

Minutes July 5, 2016

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held July 5, 2016 at the Town Hall commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Present: William Carr, Supervisor
Shawn Marriott, Deputy Supervisor
Joan Breslin, Councilmember
Jerry Cunningham, Councilmember
Nick Nahas, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk/Collector

Others Present: Joe van Holsteyn-Highway Superintendent
David Cunningham-Building Inspector
Lois Rockefeller-Building & Code Clerk
Tal Rappleyea-Attorney (8:10)
Aiden O'Connor-Legislator
9 community members

The meeting called to order at 7:30 with the pledge to the flag.

Supervisor Carr believes the engineering company for Dollar General will be submitting the completed subdivision and site plan application packets any day.

Supervisor Carr reported he has been speaking with Code Enforcement Officer Asaro regarding the cleanup of the Wayside Restaurant Fire; the remediation of the site will be quite costly. An estimated \$50-60,000. Supervisor Carr signed a contract for Kaaterskill Engineering to review the site and recommend the cleanup including asbestos abatement; at a cost of \$400.

Councilmember Nahas reminded everyone that the Oak Hill Historic Preservation Committee will hold an information session Saturday July 9 at 10 a.m. with a representative of the NYS Historic Preservation Committee to discuss the proposed Oak Hill Historic District.

Councilmember Breslin motioned to approve the facility use request submitted by the Durham Task Force, for Brandow Park on July 12 motion seconded by Councilmember Marriott all in favor motion carried. (5-yeas Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

Highway Superintendent van Holsteyn reported the 2009 pickup was involved in an accident this past week. The vehicle sustained damage to the wheel and as it is a 4-wheel drive vehicle the insurance company totaled it and sent the town a check for \$16,500.

Hwy Super van Holsteyn received a quick quote for a similar % ton truck for \$31,000 without a plow. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Nahas motioned to authorize Highway Superintendent van Holsteyn to advertise for bids to replace the 2009 pickup and for bids to be opened at the July 19th meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Breslin, all in favor motion carried. (5-yeas

Carr, Breslin, Cumlingham, Nahas, Marriott)

Councilmember Marriott motioned to approve up to \$750 the purchase of an air conditioner for the center office space of the town hall. Motion seconded by Councilmember Nahas, all in favor motion carried. (5-years Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

Legislator O'Connor replied there are four construction firms being interviewed for the Greene County Jail project. The committee is considering brick built and modular type construction that can be expanded as needed. The land that the jail will be built on is in Coxsackie and has been purchased from the State of New York for \$1.00. The public health committee has been meeting with the town supervisors regarding the new survey to obtain information as to which towns are interested in a county wide ambulance service and what the expectations of the service will be. Additionally the committee is continuing to discuss the traffic safety options for the entrance of the Cairo-Durham High School.

Councilmember Cunningham asked if the Greene County IDA has reported to the Legislators the results of their recent survey regarding the proposed water park for exit 21 in Catskill. Legislator O'Connor stated they have not received the results. Councilmember Cunningham wanted to know if there has been a study to determine how this project would affect the Zoom Flume Water Park. Legislator O'Connor stated that the Greene County IDA does not receive funding from the County, however, the County does have legislative authority over the IDA. Councilmember Cunningham stated he is concerned with the impact of this project on the Zoom Flume Water Park as well as the surrounding resorts. Former Supervisor Hulbe shared that this project was originally targeted for New Baltimore and at the public hearings back then many residents spoke against the project.

Additional comments were the desire to see more economic development throughout the county as there is a great deal of development in Coxsackie and Catskill. Understanding that not all towns are viable candidates for development as they do not have public sewer or water it was suggested that the IDA could make recommendations as to what the towns would need to do to become more desirable for expansion.

Councilmember Marriott motioned to enter into executive session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a specific individual. Motion seconded by Councilmember Breslin, all in favor motion carried. (5-years Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

Councilmember Marriott motioned to return from executive session at 9:04 p.m. with no action taken, seconded by Councilmember Breslin all in favor motion carried. (5-years Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

Councilmember Breslin stated she attended the Catskill Creek Water Shed summit. The group will meet twice a year to discuss topics of concern to the Catskill Creek water shed. She added that the Greenville Building Inspector and she were the only two towns represented from the northern end of the Catskill Creek Watershed.

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The board discussed a voucher for the payment of brochures for the Durham Valley Scenic Byway. The Scenic Byway Committee ask the town to pay for half of the cost of printing of the brochures (\$495 is). Discussion followed. Attorney Rappleyea stated he would pay half of the \$495 as he has supplied this project since its inception. Councilmember Marriott motioned to approve the payment of the remaining \$247.50 seconded by Councilmember Nahas. All in favor motion carried. (5-years Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

Members of the board requested more detail regarding the use of the Durham Reading Room. Specifically how many different individuals are using the services.

Councilmember Nahas made a motion and seconded by Councilmember Marriott to adjourn at meeting at 9:21. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted;

Chris Kohrs, Clerk/Collector

