

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held January 6, 2004 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, N.Y.

Present: Gary Hulbert - Supervisor
Robert Elpel - Councilman
Linda Sutton – Councilwoman

Absent: William A. Carr, Jr. – Councilman

Recording Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Deputy Town Clerk
Others Present: Wesley Moore - Highway Superintendent
Tal Rappleyea – Attorney for the Town

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag.
Twelve people were present.

The board discussed meal allowances for training, specifically the request from the court. Mrs. Sutton referred to a resolution from October 1997 stating that a limit of \$50 per day per individual be set. **Mrs. Sutton made a motion that the court training request for NY be approved with the \$50.00 limit for meals per day per individual; seconded by Mr. Elpel with all in favor.**

We are still waiting for a contract from the Schoharie Humane Society. Tal will continue to make the necessary contacts.

Mr. Hulbert suggested that a notice be published in the paper announcing that the board will be seeking input for the public regarding the development and adoption of a noise ordinance. The meetings will be held at the next three workshop sessions, February 3, March 2, and April 6, 2004.

Each individual will be limited to speak for five minutes and the topic will be limited to a one hour discussion inclusive. **Mr. Elpel made the motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton that the notice be published, motion carried.**

Mr. Hulbert suggested that we advertise for a dog enumerator. **Mr. Hulbert made the motion seconded by Mr. Elpel that we advertise for a dog enumerator, paying a flat rate and asking for applicants to respond by February 17, 2004, motion carried.**

Mr. Hulbert made a motion seconded by Mr. Elpel to amend the minutes of the Organizational meeting to show a 2% pay increase for the part-time police department, motion carried.

Mrs. Sutton made a motion seconded by Mr. Elpel to amend the minutes of the Organizational meeting to show a 2% pay increase for the town historian, motion carried.

Mr. Hulbert requested that the minutes of the reorganization meeting be amended to read that Roger Vaughn has agreed to be appointed Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review. **Mrs. Sutton made the motion seconded by Mr. Elpel to amend the minutes to read as requested, motion carried.**

Mr. Serra asked for clarification from the board regarding a parcel of property that he is interested in purchasing. The property is 200' x 200' therefore does not conform to the building law; however, it was deeded prior to the adoption of the law and should be grandfathered. The board conferred with Mr. Rappleyea on this issue and it was his interpretation that the parcel was grandfathered and this status transfers with each owner. Mr. Rappleyea pointed out that the property still needs to meet the rest of the building code requirements, such as set backs and spacing of septic and well.

Mr. Hulbert made the motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton with all in favor to approve the following transfers:

From:	FEMA Reimb	General Surplus	\$555.00
To:	A5010.101	HWY Super-Secretary	\$555.00
From:	A3120.400	Police Equipment	\$667.60
To:	A3120.101	Police Per Ser PT	\$667.60

Abstract #324, consisting of Vouchers #971 through #983 in the amount of \$16,034.33 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total amount was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$ 74.00
Trust & Agency	\$15,960.33

Mr. Elpel made a motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk