

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held March 17, 2009 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, NY.

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

Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Town Clerk

Others: Tal Rappleyea - Attorney
Wes Moore – Highway Superintendent
David Cunningham – Building Inspector

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with fifteen people in attendance.

Rick Vanderbeck, President of the Durham Ambulance Squad reported the squad is now doing their billing with an average turn around of 60 days from billing to payment. They are reviewing a plan to incentivize the members for calls ran. The membership is committed to providing quality service on each call they run. They are trying to increase their membership to cover all the calls. Their next meeting will be April 7 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Carr and Mr. Cunningham will try to attend.

Mrs. Sutton motioned to approve the minutes of February 3, 17 & 24, seconded by Ms. Wood. All were in favor motion carried. (Hulbert-yea, Sutton-yea, Cunningham-yea, Carr-yea, Wood-yea)

Highway Superintendent Moore gave the following report. They handled three snow and ice storms and a few snow squalls that required the crew to scrape and sand our town roads. The mess used approximately 1000 tons of sand and salt mixed. Winter materials became low so they hauled in additional sand and 74.87 tons of salt. The cylinder sleeve in motor of the 1979 Walters Snowplow gave out. An engine kit was purchased from Ben Funk and Alan and Joe rebuilt it. The Oshkosh came to the rescue while the Walters was being repaired.

They've hauled in 931.35 tons of crusher run to repair soft sections on the dirt roads, and are hauling in #1 stone to prepare for summer roadwork.

Mr. Cunningham motioned to approve the three-day Highway training school in June for Deputy Superintendent Beechert, seconded by Mr. Carr. All were in favor motion carried. (Hulbert-yea, Sutton-yea, Cunningham-yea, Carr-yea, Wood-yea)

The board received the report from the Justices.

Building Inspector Cunningham reported working on the following: two site plan reviews, one certification, four building permits (stove, deck, 2- addition/alteration), one certificate of compliance and one certificate of occupancy.

Attorney Rapplelea report the NYS DOT will have a representatives at the April 7 meeting to review the scheduled culvert project on State Route 145 in the hamlet of East Durham between Mooney’s and Furlong’s.

The Ag and Open Space committee will meet Thursday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Keith Abrams of Green in Greene appeared on behalf of Tony and Vicki Perzanowski. The Perzanowski’s wish to erect a residential Wind Turbine on their property S/B/L 64.00-3-16, 149 Morrison Road, 2.4 kw 50’ high mono pole. The tower is rated to withstand 145’ mph wind heads, the unit is fully self-contained and due to the curved design of the blades, it constantly is in the wind and is very quite. As the height maximum on a building is 35’, a variance is required for the construction. Additional discussion followed.

Mr. Cunningham motioned to approve Variance VP2009-02 for Anthony Perzanowski, located at 149 Morrison Road, S/B/L 64.00-3-16 for construction of a 50’ high wind turbine (residential use) 2.4 kw, estimated cost \$17,000, contractor Keith Abrams, must maintain 1-1/2 times the height set back from property lines, public road and utility service. Motion seconded by Mr. Carr, all were in favor motion carried. (Hulbert-yea, Sutton-yea, Cunningham-yea, Carr-yea, Wood-yea)

The board reviewed Site Plan Review application SPR09-03 for Erin’s Melody, they wish to take the existing bar and convert it to three apartments with full kitchen and bath. They intend to rent the units by the week. Discussion followed. The board directed the applicant to obtain engineered drawings so they can properly review the entire project. Supervisor Hulbert asked Code Enforcement Officer from Greenville, Larry Cooke to review the drawing with Building Inspector Cunningham once received. The board will review at the April 7 meeting.

The board received the requested information from the Michael J Quill Irish Cultural and Sports Center regarding the Mass Gathering Permit MGP2009-01 for May 23 & 24. An additional question was raised as to whether the camping is for vendors only or would be extended to those in attendance? Town Clerk Kohrs will contact MJQIC&SC.

Only one applicant has applied for the Public Health officer position. Supervisor Hulbert will contact them to arrange an interview.

Mrs. Sutton motioned to approve the following transfers, seconded by Ms. Wood. All were in favor motion carried. (Hulbert-yea, Sutton-yea, Cunningham-yea, Carr-yea, Wood-yea)

FROM:		GENERAL SURPLUS	\$5,000.00
TO:	A8020.400	PLANING	
FROM:		HWY SURPLUS	\$5,000.00

TO:	DA5142.400	SNOW REMOVAL	
FROM:		GENERAL SURPLUS	\$30,000.00
TO:	A3620.131	CODE ENFORCEMENT PER SERV	
FROM:		HWY SURPLUS	\$75.00
TO:	DA9730.7	INTEREST ON INDEBTNESS	

Abstract #904, consisting of 2009 Vouchers #221 through #234 for \$28,933.89 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

Trust & Agency	\$28,933.89
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Abstract #905, consisting of 2009 Vouchers #235 through #293 for \$97,486.17 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$44,236.21
Highway Funds	\$52,495.15
Street Lighting	\$754.81

HRA Properties forwarded the requested information directly to the County without providing copies for town review. Greene County Planning will review on March 18; the town board will wait for their reply to take action.

We have three applicants for the code enforcement position. The Clerk was instructed to run the ad again.

Ms. Wood explained the court has received a hand held metal detector wand through a grant. The OCA strongly suggests we implement its use as soon as possible, its use is not mandated by law but is advisable. Our town police and peace officers could be certified in its use and or the board could appoint a court officer. Additional discussion followed.

Sgt. Sutton introduced Shawn Marriott as the newest police officer for the Town of Durham; Shawn has worked two years with the Greene County Sheriff's department and will work for the town on a part time basis.

Ms. Wood motioned to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Sutton.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk