

TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 7, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Spafford assembled at the Spafford Town Hall, 1984 Route 174, Skaneateles, New York with Supervisor Mary Bean presiding and the following Board members present: Councilor Chris Fesko, Councilor Lou Hanlon, and Councilor Dave Venezia. Councilor Jeff Ireland was absent.

The following Town Officers were present: Town Clerk Lisa Valletta, Town Attorney Scott Chatfield. Planning Board Chair Chad Marsh and Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Kathy Adams. Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers was absent. Supervisor Bean called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Bean explained her intent to seek a new process for developing the Town of Spafford budget; including the preparation of the required Agreement to Spend Highway Funds.

The following items were discussed:

- Preparation of a 2015 Highway project list
- Sharing budget information with all Board members
- Property tax cap – will also be affected by the area school districts
- New procedures for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals and stipend comparison with other towns.
- Sub-account budgeting – potentially done internally.
- Options for recovering engineering and/or attorney fees related to a project.
- Preliminary budget requests from various departments. Supervisor Bean proposes a 1.5% cap on salary increases.
- Revising the Building Permit fee schedule.
- Supervisor Bean recommends the Town develop long term plans for building maintenance, highway equipment and projects, and technology needs.
- The budget structure and State regulations regarding preparation of the budget.

BILLS

On a motion by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Hanlon the following resolution was
 PASSED AYES – 4 Bean, Fesko, Hanlon, Venezia
 NAYS – 0

Resolved to approve payment of the utility bills presented by Accountant Chartrand, (audited abstract totals to be included in September 2014 minutes).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Hanlon. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Next meeting to be held
 Thursday, August 14, 2014 @ 7 p.m.
 @ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
 Town Clerk
 Town of Spafford