

On Thursday, December 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Gordon Ireland called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Spafford Town Board. Councilors Fred Chappell, Bill Vinzant, Jeff Ireland and Joyce Barnett were present. Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers, Accountant Thomas Chartrand Sole Assessor Robert Brown, and Town Clerk Lisa Valletta were also present.

Borodino Grange Restoration

Mr. Joseph Vecchio, 1850 East Lake Road, offered his ideas on designs for parking and a septic system to serve the Borodino Grange.

RESOLUTION 104-2005

November 10 & November 22 Town Board 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 November 10, 2005 meeting,(recessed until November 22, 2005) and the minutes from November 22, 2005 be approved as submitted by the Town Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR WATER DISTRICT

An additional public hearing for the Southern Onondaga Area (Spafford) Water District has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2005. The need for an additional hearing is caused by changes to the valuation of vacant lots. The public hearing will be held at the Spafford Town Hall, 1984 Route 174.

RESOLUTION 105-2005

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 #12 be paid in the following amounts:

General Fund	#378 through #384 & #386 through #410	\$13,449.69
Highway Fund	#185 through #204	44,989.51
(Highway Fund includes Machinery & Snow bills when applicable)		

Claim #385 is Appleton Disposal

**TOWN SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT & STATEMENT**

Accountant Thomas Chartrand reviewed the Receipts and Disbursements statement for November 2005.

**BUDGET TRANSFER**

Mr. Chartrand recommended the following budget transfers in the 2005 budget:

**FROM:**

A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance – Contractual	\$4,600.00
A1620.2 Buildings – Contractual	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	<b>\$6,600.00</b>

**TO:**

A1420.4 Attorneys – Contractual	\$4,000.00
A1450/4 Elections – Contractual	\$ 600.00
A1620.4 Buildings – Contractual	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	<b>\$6,600.00</b>

**RESOLUTION 106-2005**

**Budget Transfer**

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

<b>PASSED</b>	<b>AYES – 5</b>	<b>G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland, Barnett</b>
	<b>NAYS – 0</b>	

Resolved the Town Board authorizes the budget transfer of \$6,600.00 as recommended.

**RESOLUTION 107-2005**

**End of Year Budget Transfers**

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

<b>PASSED</b>	<b>AYES – 5</b>	<b>G. Ireland, Chappell, Vinzant, J. Ireland, Barnett</b>
	<b>NAYS – 0</b>	

Resolved the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to authorize any end of year budget transfers necessary to meet claims submitted.

RESOLUTION 108-2005

**Initial 2006 Payroll**

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 Board authorizes Town Supervisor-Elect Webb Stevens to sign the initial payroll checks for the fiscal year 2006 prior to the 2006 Organizational Meeting of the Spafford Town Board.

RESOLUTION 109-2005

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

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

RESOLUTION 110-2005

**2006 Organizational Meeting**

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 to hold the 2006 Organizational Meeting of the Spafford Town Board on the same evening as the regular monthly meeting which will be Thursday, January 12, 2006. Said meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

RESOLUTION 111-2005

**Town Clerk's November Report**

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 Town Clerk's November 2005 Report, showing \$2,583.39 in fees received for the



## TRAINING SCHOOL

The NYS Association of Towns and the NYS Comptroller's office are sponsoring a training school for newly elected town officials in January 2006. The school lasts for three days at a cost of \$374.00, including hotel. Councilor-Elect Ken Lieberman has requested his attendance at the training school be permitted with reimbursement for the cost. There was no motion made in support of this request.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

Supervisor Ireland stated the Toys for Tots campaign in the Town, which was started by Grace Grenga, resulted in 989 toys being collected. Supervisor Ireland commended the residents of the Town on their support of this project.

## SPAFFORD FOOD PANTRY

Supervisor Ireland requested the residents remember to continue donations to the Spafford Food Pantry after the holiday season. There is a sharp decline in donations during January and February, making it difficult for the Pantry to meet the needs of the families they serve.

## VETERANS' HONOR ROLL

Supervisor Ireland explained the Veterans' Honor Roll hanging in the Town Hall only reaches back to World War II. He has assembled a list of veterans from the Town of Spafford going back to the Revolutionary War.

## RESOLUTION 114-2005

### VETERANS' HONOR ROLL

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 Town Supervisor Ireland is authorized to create an extended Veterans Honor Roll any expenses for this item will be met by the Town.

## VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Supervisor Ireland explained there is a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a sign identifying the Veterans Memorial Park. The grant has a closing date of March 2006.

## RESOLUTION 114-2005

### NORTH CAROLINA GRANITE CONTRACT

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 Town Supervisor Ireland is authorized to enter into a contract with North Carolina Granite for the purchase of an identifying sign for the Veterans' Memorial Park in the Town of Spafford.

## HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### *Truck Repairs*

§ 2000 International out of service November 14, back in service November 30

§ The new payloader had brake problems and was out of service for two weeks in November.

§ 1991 International needed clutch repair in November

§ 2004 International went out of service on November 24, back in service on November 30

§ 1994 Ford 9000 IS was out of service with rear end problems

§ 2004 International went back out of service on December 6 and is still out of service with computer problems

§ A failure in a hydraulic line on November 26 caused the wing on one of the trucks to drop, and it collided with a resident's vehicle. No one was injured. The insurance company has deemed the private vehicle as totaled.

§ The OshKosh is currently out of service with many problems.

### *2004 International*

Highway Superintendent Wiers asked if the Town Board is willing to trade in the 2004 International for a new model. The 2004 has only been on the road 1 ½ times this winter. It has repeatedly experienced computer issues, low power problems and excessive fuel usage. The "lemon law" does not apply to vehicles purchased on State contract. Mr. Wiers also asked if the \$35,000 remaining in the 2005 Highway budget could be held over into the 2006 Highway budget and used to purchase the new model. The warranty on the 2004 International expires in June 2006. The trade in value being offered is \$75,000. The new truck could not be ordered until January 2006 and it would not be delivered until June 2006.

Mr. Chartrand explained three ways the funds could be transferred from the 2005 Highway budget to the 2006 Highway budget:

- 1) The funds can be placed in a reserve account. Expenditure of the funds would require a permissive referendum.
- 2) Authorize the purchase and transfer the funds into the New Equipment line of the 2006 Highway budget.
- 3) Roll the funds into the 2006 surplus and leave the incoming Town Board to allocate the funds for equipment purchase.

There was a discussion of the request. The 2004 International has a new style Cummins motor which has proved troublesome for other area towns as well, including Otisco and Pompey. The Cummins motor in the new machine is patterned after the older style motors that have proved trustworthy; they have been in Town of Spafford trucks in the past and there has been no problems. A Caterpillar motor is an option, with an additional cost of \$6,000.

The excess funds will be rolled into the 2006 surplus.

### TEN YEARS IN REVIEW

Supervisor Ireland offered a review of the some of the many accomplishments of the Spafford Town Board over the past ten years:

- § One Million Dollars received in grants
- § Full Value Assessment
- § Establishment of a Veterans Memorial
- § Upgrading of Highway Equipment
- § Handicapped Accessible Meeting Room for Public Use
- § Addition to the Town Hall
- § Construction of a Cold Storage Barn at the Highway Department
- § Improvements to the Transfer Station (Black Top and Fencing)
- § Removal of Contaminated Soil at Borodino Four Corners
- § Major Restoration Work at Borodino and Spafford Cemeteries
- § Acquisition of Property for Burials at Spafford Cemetery
- § Agreement with SAVES for Ambulance Service
- § Adoption of Local Law #1-1998 – Regulating Drinking in Public Places (Open Container Law)
- § Adoption of Local Law #1-1999 – Nuisance Dog Law
- § Acquisition of \$200,000 in Grants to help the Community Center
- § Acquisition of a \$450,000 Federal Grant and an \$8 Million Interest-Free Loan to Fund the Southern Onondaga Area Water District (in association with the Town of Otisco and the Town of Marcellus)

Supervisor Ireland offered his thanks to all the Board members and others whom he has worked with during his time as the Spafford Town Supervisor.

Councilor Vinzant offered thanks to Supervisor Ireland for his time serving as the Spafford Town Supervisor.

### Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Vinzant, seconded by Councilor Chappell the meeting adjourned at 8:10 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  
January 12, 2006  
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta  
Town Clerk  
Town of Spafford