

A REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DURHAM, JULY 17, 2012

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 July.

PRESENT:	William Carr	----	Supervisor
	Jodi Wood	----	Deputy Supervisor
	Linda Sutton	----	Councilperson
	Jerry Cunningham	----	Councilperson
	Nick Nahas	----	Councilperson
	Chris Kohrs	----	Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Alan Beechert-Highway Superintendent, David Cunningham-Building Inspector, Sgt. Sutton, Len Asaro-Code Enforcement Officer, Patricia Handel-Greene County Legislator and 8 community members.

Supervisor Carr called the meeting to order 7:33 p.m.

Mrs. Sutton moved to accept the minutes of June 5 and June 19, 2012 seconded by Mr. Cunningham all in favor motion carried. (5-yea, Carr, Sutton, Cunningham, Nahas, Wood)

Supervisor Carr stated he had noticed the early arrivals for the Grey Fox Blue Grass festival and concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian traffic have been raised; the police department will monitor the situation for safety and compliance.

Legislator Handel reported that the county has established a new committee to focus on tourism and economic development. Formally, these areas were lumped in with economic operations. Also reported the FEMA money from Hurricane Irene are starting to come in and they expect to receive approximately 1.5 million in the next few weeks.

Mrs. Sutton inquired if the board could contact NYS DOT to request they reconsider their findings regarding the speed reduction for the entrance to the Cairo Durham High School. The community and the board feel removal of the passing zone in front of the school would be a benefit; however, reducing the speed from the hamlet of East Durham to Roosevelt Avenue in the Town of Cairo to 45 mph will not adequately address the concerns with the entrance to the school. It was recommended to leave the speed limit as it currently is and to establish a school zone as exists at the Cairo Elementary, Ravenna-Coeymans High School, Greenville Elementary etc. Supervisor Carr will send a letter to NYS DOT, Legislator Handel will send a letter as well, and ask the two legislators in Cairo to do the same.

Highway Superintendent Beechert reported that the shoulders on Stonitch Road have been completed. They have hand patched Allen Teator Road, Brown Road, Sunside Road, Gulfschool House Road, Cornwallville Road, Strong Road, Schoolhouse Hill Road, Saybrook Valley Road and Golden Hill Road. Cochrane

Road, Cunningham Road, Elliott Place, Gulf Schoolhouse Road, Dunn Road, Hervey Sunside Road and Hervey Street Road were coated with 1a stone as they were bleeding tar due to the high temperatures. Culverts were replaced on Linda Lane, one in a driveway on the Lower Route 23 Loop and Sutton Road which required the rental of an excavator for a month to complete the culvert replacements. Calcium was applied to the dirt roads to help combat the amount of dust. The highway department completed CPR and AED training last week at the Durham Training Center.

At the request of the Highway Superintendent, **Ms. Wood motioned to approve the quote received from Pavement Paint Lines for \$1,025 to have the lines for the basketball court, tennis court and shuffle board courts lined at Brandow Park, seconded by Mrs. Sutton all in favor motion carried.** (5-yea, Carr, Sutton, Cunningham, Nahas, Wood)

Code Enforcement Officer Asaro reported addressing 13 complaints, 11 were issued notices and 2 complaints were corrected. He is working with DEC regarding ponds and when the town oversees and when DEC oversees. They explained that DEC is responsible when more than an acre of land is involved. He has completed the first inspection at Grey Fox Blue Grass Festival and was pleased with what he saw. He is also working with BAS and the new compliance software. He has begun to input data and is customizing the forms and letters. He needs to complete 24 hours of training annually. In June he completed 4 hours for Energy Code Training bringing his hours up to 12 for this year. He is planning on completing the remaining 12 in November.

Building Inspector Cunningham reported issuing 3 certificates of compliance, 2 certificates of occupancy and 10 building permits.

Reports were received from the Judge's.

Sgt. Sutton reported receiving 58 complaints of various natures.

Attorney Rappleyea provided the board with information regarding NYS DOT sign regulations.

Residents from the hamlet of East Durham asked the board to address Camp Govah and their use of the PA System and camp activities after eleven o'clock p.m. The noise from the camp is carrying over into the hamlet until three o'clock in the morning and affecting the sleep of the residents. In addition, the board was asked to address the overflowing dumpsters at the same location.

The Durham Task Force organized another well attended Independence Day Celebration.

Historian Nahas reminded everyone that Oak Hill Days is July 28 with activities beginning at 9 a.m.

Supervisor Carr informed the board he was contacted by NYS DOT regarding an open grant with the Susquehanna Conservation Easement. The application has expired and not all items have been addressed by the committee. The town board previously voted to be the lead agency for the Cornwallville Conservation Committee who applied for the funding. Supervisor Carr will work with the committee to close out the application and will ensure that the state has the funding to reimburse the town prior to expending any funds.

Mrs. Krebs notified the board that the stray dog situation in Cornwallville has returned. The dog will lay in the middle of the road requiring traffic to move around it, which could lead to an accident.

Mr. Cunningham motioned to approve a request to place a port a potty at the Patrick Kellegher ball field, seconded by Ms. Wood all in favor motion carried. (5-yea, Carr, Sutton, Cunningham, Nahas, Wood)

FROM:	A-3620.131	Code Off-Persl Service	\$ 2,400.00
<i>TO:</i>	A-3620.200	Building Dept.-Capital	
<i>Note:</i>	<i>Software & Computer Updates</i>		
FROM:		Highway Surplus	\$ 700.00
<i>TO:</i>	DA-5112-1.227	Cap Improv - Sutton Road	
<i>Note:</i>	<i>Hurricane Irene repairs-culvert</i>		
FROM:		Highway Surplus	\$ 5,000.00
<i>TO:</i>	DA-5130.400	Machinery-Contractual	
<i>Note:</i>	<i>Repairs & Parts for Equipment</i>		

Abstract #1012, consisting of 2012 Vouchers #1502 through #1523 for \$52,696.30 broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$ 9,069.67
Highway Funds	\$ 9,139.61
Trust & Agency	\$ 34,487.02

Abstract #1013, consisting of 2012 Vouchers #1524 through #1573 for \$64,691.27 broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$ 41,460.02
Highway Funds	\$ 22,435.32
Street Lighting	\$ 795.93

Ms. Wood motioned to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Sutton all in favor motion carried.

Minutes reviewed by board: _____
Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk