforts in the creation of this display.

**1865 EAST LAKE ROAD DRAINAGE**

The property behind 1865 East Lake Road is owned by the Vernaks. Supervisor Stevens spoke with them and has obtained permission for an easement through their property for drainage from the Town owned parcel. A formal easement agreement will be prepared.

**RESOLUTION 54-2006**

**Easement Agreement Legal Costs**

On a motion by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor Fesko the following resolution was  
PASSED AYES – 4 Stevens, Vinzant, Barnett, Fesko  
NAYS – 0

Resolved the Town of Spafford will pay the legal fees incurred by the Vernaks for the agreement of easement.

**REVALUATION**

Mr. Larry Hart presented an analysis he prepared of the relationship between assessment values and cost per thousand in Marcellus school taxes. Mr. Hart contends that the Marcellus school tax burden on residents in the Town of Spafford increases with revaluations. Assessor Robert Brown stated he would review the analysis and comment at a future date. Councilor Vinzant presented an analysis he prepared of the relationship between assessment values and cost per thousand in Skaneateles school taxes. Councilor Vinzant stated that his analysis had different results from Mr. Hart's. The Board will take both analyses under consideration before making a decision regarding the revaluation.

**HISTORICAL MARKER**

Mary Osborne explained the Historical Marker for the Borodino Grange building is ready to be placed.



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Town Clerk reminded the members of the Board that the Annual Financial Report is still available for review and needs to be approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Vinzant to recess the meeting to executive session to discuss the employment history of the applicants for the vacancy on the Sub Division/Planning Board. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

A motion to return to open session was made by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

RESOLUTION 57-2006

Appointment to Sub Division/Planning Board

On a motion by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor Barnett the following resolution was PASSED  
AYES – 4 Stevens, Vinzant, Barnett, Fesko  
NAYS – 0

Resolved to appoint John Cerio to the vacancy on the Sub Division/Planning Board. Mr. Cerio's term of office to expire January 15, 2010.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor Fesko the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m. subject to the Call of the Town Clerk. Carried unanimously.

A Public Hearing is scheduled  
May 11<sup>th</sup> to open bids for  
service at the Transfer Station  
Next meeting to be held  
May 11, 2006 @ 7 p.m.  
@ Spafford Town Hall

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa M. Valletta  
Town Clerk  
Town of Spafford