

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 Ireland and Councilor Dave Venezia. Councilor Lou Hanlon was absent.

The following Town Officers were present: Highway Superintendent Carl Wiers and Town Clerk Lisa Valletta. Supervisor Bean called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Bean explained this meeting was for discussion with the Highway Advisory Committee (“Committee”). The following Committee members were in attendance: Kathy Adams, Leland Springstead, Luke Dewitt, and Mark Delaney.

Kathy Adams submitted Committee report #2 to the Town Board and Town Clerk, a copy of which will be kept in the Town Clerk’s office.

It is the Committee’s recommendation the Town purchase a new truck for the Highway Department. The rough cost estimate for a new truck is \$265,000. The Town currently has \$150,000 available towards the purchase of a new truck. There is a minimum of six months from order date to delivery of a new truck.

The following topics were discussed during the meeting:

- The \$50,000 grant through Senator DeFrancisco’s office to fund renovations to the Town Hall and Highway Garage.
- Regarding Highway equipment and obtaining a new truck:
 - Specifications that will meet the needs
 - Research purchase versus lease
 - Salt/sand distributors: Rexroth versus Dickeyjohn and how each operates
 - Purchase through the County contract or alternate vendor
 - Town Board members to ride along on a plow route to better understand equipment needs
 - Inability to wash the equipment in the garage, lack of space
- Suggestions for minimizing maintenance cost-per-mile:
 - Evaluate plow routes for possible changes
 - Offer alternate shifts for plow drivers
 - Purchase materials from a gravel yard that can provide washed materials by weight instead of volume
- Planning for the future:
 - Highway Garage
 - Modification versus replacement and how to fund such a project
 - Salt shed
 - If the Highway garage is replaced, use the existing building to store salt?

The following information for the February 12, 2015 Town Board meeting:

- determine the cost of a new truck using Highway Superintendent Wiers recommended specifications
- to compare the benefits of lease versus purchase

The Board further requested the Committee obtain detailed information on the Rexroth salt/sand distributors (specifications, cost, installation on older trucks) and to explore changing the sand/salt ratio used by the Town.

TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 17, 2015

The Board members thanked the Committee members for their time and work. Mr. Dewitt requested time with the Town Board to discuss a personnel matter.

TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

A motion to schedule a Town Board meeting on February 21, 2015 was made by Supervisor Bean, seconded by Councilor Venezia. The meeting will be for further discussion of the sand/salt ratio and material distributors.

MUNICIPAL MULTI-MODAL CAPITAL PROJECT

The NYS Department of Transportation (“NYS DOT”) submitted a Universal Master Municipal Multi-Modal Agreement to the Town of Spafford. Said agreement is needed for bonding opportunities for NYS DOT. Funding of the Bacon Hill Road paving project through the Multi-Modal program is still a possibility. Supervisor Bean signed the agreement and it has been returned to NYS DOT.

RESOLUTION 10-2015

Municipal Solid Waste Delivery Agreement

On a motion by Councilor Venezia, seconded by Councilor Ireland the following resolution was PASSED

AYES – 5

Bean, Ireland, Fesko, Hanlon, Venezia

NAYS – 0

Resolved the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign the Municipal Solid Waste Delivery Agreement with Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency, a copy of which will be kept on file in the Town Clerk’s office.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE

Mr. Wiers reported the telephone for the Highway Garage has not worked in three weeks. Supervisor Bean assured Mr. Wiers the necessary repairs would be made as soon as possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 12:05 p.m. by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Venezia for the Town Board to enter into Executive Session with Luke Dewitt to discuss matters leading to removal of a particular person from a specific post.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to exit the Executive Session and adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Ireland. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Next meeting to be held
Thursday, February 12, 2015 @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford