

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held December 20, 2005 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, N.Y.

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

Recording Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Deputy Town Clerk
 Charles G. Soderblom - Town Clerk

Others Present: Wesley Moore – Highway Superintendent
 Guenther Ohm- Greene County Legislator

Absent: Tal Rappleyea – Town Attorney

The Supervisor called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:30 PM. Twenty people were present.

Mr. Elpel made a motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton to approve the minutes of November 1 and November 15. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Hulbert received correspondence from Cairo-Durham Central School District for \$61.05 for mileage for two buses which were used to transport students to the Oak Hill Durham Firehouse during Fire Prevention week. The town will be reimbursed from the fire companies.

Also, correspondence was received from New York State Ag and Markets that they are giving the towns an option for multi-year licenses. The Town of Durham uses the annual license now, and has decided to stay with the one year renewal.

County Legislator, Mr. Ohm, reported that Wednesday is the last meeting of 2005 for the Legislature and all the final bills will be paid.

Wesley Moore read the Highway Superintendents Report for November. The men have used 1420 tons of sand and salt and 1200 gallons of calcium during the last six storms and one ice storm. They have been without the 1999 Ford F550 for about three weeks. This is the fourth time for transmission trouble and it is at Catskill Transmission being repaired again. Wesley asked them to repair it as cheap as possible, as it is developing other problems. It should cost about \$2800. The 2001 Tandem also broke down at the beginning of the winter needing an injector, another truck needed a new drive shaft. Today Wes wanted to haul in sand from Carver and sent two dump trucks, one truck is now at Southworth with an injector problem.

Al Schmidt reported that his department issued 15 building permits and one violation and one court ticket, along with five certificates of occupancy and five certificates of compliance.

Judges Report was filed.

Mr. Sutton reported that there were 36 complaints, 4 accidents, 1 DWI and 1 burglary. Due to deer season there were a few conservation arrests.

Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea, is completing the final details for the road bond for Parmiter Road.

The County is increasing the 2006 Senior Tax Exemption to \$17,500 to the maximum of \$25,899.99. **Mrs. Sutton made a motion and seconded by Ms. Wood to increase the 2006 Senior Tax Exemption to \$17,500, the increase is \$1,000. All were in favor and the motion carried.**

Wesley proposed to update the Highway Specifications. He added that fabricated geotextile be used for road stabilization and “motor paved” was changed to blacktop. The board approved the changes.

Attorney Rappleyea checked the McCafferty subdivision. There are six lots and all have access from McCafferty Road. Tal will review and report back to the board at the next meeting.

Tal checked and both Byrne and Flanagan will have to submit a minor subdivision.

Previously, Alanna McKiernan and Bernadette Gavin worked under the Durham Task Force, but have since decided to form their own corporation, The Durham Valley Planners, Inc. a N.Y. not for profit corporation.

Dr. Goldstein is working on updating the scenic road to full by ways statistics. The government has extended the deadline for submitting the proposal to January 31. He will need the town, in January, to formally support this and a political ally at both the State and Federal level. This will be a grant to provide for developing the corridor management plan. To go from our lowest level of scenic highway designation to achieve a full by ways designation you have to have a corridor management plan to get the full benefits of the funding.

Also, Dr. Goldstein spoke about the Table Top Exercise that was held on December 1. All agencies were present except Oak Hill Fire Department. They learned how to do the exercise better. They need to still work on leadership and command when there are a lot of agencies involved. They need more people at leadership level to obtain Incident Command Training. Dr. Goldstein wondered if there was room for cross training, as people are pulled from one job to another. Another exercise is planned in six months.

Dr. Goldstein looked at the data from Nan and is working on some of the analysis for her and found there is a wealth of usable data. He was surprised with the number of people who feel the planning process is needed. He would like to work with anyone who wants

to discuss results and analyze the findings. They had talked about a community committee. They will check with the Durham Valley Land Trust, someone from the hamlets, and someone from the Durham Community Planners, Inc. They could discuss together and then meet with Nan. Nan will be here January 17.

Mr. Carr made a motion and Mrs. Sutton seconded to approve the transfers. All were in favor and the motion carried.

FROM:		GENERAL SURPLUS	\$ 102.00
TO:	A1220.400	SUPERVISOR CONTRACTUAL	
FROM:		GENERAL SURPLUS	\$ 1,906.00
TO:	A1420.400	LAW, CONTRACTUAL	
FROM:		GENERAL SURPLUS	\$ 100.00
TO:	A1670.400	CENTRAL PRINTING	
FROM:	A1680.404	COMPUTER CONTRACTUAL	\$ 200.00
TO:	A1680.204	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	
FROM:		GENERAL SURPLUS	\$ 645.00
TO:	A3120.400	POLICE, CONTRACTUAL	
FROM:		GENERAL SURPLUS	\$ 50.00
TO:	A5010.400	HWY SUPER, CONTRACTUAL	
FROM:	A5132.208	GARAGE, CAPITAL	\$ 3,000.00
TO:	A5132.400	GARAGE, CONTRACTUAL	
FROM:		GENERAL SURPLUS	\$ 500.00
TO:	A8020.400	PLANNING, CONTRACTUAL	
FROM:		HIGHWAY SURPLUS	\$ 5,700.00
TO:	DA5130.400	MACHINERY CONTRACTUAL	
FROM:		HIGHWAY SURPLUS	\$ 7,300.00
TO:	DA5142.400	SNOW, CONTRACTUAL	
FROM:		HIGHWAY SURPLUS	\$ 25.00
TO:	DA9089.803	UNIFORM MAINT	
FROM:		HIGHWAY SURPLUS	\$ 320.00
TO:	DA9089.805	DENTAL, INSURANCE	
FROM:		LIGHTING SURPLUS	\$ 593.00
TO:	SL5182.25	EAST DURHAM #1	\$ 195.00
TO:	SL5182.26	EAST DURHAM #2	\$ 195.00
TO:	SL5182.27	DURHAM	\$ 68.00
TO:	SL5182.28	OAK HILL	\$ 135.00

Abstract #523, consisting of 2005 Vouchers #993 through #1007 for \$20,263.03 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

Trust & Agency	\$ 19,807.27
General Funds	\$ 420.81
Highway Funds	\$ 34.95

Abstract #524, consisting of 2005 Vouchers #1008 through #1080 for \$95,024.66 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$ 39,814.69
Highway Funds	\$ 54,619.44
Street Lighting	\$ 590.53

Supervisor paid the bills

Mrs. Sutton made a motion and seconded by Mr. Elpel to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 8:45. All were in favor.

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting back to order at 9:20. Mrs. Sutton made a motion and seconded by Ms. Wood to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk