

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held July 20, 2004 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, N.Y.

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

Absent: William A. Carr, Jr. – Councilman

Recording Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Deputy Town Clerk
Others Present: Wesley Moore - Highway Superintendent
Tal Rapplelea – Attorney for the Town
Charles G. Soderblom – Town Clerk
Al Schmidt – Code Enforcement Officer

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag. Twenty-four people were present.

Mr. Elpel made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 1 and June 15, 2004. Mrs. Sutton seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Hulbert received correspondence:

- *That the Republican Caucus is July 27 at 8:00 pm at the town hall.
- *There will be a public input meeting on August 3 at 7:00 pm in the town hall concerning main street revitalization.
- *There will a public town board informational meeting and the guest will be Greene County Dept. of Planning and Economic Development, at August 10 at 7:00 pm.
- *The Town has received a grant from the NYS Archives for the record room for \$5743 and Mr. Hulbert acknowledged Cindy and Chrissy for their work in applying for this grant. Mr. Hulbert just received notice that the police departments grant was approved for \$6667 to be used for training and equipment.

Wesley Moore read the Highway Superintendents Report for June. They hauled in approximately 1450 tons of Item #4 for road work on Allen Teator Road and the upper end of Hervey Street. They used 4500 gallons of MC-70 prime oil and covered it with crushed stone and the next day they used two coats of MC-3000 and crushed stone. They paved Brown Road and used 31,375 gallons of CRS-2 Oil and approximately 2000 tons of #1 crushed stone along with renting a paver with 2 operators and also a roller for a total of 15 hours. This was done through the County Contracts. The gravel from Molters is stockpiled in the Town yard for shoulder material on Brown Road. He was tentatively going to oil and stone Goff and Carole Road, but doesn't believe he will be able to. Louie German retired and he was Deputy Highway Superintendents, Wes would like to put Alan Beechert in as Deputy. **Mr. Elpel made a motion to appoint Alan Beechert**

as Deputy Highway Superintendent and seconded by Mrs. Sutton. All were in favor.

Al Schmidt read the Building Inspectors Report. They issued 26 building permits for July. Since the beginning of the year they have issued 181 permits. In 2003 they issued 136 permits for the whole year. They issued 45 CO's for this year and issued 4 violations last month and 1 court appearance ticket.

The judges report was filed.

The police report was read. There were 41 complaints.

Tal Rappleyea, Attorney, reported that he has faxed the notes outlining use restrictions to the attorney for the Neuburg subdivision.

There was no Dog Control Report.

Charlie Soderblom, Tax Collector, reported that there are 167 parcels still not paid. \$278,577 is still outstanding. The books will be turned into the County on August 5.

There was no Task Force Report.

There was no Historical Report.

Ken Dudley reported that the Irish Cultural and Sports Center just completed their 10th Irish Arts Week with the most successful with 460 students from all over the world. They are waiting for a grant for \$750,000 and were notified of a \$500,000 grant that has been awarded. They have acquired the Becker Site. They made the Becker building a separate corporation to protect the Cultural Center. Last fall they received \$50,000 of the \$500,000 which enabled them to clean out the Becker building and see what it will cost to refurbish it and requested 3 million and got the \$500,000. First they want to clean the outside and make it more presentable and secure the roof. Congressmen Sweeney and Congressmen Walsh helped secure the federal monies.

The Irish Village Project has spent about \$100,000 to develop a plan to identify what that would be. People went to Ireland and evaluated all periods of time to see what they wanted to interrupt. They will have an Irish village that will depict life as it was in Ireland between 1860-1870. The second building will be a replica of the birth home of Gov. Pataki's mother. Mr. Hulbert asked if they would be keeping all of the buildings on the Becker site. Mr. Dudley said that the one building still holds a pumping station that DEC is monitoring and will be for 3 to 7 years. The pollution that is in the ground is stuck to rocks. When they pump it up it hits the air and evaporates. A question was asked what impact the Greene County Fair which is being held at the Irish Center would be. Mr. Dudley said it is being leased to them and they are expecting 10-12,000 people. He hoped it would be positive for the town and bring more people to the Center. They are looking to lease the grounds when they are not using them. Mr. Schmidt asked if

there was a rodeo scheduled for this year. Mr. Dudley thought it was scheduled for October. They are building a memorial for the Fire, Police and EMS and had thought it would cost about \$350,000. The bid came back at \$900,000. Mr. Dudley wanted to build something with the money they had, but Sonny Hall, the international president of transport workers union wanted to continue. Michael Quill was the founder of this union. They have helped raise close to a million dollars.

Al Schmidt, Code Enforcement Officer, asked the board to vote on the demolish of the Fabbri house. Mr. Nahas asked if the town could look into ways to force the sale as it is in the estate. Tal said that the town could exercise eminent domain. This is an option since there were potential buyers. Mr. Hulbert recommended the board vote to have the Fabbri home put out for bid for demolish in the hopes that the brothers will agree to sell before that happens. **Ms. Wood made a motion and seconded by Mr. Elpel to put the Fabbri home out for demolish bid. All were in favor.**

The Hull subdivision was brought to the board.

Mr. Elpel made the motion seconded by Ms. Wood to approve the following transfers:

From:	Contingent A1990.400	\$214.94
To:	Court Contractual A1110.400	\$214.94
From:	Sealing DA5112-1.231	\$4862.58
To:	Hwy – Teator Rd DA5112-1.251	\$4862.58

Abstract #413, consisting of Vouchers #563 through #625 for \$140,452.32 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total amount was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$ 26,023.90
Highway Funds	\$113,939.75
Street Lighting	\$ 488.67

Ms. Wood made the motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.
Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk