

A REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DURHAM, AUGUST 21, 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 21st, day of August.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Alan Beechert-Highway Superintendent, David Cunningham-Building Inspector, Tal Rappleyea-Town Attorney, Len Asaro-Code Enforcement Officer Tom Sutton-Sergeant and six community members.

Supervisor Carr called the meeting to order 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

Mrs. Sutton motioned to approve the minutes of July 17 and seconded by Mr. Nahas, all in favor motion carried. (5-yea Carr, Sutton, Cunningham, Nahas, Wood) The approval for the minutes of July 3 were put on hold until next month.

Rich Lendin read the Ambulance Report for July. There will be a dedication ceremony for the helicopter pad on September 5 from 7pm-9pm. Supervisor Carr brought up the town assisting with the paving of the ambulance parking lot for \$1,300.00. **Ms. Wood made a motion and seconded by Mr. Nahas to approve helping with the ambulance parking lot for \$1300. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

Supervisor Carr attended the Republican Picnic on Sunday, August 19 and spoke with Mr. Speenburgh and the sheriff to get a better understanding of how they relate to the town.

Ms. Wood spoke in the absence of Legislator, Patty Handel. The FEMA money is coming in on a regular basis and she has been attending the tourism meetings. She also has been working with Pete Lopez on Rt. 145 near the high school.

Highway Superintendent, Alan Beechert, read the highway report.

Building Inspector, David Cunningham, read the building report.

Code Enforcement Officer, Len Asaro, read the code report. He is working on two court cases that are pending from Mr. Cooke's term. It has gone as far as court, but Len gave them a couple of months to clean up and then wanted to see what direction the board would like to go. Ms. Wood thought we should issue an appearance ticket. Len and Mr. Carr will look into it in the morning. Camp Govoah has been spoken to and has cleaned up the dumpsters. Mr. Cunningham

asked if we had heard from DOH on Erin's Melody's septic issue. That will also be checked into tomorrow.

The Judges' Reports were filed.

There was no Assessor Report.

Sergeant Tom Sutton read the Police Report. Mr. Sutton also is looking into borrowing the radar sign to use on Rt. 145 near the high school where the speed limit has been reduced. Mr. Sutton also informed the Board that the DA wants every police department in the County to have Taser.

Attorney Tal Rappleyea spoke to Mr. Garfinkel regarding conveying Brown Cemetery to the Town of Durham. He reviewed the contract with the Durham Valley Land Trust to verify that the Town has no financial liability for the Scenic By Way grant program; It's a pass through, the town will be reimbursed for all expenditures for the project through a federal grant. We will know if the project is a go when the appraisal is completed. We will pay \$2000 up front and \$2000 on completion of the appraisal. **Mrs. Sutton made a motion and seconded by Mr. Nahas to approve for the appraisal to be completed. All were in favor and the motion carried.**

Mr. Carr read the Tax Collector Report.

Linda Sutton, spoke for the Task Force. There will be a town wide yard sale in East Durham this Saturday from 9-4 with twenty-one participants with maps available at the East Durham firehouse.

Nick Nahas reported that the Historical Commission is working on getting information on the old boarding houses in the town. Marylou is in charge and there is a Facebook page where you can post any pictures or updates.

Blackthorne applied for a Mass Gathering Permit for the Motorcycle Festival in September. Bill will work with the Blackthorne to get all the information still needed. **Ms. Wood made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Sutton to waive the Public Hearing. All were in favor and the motion carried.**

Supervisor Carr spoke to Steve Shepherd, from DOT, about cleaning up the NYS Route. 23 Overlook. He did not have any resources to help.

Mr. Carr received a letter from DEC to DOT concerning the RT. 145 Culvert Project. They are opening a permit for a two-year work period.

Len has been working on upgrading his BAS system and found that our internet service was not sufficient for downloading the bandwidth needed to transmit the updates from BAS. He assumed it was a NY Air problem, but our system is not substantial to carry our workload. He received a quote of \$499 from Dan T. Agosto Computer Consultant to upgrade our internet connection. **Ms. Wood made a motion and seconded by Mr. Cunningham to install the upgrade. All were in favor and the motion carried.** Mr. Carr also talked about looking into

an antenna that would give better cell service in the building. Ms. Wood thought they were about \$200. Bill asked for approval to look into an antenna or booster.

Irene Lanzilotta, stated that Otto Metzger, from the American Legion had passed away. Also, she said the town highway had done a wonderful job patching Cornwallville Road.

Ms. Wood thought we should have a Certificate of Appreciation for the Durham Ambulance Squad to be given on September 5 at the Dedication Ceremony.

Supervisor Carr read the transfers:

FROM:	A-1990.400	Contingent	\$	100.00
TO:	A-3620.200	Building Dept. - Capital	\$	100.00
<i>Note:</i>	<i>Software & Computer Updates</i>			
FROM:	A-1990.400	Contingent	\$	2,000.00
TO:	A-7110.400	Park-Contractual	\$	2,000.00
<i>Note:</i>	<i>Improvements - Court Stripping</i>			
FROM:	DA-5112-1.231	Sealing	\$	600.00
TO:	DA-5112-1.227	Sutton-Cap Imp	\$	600.00
<i>Note:</i>	<i>Irene Repairs</i>			
FROM:	DA-5112-1.231	Sealing	\$	8,200.00
TO:	DA-5112-1.268	Pierson Road	\$	8,200.00
	<i>Oil & Stone Project</i>			

Abstract #1014, consisting of 2012 Vouchers #1574 through #1596 for \$39,247.72 broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$	1,970.49
Highway Funds	\$	599.00
Trust & Agency	\$	36,678.23

Abstract #1015, consisting of 2012 Vouchers #1597 through #1653 for \$124,194.27 broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$	32,289.17
Highway Funds	\$	91,074.16
Street Lighting	\$	830.94

Ms. Sutton made a motion to approve the transfers and seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Ms. Wood left at 8:25pm.

Mrs. Sutton made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm and seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Minutes reviewed by board: _____

Patti Fetty, Deputy Town Clerk