

A REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DURHAM, DECEMBER 20, 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 6th, day of December.

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

ABSENT:	Linda Sutton	----	Councilperson
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OTHERS PRESENT: Alan Beechert-Highway Superintendent, David Cunningham, Building Inspector (7:50 p.m.), Nick Nahas-Historian, Thomas Sutton – Police Sgt., Joe van Holsteyn-Deputy Highway Superintendent and 10 community members.

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order 7:32 p.m.

Rich Lendin, Durham Rescue reported 23 transports, 5 RMA's, 1 standby – fire, 2 calls turned over to another squad as Durham was already out on a call, there were 33 total calls for November 2011. Durham Rescue received 424 calls for 2011, 282 transports, 78 RMA's, 37 calls canceled, 16 standbys, 13 turn overs, 5 helicopter transfers, 1 ground transfer and 2 call disregarded.

The Helicopter pad is close to completion, need to finish electrical work and finish work.

The second ambulance is back in service. They needed to replace the motor due to cracked heads. It was financially better to replace the motor and extend the life the ambulance by a couple of years rather than just replacing the heads. This ambulance is a 2004 the other one is a 2000 (and has had minimal problems).

The members elected a new board of directors for 2012 President-Reay Mahler, Vice President-Richard Frasco, Treasurer-Diane Dean, Secretary-Nicole Byrne, Members at large-Tom Vacca, Brian Goff and Gary G Grimes.

Highway Superintendent Beechert reported a 2012 Dodge Pickup has been ordered. The highway continues to clear trees and brush; borrowed a Bob Cat with stump grinder from the Town of Greenville. They also installed the gates for the new salt building.

Mr. Beechert continues to meet with FEMA to file road repair claims in hopes of having some of the expenses reimbursed to the town.

The department has experienced a few health issues the past few weeks and hopefully the worst is over. Joe van Holsteyn filled in for two weeks in Mr. Beechert's absence and did a fine job. Mr. Brink had surgery on his knee and will be out for a week. While they were shorthanded, Mr. Moore-retired Highway Superintendent filled in as needed.

The highway department has also cleaned out the house next to the highway garage, which was purchased by the Town in December. The heat and water are still on as the warmer weather is allowing them to continue to rehab the building.

Ms. Wood motioned to permit Highway Superintendent Beechert to rent a roll off dumpster to dispose of the items and clean up debris from the house seconded by Mr. Hulbert all in favor motion carried. (Hulbert-yea, Cunningham-yea, Carr-yea, Wood-yea, Sutton-Absent)

Due to dissatisfaction with Aramark Uniforms, the highway department is searching for a new uniform service and hope to make a decision within a few days.

Mr. Carr motioned to approve the minutes of November 1 and November 15, 2011 seconded by Mr. Cunningham all in favor motion carried. (Hulbert-yea, Cunningham-yea, Carr-yea, Wood-yea, Sutton-Absent)

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

FROM:		Highway Surplus	\$ 10,000.00
<i>TO:</i>	DA-5110.400	Road Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00
	<i>Note: Costs of materials for Irene</i>		
<i>TO:</i>	DA-5130.400	Machinery	\$ 1,000.00
	<i>Note: Parts of Irene</i>		
<i>TO:</i>	DA-5142.400	Snow Removal	\$ 7,500.00
	<i>Note: Year end salt and sand deliveries -early storm</i>		
<i>TO:</i>	Da-9089.803	Uniform Maintenance	\$ 500.00
	<i>Note: increase in fees & service charges-new company starting 2012</i>		
FROM:		Street Lighting	\$ 315.00
<i>TO:</i>	SL-5182.25	Durham District No 1	\$ 75.00
<i>TO:</i>	SL-5182.26	Durham District No 2	\$ 240.00
Abstract #1022, consisting of 2011 Vouchers #984 through #1002 for \$245,606.42 broken down as follows:			
		General Funds	\$ 2,706.00

		Highway Funds	\$ 207,916.00
		Trust & Agency	\$ 34,984.42
Abstract #1023, consisting of 2011 Vouchers #1003 through #1050 for \$76,458.55 broken down as follows:			
		General Funds	\$ 37,323.12
		Highway Funds	\$ 38,321.29
		Street Lighting	\$ 814.14

Supervisor Hulbert is still waiting for a reply from Sweetridge Security regarding contract renewal.

Received monthly reports from the Judges.

Deputy Supervisor Carr read and presented Supervisor Hulbert with the following Proclamation:

TOWN OF DURHAM

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Gary Hulbert has served as a member of the Durham Town Board for ten years, two as councilman and eight as supervisor; and

Whereas, during his tenure, Gary Hulbert devoted his time and interest to matters affecting the Town of Durham; and

Whereas, Gary Hulbert has long supported community activities in our community; and

Whereas, Gary Hulbert contributed to the growth and development of our area and his influence is still being felt;

Now, therefore . . . deep appreciation to **Gary Hulbert** for his services rendered to the citizens of our community while serving as a member of the Durham Town Board and as our Supervisor.

Supervisor Hulbert thanked the board and community for their support during his tenure and stated it is not a one-person show and only through everyone working together that things happen.

Mr. Carr spoke about the community involvement in requesting additional information regarding the proposed Great Wolf Water Park. This proposed project will have an impact on the county as a whole, not just Zoom Flume Water park. Questions were raised as to the financial stability of Great Wolf and who will handle the wastewater, who will operate and pay for the infrastructure etc. Many are urging the County to move slower on the project and have longer more in depth conversations.

Mr. Cunningham stated he has spoken with a Legislature from the Mountain Top who explained all the projects the IDA has sponsored the County has provided the infrastructure for the project. The question remains can the County afford this investment.

Mrs. Rascoe added Great Wolf is proposing a 600 room facility with the water park which will greatly impact the entire resort community within the county.

Mr. Van Shaak, Interim IDA Director has offered to meet with any group to explain the projects and process of the Greene County IDA.

Historian Nahas announced Oak Hill resident Ralph Hull has written a book which is due out on Wednesday and a book signing is scheduled for January 15, at the Durham United Methodist Church.

Herb Fried stated he heard on the radio of a study regarding the hydrofracking process and how it affects the water quality. Cairo-Durham School was named on that list of schools whose water quality could be adversely affected. Additional discussion followed with all agreeing it is definitely a topic to be watched very closely.

Supervisor Hulbert motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. seconded by Ms. Wood. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Minutes approved: _____
Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk