

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held June 20, at the Town Building in Oak Hill, NY.

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

Absent: Jodi Wood – Councilwoman

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 7:30 PM. There were 17 people present.

Mr. Elpel made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2 and May 16. Mr. Carr seconded and all were in favor.

Mr. Hulbert received correspondence from Fraser Associates. The next meeting will be July 12 at 7 PM at the town hall and July 19 at the East Durham Fire House at 6 PM for a walk through the town with a meeting to follow at 7 PM.

Greene County Legislator, Guenther Ohm spoke on the Greene County Comprehensive Plan. A preliminary report shows that the government in Greene County is the largest employer at 30% of all jobs and the second finding was that tourism remains a critical part of the Greene County economy. A large percentage, 42% of Greene County residents, work outside the County, which suggests that sufficient job opportunities are not available locally. 60% of all the manufacturing jobs in Greene County are filled by residents. Greene County school districts, on the average, fair better than NY State averages. The Greene County Sales Tax Revenue exceeds the forecast and expects the next property tax bill should decrease.

Wesley Moore read the Highway Superintendents Report for May. The men have been working on Mansard Road, Brown Road and Clay Hill Road. They dug out the road base and then filled and blacktopped along with Carver. They also worked on Cunningham Road, Cochrane Road, Hervey Street and Rockwell Road to cover the rough sections. The material from Callanan will be used for pothole repairs on the dirt roads when we have time.

David Cunningham read the Building Inspectors Report. He issued 15 permits, 1 demolition, 6 CO's and 2 Certificate of Compliances.

The judge's report was received.

Mr. Sutton reported that the police had 41 complaints, three accidents, three 911's, one criminal mischief and nine total arrests.

Attorney Rappleyea has been reviewing all the documents that were presented to the board from Good Tidings. He also has been working on the approval resolution for the wireless internet. In addition, he put together information on taking over inactive cemeteries.

Charles Soderblom reported that there is only \$403,236.32 outstanding in tax money. The tax books will be turned over to the County in August.

Mr. Hulbert had a bill presented by Irene Lanzilotta from Downtown Decorations. Ten sets of brackets were purchased to replace those damaged by windstorms. **Mr. Carr made a motion to approve the payment of \$484.97 for the 10 bracket repairs and seconded by Mrs. Sutton. All were in favor and the motion carried.**

Discussion on the Cirillo Site Plan Review application was postponed until next meeting.

Mr. Hulbert reported there was a good turnout at the workshop with Fraser on the East Durham Main Street Project. He was asked if the town was going to put in for the DOT Main Street Enhancement Program Grant. He presented it to the board. Fraser will do the grant for \$2960 and must be in by the end of June. They estimate the project at a million and the towns' portion will have to come under capital improvement. **Mr. Carr made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Sutton to approve Fraser filling the paperwork for the DOT Main Street Enhancement Grant. All were in favor and the motion carried.**

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING DURHAM TOWN SUPERVISOR GARY HULBERT AND THE DURHAM TOWN BOARD TO SUBMIT A 2006 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS PROGRAM(TEP) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS TO ENHANCE THE BUSINESS AND TOURISM CORRIDOR OF STATE ROUTE 145 IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM, GREENE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Introduced by Mr. Carr.

WHEREAS, The Town Board of Durham will submit to the NYS Department of Transportation an application for 2006 TEP grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Requested funding will be used for pedestrian travel, safety, and other related parking and streetscape improvements in an effort to promote better and safer access to corridor business and cultural establishments; and

WHEREAS, This section of State Route 145 in the Town is the main location for business and industry in Durham, and the site of the Michael J. Quill Irish Cultural and

Sports Centre, Inc. which holds periodic Irish cultural events annually and offers facilities for organized public events; and

WHEREAS, In an effort then to develop this corridor in the interest of public pedestrian safety, arts and cultural development, business and economic development, environmental protection, and historic preservation, this location is ripe with opportunity to promote the Town of Durham while at the same time implement critically needed public pedestrian safety initiatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board of the Town of Durham hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to prepare and submit a TEP grant application to the NYS Department of Transportation on or before June 30, 2006 and hire the firm of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, PE, LS, LA, P.C. of Rensselaer, New York to assist the Town with the preparation of the grant application.

Seconded by Mrs. Sutton

Voting was as follows:

Ayes: Carr, Elpel, Hulbert, Sutton Noes: 0, Absent: Wood

The board discussed the direction of the Dr. Goldstein's work for the National Byways Highway Designation and the offer of the Durham Valley Trust to assist the town in seeking funding to purchase conservation easements for view shed preservation within the Town of Durham. It was explained that should we be successful those who are identified as potential candidates for the easements would only participate if they want to. That the property owners could have conditions place in the easement language and the easements would go into perpetuity. The board was cautioned to consider how this could effect future development throughout the town and individuals perception of negative impact on the view shed.

Brenda Cashman asked the board to reconsider her application for a variance to construct a garage on her property in the village of Durham. The board tabled any decision until the Building Inspector can meet with Ms. Cashman to measure the property in accordance with the deed and survey to verify that the present buildings are within the property lines.

Mrs. Sutton brought to the board's attention a situation where a resident picked up dogs in the town of Cairo and brought them to the Town of Durham then called our dog warden to pick them up. Mr. Tripp transported the dogs to Columbia-Greene Humane Society, as that is whom Cairo has a contract. Mr. Hulbert will check into and report to the board.

Mr. Carr the motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton to approve the following transfers:

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| FROM: | A1680.404 | Data Processing Computer | \$ | 25.00 |
| TO: | A1680.405 | Data Processing Fax | | |
| FROM: | A1990.400 | Contingent | \$ | 3,000.00 |
| TO: | A7110.40 | Parks, Contractual | | |

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| FROM: | Gen Surplus | \$ 5,000.00 |
| TO: | A8020.400 Planning, Contractual | |

Abstract #610, consisting of 2006 Vouchers #455 through #470 for \$19,525.71 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

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| Trust & Agency | \$ 19,525.71 |
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Abstract #611, consisting of 2006 Vouchers #471 through #531 for \$131,376.68 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

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| General Funds | \$ 23,337.89 |
| Highway Funds | \$ 107,498.01 |
| Street Lighting | \$ 540.78 |

Mrs. Sutton made the motion seconded by Mr. Elpel to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk