

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held August 16, 2005 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, N.Y.

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

Absent: Jodi Wood - Councilwoman
William Carr - Councilman

Recording Secretary: Charles Soderblom - Town Clerk

Others Present: Wesley Moore – Highway Superintendent
Guenther Ohm – Legislator

The Supervisor called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:35PM. There were 27 people present.

The Supervisor requested a motion to approve the minutes of July 5, July 19, and July 25. Mrs. Sutton said that there was a correction to be made to the minutes of July 25. She said that she did not make the motion to approve the application – Ms. Wood made it. **Mr. Elpel then made a motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 19, and 25th with the above correction. Mrs. Sutton seconded the motion and it carried.**

Mr. Hulbert said that he is still receiving a few questionnaires back every day. Mr. Hulbert called about the Quality Community Grant that the Town applied for in February and they said the grant was to be given out at the end of August or early September. He also checked on the TA Grant, which had a few pieces of paperwork missing and he submitted them. The maximum grant was \$25,000 and they are reducing that to \$11,000.

The ALS has reported that the fee will be \$444 per call in 2006 based on last years calls.

Durham's equalization rate is 85.5% and Cairo is 87%. A reval is scheduled for 2006.

Legislator Ohm reported that the sales tax revenue is about projections. About four months ago the Chairman of the Legislature appointed a special committee to look at the grade steps for CSEA employees. The committee had CSEA employees fill out a questionnaire. After this study, the committee recommended that 22 titles be upgraded and the remaining employees stayed where they were, based on the answers to the questionnaires. Mr. Ohm said he could not support these methods of evaluation that will come up for a full legislative vote Wednesday.

Wesley Moore gave the Highway Superintendents Report for July. The summer Chips work has been completed. They used 555 tons of blacktop for Cunningham and Cochrane Roads. They also used 32 tons to line a ditch on Stone Bridge Road. They

oiled and stoned Moore Road. The paperwork for the Chips program for 2005 has been completed and submitted. Wes expects about \$98,000 in reimbursement. Wes requested authority to sell the 1997 Chevy Pickup with 8' Fisher snowplow with a minimum bid of \$2,000 and he would like to order a 2006 Dodge ½ ton 4x4 pickup under State Contract. The price is \$16,217. He has accumulated \$15,446 from selling old equipment toward the new pickup. It is now time to advertise for bids for snow sand. He needs about 3500 tons of sand and 450 tons of road salt. The salt is under State Contract. He asked that the bids for the sale of the truck and the purchase of sand be scheduled for opening on September 20. **Mrs. Sutton made a motion which Mr. Elpel seconded to advertise for the purchase of sand and to sell the 1997 Chevy Pickup. All were in favor and the motion carried.**

RESOLUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW 2005 DODGE RAM PICKUP TRUCK

Councilman Elpel then offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Durham has need of a pickup truck; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has advertised and has selected Albany Dodge as the lowest responsible bidder with a bid of \$16,217.00 based on 2005 NYS contract #PC60922 item #8b.

WHEREAS, this bid is available for the Town to purchase said pickup;

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Durham does hereby purchase said 2005 Dodge Ram 1500 Regular Cab 2 door 4x4 1/2 ton P/U truck with, mud flaps & bed mat.

Seconded by Councilwoman Sutton.

Ayes:	3	Elpel, Sutton and Hulbert
Noes:	0	
Absent:	2	Carr, Wood

The motion carried.

Wes sad that he has turned in approximately \$33,000 in FEMA paperwork and expects a check for that amount in about 2 weeks. He still needs to file for another \$18,000.

Al Schmidt, Building Inspector issued 19 permits and 1 violation. The Fabbri house has been put out for bid for demolition with bids opening on September 20. He had issued an

appearance ticket for Mr. Fabbri, but he did not show up. Al spoke to Mr. Peretti from Oak Hill and they will take care of their property.

The Judges report was filed.

Charlie Soderblom, Tax Collector, reported that the tax books were turned over to the County on August 3. The total paid to the town was \$1,482,394.73 and \$924,925.01 to the County.

Mr. Cullie reported that the Task Force did not meet in July and will not in August. The next meeting will be September 26 at 7:30 pm at the East Durham Firehouse.

Mr. Cullie received an application for the Historical Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Town of Durham for the demolition of the Fabbri buildings. The Historical Commission discussed it and then he received more information. In 1997 Rudy Fabbri was the administrator of the estate. Therefore, the town can not apply for an administrator. The Commission will meet again to discuss this new info.

Ernest Hempstead completed a subdivision in December of 2000 which was approved by the board and signed. The plans were lost and never filed, therefore a new set of plans have been signed. **Mrs. Sutton made a motion to approve the re-signing of the plans for the Ernest Hempstead subdivision which Mr. Elpel seconded. All were in favor.**

An East Durham Fire Company member reported that the members are now in the process of putting up the 911 signs.

East Durham Fire Company has also ordered a new truck that they are paying for themselves.

Mrs. Sutton made the motion seconded by Mr. Elpel to approve the following transfers.

From:	A1990.400 Contingent	\$1,000.00
To:	A1670.400 Central Printing (Copier)	
From:	A3120.126 Police, Per Svc	\$1,000.00
To:	A3120.400 Police, Contractual	
From:	A1990.400 Contingent	\$6,711.23
To:	A8020.400 Planning	

Abstract #516, consisting of 2005 Vouchers #699 through #738 for \$76,329.51 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$ 20,042.72
Highway Funds	\$ 55,746.11
Street Lighting	\$ 540.68

Minutes approved:

Charles G. Soderblom, Town Clerk