

A REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DURHAM, JULY 19, 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 19th, day of July.

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

ABSENT: Jodi Wood ---- Councilperson

Others present Alan Beechert – Highway Superintendent, Thomas Sutton-Police Sgt., Nick Nahas-Historian, Tal Rappleyea-Attorney (arrived at 7:38 p.m.) and 9 community members.

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

Rich Lendin, Durham Rescue reported they have received thirty-five calls in June with only one turn over. They have received 214 calls year-to-date. This month they had minor mechanical problems which have been resolved. The schedule and billing system are doing very well. Grey Fox Blue Grass Festival went very well with only three transports. There was a situation late Saturday night (Sunday morning) that should be discussed with Grey Fox Security and Durham Police on how to handle if the same scenario were to arise another time.

Highway Superintendent Beechert reported they have started the sign inventory for the town. The task takes some time as the process requires that each sign be measured. Though we didn't receive a bid on the police car; two days later he was offered the minimum bid of \$500 and sold it. All surplus equipment has been paid for and removed. The crew have replaced culverts on Elliot Place and Jennings Road as well as trimmed bushes in preparation of the upcoming paving project. Ernie and Matt assisted the Town of Windham with a paving project for two days. The footings were dug and have been poured for the salt building, wall were also completed.

The storm on July 3 resulted in many wash outs causing us to use approximately 20 tons of large rip rap, 77 tons of smaller rip rap and 120 tons of crusher run and the use of a backhoe from Greenville to repair the damage.

Paddock, Dunn, Jennings Hervey Sunside Road and the top of Hervey Street have been grader paved. They started Goff Road but stopped due to the water pump going on the roller, will complete once repairs are made. Greene County Highway subcontracted the repairs to County Route 27 which were started this week and Greene County Soil and Water is working on repairing the wall of the Ten Mile Creek.

Interviews for the vacant highway position were completed except for one, as the applicant is on vacation and will be interviewed on July 25th.

Historian Nahas reminded everyone Oak Hill Day will be Saturday, July 30. There will be many yard sales, specials at the local businesses, games and events.

Les Armstrong reported on the successful youth REACH program. Three hundred and thirty youth participated from all over the country. Thirteen homes in Durham and fifteen from Cairo benefited from repairs performed by this spectacular group.

Karen Strong, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and Trish Burke, NYS Department of State gave the board an overview of what their offices can offer and assist towns with in indentifying and conserving natural resources within our community. They briefly discussed Conservation Advisory Councils which can be appointed by the town board to act in strictly an advisory capacity with no decision making powers. Generally the council is comprised of individuals within the community who possess certain knowledge and expertise that would assist the board when discussing new projects that could impact our natural resources. To help the town board identify how the projects fits with our comprehensive plan, open space plan and zoning – if we should develop zoning in the future. They left the board with handouts and booklets further discussing the services their offices offer adding that these services are of no charge.

Supervisor Hulbert read the building inspector's report: 3 building permits (1-deck, 1-addition and 1-demolition) issued one certificate of occupancy and one certificate of compliance.

The board received reports from the judges.

Attorney Rappleyea had nothing new to report.

Clerk/Collector Kohrs reported collecting \$2,967,631.81 as of July 19, leaving \$460,704.63 uncollected. Collection continues through July 31 with the tax books returned to the county on August 3, 2011.

Marty McGuire gave an update on the trip to Washington D.C. They will travel by train leaving Monday, October 10 from Hudson at 8 a.m. arriving in D.C. at 2:30 p.m. with one connection. The fare, based on double occupancy, is \$148 each and \$134 for senior citizens. Information on the hotel will be forthcoming. Tuesday-visit Congress, Wednesday-visit the White House, Thursday-free to explore the many wonderful things D.C. has to offer.

Jo Anne Rascoe, Durham NY Chamber of Commerce, commented on how lovely the hanging baskets in East Durham look. Marlon Yander with GSK asked if the Durham Banner at the entrance of GSK could be replaced as it looks worn. Discussion followed. The Highway Superintendent was asked to remove all the banners as many are worn.

Mr. Cunningham motioned to approve the following transfers and pay the bills seconded by Mrs. Sutton, all in favor motion carried.

FROM: A-1990.400 Contingent \$ 3,500.00

TO: A-9060.800 Benefits-WC Insurance

FROM: A-1990.400 Contingent \$ 200.00

TO: A-5132.208 Bldg-Capital Improvements

FROM: DA Surplus \$ 1,200.00

DA-
TO: 9060.800 Benefits-WC Insurance

Abstract #1012, consisting of 2011 Vouchers #584 through #603 for \$43,746.24 broken down as follows:

General Funds \$ 10,624.95

Trust & Agency \$ 33,121.29

Abstract #1013, consisting of 2011 Vouchers #604 through #665 for \$82,258.14 broken down as follows:

General Funds \$ 42,810.14

Highway Funds \$ 38,706.98

Street Lighting \$ 741.02

Supervisor Hulbert received a subpoena regarding the proposed racetrack at the Weldon House, for Monday, July 18 and as the complainants did not show up the Judge dismissed.

Mrs. Sutton made a motion seconded by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____,
Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk