

TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 11, 2016

The Town Board of the Town of Spafford assembled at the Spafford Town Hall, 1984 Route 174, Skaneateles, New York.

PRESENT: Supervisor Christopher Kozub, Councilor Christine Fesko, and Councilor Luke DeWitt.

ABSENT: Councilor David Venezia and Councilor Cherry Randall.

ALSO PRESENT: Highway Superintendent Eric Fordock, Town Clerk Lisa Valletta, Code Officer Howard Tanner, Accountant Thomas Chartrand and Town Attorney James Gascon.

Supervisor Kozub called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2016 Town Board meetings as submitted was made by Councilor DeWitt, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED: AYES- 3, NAYS- 0.

RESOLUTION 87-2016

Abstract #8 – General & Highway Funds

On a motion by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor DeWitt the following resolution was PASSED. AYES – 3 Kozub, Fesko, DeWitt
NAYS – 0

General Fund Abstract #8 and Highway Fund Abstract #8 are approved. (Audited abstract totals will be reflected in the September 2016 Town Board meeting minutes.)

ABSTRACT #7 – JULY 14, 2016

Audited bills for Abstract #7 were as follows:

General Fund	vouchers 204 – 239	\$ 15,995.60
Highway Fund	vouchers 73 – 95	\$105,263.60

TOWN SUPERVISOR’S REPORT & STATEMENT

The Town Supervisor’s Report & Statement for July 2016 was read by Accountant Thomas Chartrand and filed. A motion to accept the Town Supervisor’s Report for July 2016 was made by Councilor DeWitt, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 3, NAYS – 0.

RESOLUTION 88-2016

July 2016 Bank Reconciliation

On a motion by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor DeWitt the following resolution was PASSED. AYES – 3 Kozub, Fesko, DeWitt
NAYS – 0

Resolved to find a positive audit of the July 2016 bank statement as presented before the Town Board.

BUDGET PLANNING

Tom Chartrand reported the 2017 calculated Tax Cap is 0.6%; the 2016 Cap was 0.74%.

RESOLUTION 89-2016

Budget Work Sessions

On a motion by Supervisor Kozub, seconded by Councilor Fesko the following resolution was

PASSED. AYES – 3 Kozub, Fesko, DeWitt
NAYS – 0

Resolved to schedule 2017 Budget Work sessions for the following 2016 dates: Thursday, September 22; Thursday, September 29; and Thursday, October 13. All sessions will begin at 6 p.m.

HIGHWAY REPORT

- Repairs on the aging fleet are exceeding the budgeted amount for repairs; performing in-house repairs realized a savings of \$11,000. A budget transfer will be considered at the September Town Board meeting.
- Oil and stone work is underway on Allen Gay Road, Bucktail Road and Craig Road.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

A motion to accept the Town Clerk’s Cash Report for July 2016 was made by Supervisor Kozub, seconded by Councilor DeWitt. The motion PASSED. AYES – 3, NAYS – 0.

CODE OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Tanner’s reported on the following activity for July/August 2016:

- Permits Issued
 - 2613 Nunnery Road – deck & gazebo
 - Off Willowdale Road (Finger Lakes Land Trust)– demolition of camp
 - 2434 East Lake Road – pole barn
 - 945 Bacon Hill Road – pole barn
 - Willow Hill Road – pole barn/fence/shed
- Other Items
 - The decommissioning statement from Monolith Solar requires a Town officer’s signature. The statement describes the procedure and conditions for decommissioning of the intended solar garden on East Lake Road; a copy of which is in the property file maintained by the Building Department. As Chief Executive Officer for the Town, Supervisor Kozub will sign the statement.
 - The Planning Board has been dealing with lot line adjustments and sub divisions.
 - The Zoning Board of Appeals has no cases before it.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2170 WILLOWDALE ROAD

A motion was made at 7:17 p.m. by Councilor DeWitt, seconded by Councilor Fesko to open the Public Hearing on the Order of Demolition for 2170 Willowdale Road. The motion PASSED. AYES – 3, NAYS – 0.

Frank Marcheterre, Jr, owner of the specified property, stated the Order to Remedy filed on the property is still in court. Mr. Tanner informed the Board the last four court decisions regarding Mr. Marcheterre’s property have been in the Town’s favor and does not believe the pending court case prevents the Order of Demolition.

Additional comments included:

- There are other properties in similar and worse condition.
- Nearly 20 years of ongoing code violations are in the property file.

Mr. Tanner reviewed the history of the property and noted that Mr. Marcheterre obtained a demolition permit for the property in 2014.

