

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held August 19, 2008 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, NY.

Present: Gary Hulbert - Supervisor
Linda Sutton – Councilperson
Jodi Wood – Councilperson
William Carr – Councilperson
Jerry Cunningham – Councilperson

Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Town Clerk

Others: Tal Rappleyea-Town Attorney

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Fourteen people were present.

Highway Superintendent Moore reported the men used the blacktop from Carvers on several projects, repairing shoulders on several of our roads and patching a rough section of Cochrane Rd. using 107.41 tons and 71.43 tons on the intersection of McCafferty at St Rt. 81.

The crush stone from Carvers and the oil from Peckham Material along with a paver from Peckham the highway crew repaved the Town yard two weeks ago. The men first removed all the old pavement and graded the yard to run the rainwater away from the town building. The new pavement thickness is 4" - old pavement was 3".

Five thousand gallons of liquid calcium was used for dust control on our dirt roads in early July. The crew has also taken down more dead trees around town and replaced a few culverts. Carvers hauled in the last of the 1000 yards of snow sand ordered last week.

Supervisor Hulbert read the report from the following report from the building report. The following permits issued two septic, three structures, four addition/alterations and one deck.

Tax Collector reported tax collection by the town is complete and the books were turned over to the county treasurer August 13.

Report of the Judges was received.

Attorney Rappleyea stated no updates as of this time.

Mr. Carr motioned to approve a request from the court to add caller id to their phone. Ms. Wood seconded motion. All were in favor the motion carried.

Ms. Wood motioned to approve a request from the court for Judge Kennedy and clerk Hull to attend a training session in Niagara Falls, January 21-24. Mrs. Sutton seconded the motion; all were in favor motion carried.

Tim O'Donnell addressed the board and the audience regarding the progress of a proposed cell tower at 44 McCafferty Road. There will be a balloon float on August 26

and September 2 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with a rain/wind date the following day. The tower company will publish the notice in the paper and contact the abutting property owners. The proposed tower is 90' extendable to 120 feet. A study has been performed and it has been determined that 100' vs. 180' tower would not again significant increase in coverage. Two additional sites in consideration are the Moore property on Saybrook Valley Road and Blackthorne Resort.

Mr. Carr motioned to authorize Attorney Rappleyea contract CT Male as RFD consultant for the town in this matter. Seconded by Mrs. Sutton; all were in favor motion carried.

Mr. O'Donnell requested a quote so his company could raise the money necessary for the escrow.

Ruth Gutman with the Rip Van Winkle Tobacco Free coalition of Greene & Columbia Counties presented her request that the board consider posting their parks as smoke free environments especially around the playground and areas that the children typically play. Discussion followed not action was taken.

The board discussed the variance application from the Zoom Flume for the alarm on the proposed wave pool. Attorney Rappleyea explained he is waiting for Mr. Aragona to get back to as he may have found an alarm that will conform to the requirement. Mrs. Sutton speaking on behalf of the neighbors of the Zoom Flume requested that they each receive a copy of the SEQR impact statement previously completed.

Mary Lou Nahas reported that each of the Stone Arch Bridges in the town have been named to the National Historic Preservation Registry. This designation will help to secure funding opportunities to aide in their restoration. She also offered to assist with this when the town is ready to proceed.

Ms. Wood suggested the board obtain a list of requirements for the Town Health Officer and look into finding a replacement for the vacancy left when Dr. Goldstein resigned.

Elsie Allan, Town of Durham Republican Chairperson announced there would be a caucus Tuesday, August 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Carr motioned to obtain estimates to replace the windows in the meeting hall seconded by Ms. Wood. All were in favor motion carried.

Mrs. Sutton motioned to approve the following transfers, seconded by Mr. Carr all were in favor motion carried.

FROM:	A1990.400	Contingent	\$ (5,000.00)
TO:	A1220.400	Supervisor, Contractual	\$5,000.00
FROM:	A1990.400	Contingent	\$ (200.00)
TO:	A5010.400	Superintendent, Contractual	\$ 200.00
FROM:	A5132.208	Salt Bldg-Capital	\$ (25,000.00)
FROM:		General Surplus	\$ (4,274.00)
TO:	A5132.207	Other Cap. Improvement	\$ 29,274.00
FROM:		Hwy Surplus	\$ (4,000.00)

TO: DA5130.400 Hwy Machinery, Contractual \$ 4,000.00

Abstract #814, consisting of 2008 Vouchers #623 through #637 for \$20,981.20 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$ 6,051.49
Trust & Agency	\$ 14,929.71

Abstract #815, consisting of 2008 Vouchers #638 through #702 for \$98,466.02 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$ 53,535.91
Highway Funds	\$ 44,208.48
Street Lighting	\$ 721.63

Mrs. Sutton motioned to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. seconded by Mr. Carr.

Minutes Approved:

Chris Kohrs
Town Clerk