

**A REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DURHAM, MAY 17, 2011**

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham, County of Greene and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 7309 State Route 81, East Durham, NY on the 17th, day of May.

**PRESENT:**

Gary Hulbert	----	Supervisor
Linda Sutton	----	Councilperson
Jerry Cunningham	----	Councilperson
Jodi Wood	----	Councilperson
William Carr	----	Deputy Supervisor
Chris Kohrs	----	Town Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Alan Beechert, Highway Superintendent, David Cunningham, Building Inspector, Patti Handel, Greene County Legislator and 16 community members.

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge to the flag.

Richard Lendin, Durham Ambulance reported they were dispatched to 38 calls in the month of April; twenty-two were transports, thirteen refused medical attention, two were canceled, one was a 3 hour standby at the scene of a fire and two were turned over as the first ambulance was on a call and couldn't get a crew for the second ambulance. They have been dispatched to 134 calls from January through April. 92 transports, 23 RMA's, 14 cancelled, 3 fire standby, 4 turned over and 1 helicopter transport. They are covering 100% of their first call outs and the majority of the second calls. They are currently down an ambulance due to electrical problems.

Supervisor Hulbert received correspondence on board training opportunity June 22, 2011 at the Columbia-Greene Community College. Land Use Training for Local Officials two sessions, first is Introduction to Planning and Zoning 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. second is State Environmental Quality Review Act 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Board members met with NYS Department of Environmental regarding the Route 145 culvert and sidewalk project. The project is still on the table and tentatively will begin in 2013. When the culvert is replaced East Durham may receive between 700-1000 feet of sidewalk in conjunction with the project. The sidewalk would start at Furlongs and run towards Lawyers Store. Mr. Carr offered that planning needs to be in place so that when the project does begin any expansion that may come in the future would already be accessible so the good would not have to be undone. For example, plan for lamp posts etc. The length of the sidewalks will depend on funding from the state, county grant and town money. Legislature Handel offered to inquire with the county how the grant process worked for Jefferson Heights in Catskill. They reportedly only had to fund 10% of the project due to grants. Mr. Carr added the project could be tabled, in the future and if it had not already been approved, would not be viable considering the current fiscal status of the State.

Legislature Handel reported that the county is working hard on the budget focusing on not raising taxes while maintaining needed services.

Highway Superintendent Beechert reported they have replaced 30” of culvert on Durso Loop and continue to hand patch roads having used 8 tons of type 7 blacktop. All dirt roads have been graded using approximately 1500 tons of item-4. Borwegens inspected ten trucks from the fleet. He has obtained a nuisance permit from NYS DEC to remove the beavers from Deddrick Road. **Mr. Carr motioned to approve the request from Highway Superintendent Beechert to put Stone Bridge Road and Mansard Avenue out for Quick Quote bid for blacktop, seconded by Mrs. Sutton all in favor motion carried.** (5-Yea, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr and Wood)

Building Inspector Cunningham reported issuing three permits, 2-decks and 1 roof replacement, 7-CO and 4-Certificate of Compliance.

Supervisor Hulbert reported for Code Enforcement Officer Cooke, he has conducted ten inspections resulting in no new violations; three previous cases have been issued appearance tickets for June 6<sup>th</sup>. The GSK project continues forward and Blackthorne Resort is basically done only a few minor items need to be completed.

Legislator Handel announced the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new building will be June 20 at 2 p.m. All are invited.

The board received the report from the judges’.

Sgt. Sutton reported handling thirty-seven complaints for April.

Attorney Rappleyea had nothing new to report on the Asaro subdivision, still waiting to hear from their attorneys so we can proceed.

Clerk/Collector Kohrs reported having collected \$2,870,574.11 leaving \$560,386.98 uncollected as of May 17, 2011.

Historian Nick Nahas reported on May 22 the Oak Hill United Methodist Church will host an open house 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The New York Land Mark Conservancy who is sponsoring a \$5,000 grant to restore the bell tower of the church. June 7, will be an all day workshop at the Oak Hill Cemetery on cemetery restoration and maintenance. It is a hand on workshop open to all interested persons.

The mass gathering application for Grey Fox Blue Grass Festival was received. They need to have a traffic plan for opening day to handle the congestion, to copy the board on the permit issued by NYS and acknowledgment letters from public safety agencies. Will discuss again at June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Marty McGuire notified everyone that Assemblyman Gibson offered Durham residents who travel to Washington D.C. he will give a guided private tour of the White House. He

He suggested October or January as possible time frames or possibly Columbus Day Weekend.

Mrs. Rascoe of the Durham NY Chamber announced there will be a Balloon Festival June 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is designed to be a family fun day with games for all ages, crafts, food, free admission, raffles and kite flying.

Mrs. Sutton motioned to approve the following transfers:

<b>FROM:</b>	A-1990.400	Contingent Engineer,	\$ 4,000.00
<b>TO:</b>	A-1440.400	Contractual	\$ 4,000.00

**Abstract #1008, consisting of 2011 Vouchers #416 through #433 for \$32,769.36 broken down as follows:**

General Funds	\$ 1,000.00
Trust & Agency	\$ 31,769.36

**Abstract #109, consisting of 2011 Vouchers #434 through #492 for \$61,854.66 broken down as follows:**

General Funds	\$ 32,630.44
Highway Funds	\$ 28,459.20
Street Lighting	\$ 765.02

**Mrs. Sutton made a motion and Ms. Wood seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15.**

**Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk**