

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held April 18, 2006 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, NY.

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

**Absent:** Jodi Wood – Councilwoman  
William Carr – Councilman

**Recording Secretary** Chris Kohrs –Deputy Clerk

**Others Present:** Tal Rappleyea – Town Attorney  
Charles Soderblom – Town Clerk  
Wes Moore – Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. There were 33 people present.

Sally Sharkey and Christine Natoli presented the proposed 2006-2007 school budget. The estimated tax levy will be 8.8%. Mrs. Sharkey commended her administrators on presenting a responsible budget. They have trimmed areas as best as they can and still provide a quality education service to our community. The majority of the budget is due to salary contracts, health care costs, rising fuel costs and unfunded mandates. Should the budget not pass we would see all extra curricular activities and field trips eliminated, sports eliminated, 10-13 teaching positions cut – increasing class sizes, reduction in support staff and no late busses. The contingency budget would be an estimated tax levy of 4.16%.

Highway Superintendent Moore reported that the highway crew has begun the spring roadwork repairing soft sections on Decker Lane, Rockwell Road and Cunningham Road. The black top roads will all be swept with a road sweeper rented from Anderson Equipment by the end of this week. A couple of small snow squalls had the crews sanding the roads using approximately 250 tons of sand.

Building Inspector Cunningham reported issuing two certifications, twelve building permits, one septic permit, and one violation, three certificates of occupancy and one certificate of compliance.

The board received the report of the judges’.

There was no report from the police department.

Attorney Rappleyea reported that the Veteran’s exemption is filed with the state and he is continuing work on the proposed subdivisions.

Tax collector Soderblom reported 80% of the tax levy has been paid. There is \$572,468.95 unpaid to date.

Code Enforcer Schmidt reported that he has issued one violation. He will run an ad in the newspaper requesting that residents clean up their properties in accordance with the junk ordinance by May 22.

The board reviewed the proposed subdivision of Caccavale on County Route 20 in the village of Durham. The drawings show the existing driveway with lot 2. Lot 1 has adequate road frontage. A public hearing is scheduled for May 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Hulbert received board approval to research credit cards for the court system.

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

<b>FROM:</b>	A1110.400	Court Contractual	\$	25.00
<b>TO:</b>	A1110.200	Court Equipment		
<b>FROM:</b>	A1680.404	Computer Contractual	\$	10.00
<b>TO:</b>	A1680.405	Fax Contractual		
<b>FROM:</b>	A1990.400	Contingent	\$	100.00
<b>TO:</b>	A3310.400	Signage		
<b>FROM:</b>	A1990.400	Contingent	\$	2,700.00
<b>TO:</b>	A8020.400	Planning, Contractual		

Abstract #606, consisting of 2006 Vouchers #304 through #316 for \$14,756.89 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

Trust & Agency	\$	15,666.46
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Abstract #607, consisting of 2006 Vouchers #318 through #385 for \$51,312.48 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$	21,847.68
Highway Funds	\$	28,933.21
Street Lighting	\$	531.59

Supervisor Hulbert announced that copies of the “draft” comprehensive plan would be available at the post offices within the town, as well as the town hall. A meeting date for community comments will be announced shortly.

Mrs. Lanzilotta asked the board to check with the county regarding the status of the bridge on Hervey Sunside Road. With the bridge closed, it is forcing the residents to but additional miles on their vehicles. With fuel prices, soaring towards \$4.00 per gallon it is becoming a real concern.

**Mrs. Sutton made the motion seconded by Mr. Elpel to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.**

**Minutes approved:**