

A REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DURHAM, JULY 2, 2013

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 2nd, day of July.

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

ABSENT: Jodi Wood ---- Deputy Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Alan Beechert – Highway Superintendent, Joe van Holsteyn-Deputy Highway Superintendent, and Thomas Sutton – Police Sgt., two community members.

Supervisor Carr called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The board met to discuss the cemeteries within the town. There are three active cemeteries. Cornwallville and Oak Hill Cemeteries are each run by their own cemetery association and Winston is run by the Town of Durham. There is a large disparity between what the Town charges for a plot and what the two associations charge. The New York State Laws, which govern cemetery associations, vary from what govern Town run cemeteries. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Sutton requested a meeting at the Winston Cemetery on July 9 at 7:00 p.m. to learn how the cemeteries are plotted out on site.

At 7:25 the board took a 5 minute break and reconvened with the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

*Building Inspector Cunningham and Attorney Rappleyea arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Supervisor Carr recapped the earlier meeting regarding cemeteries within the town for those who were unable to attend.

Supervisor Carr has been communicating with NYS Dept. of Transportation and the contractor working on the Rte. 145 Culvert project and feels confident that we will be able to reach an affordable arrangement to extend the sidewalk project to the intersection of Rte. 145 and County Route 67A.

Supervisor Carr is also researching the viability of installing solar street lamps along the sidewalks in East Durham.

The board discussed the previously received request from Mr. Kelly to have the 40 mph speed limit extend from its current position on the north end of East Durham to Stone Bridge Rd; north of the Knights of Columbus. **Mrs. Sutton motioned for Supervisor Carr to forward Mr. Kelly's request to NYS Dot of Transportation seconded by Mr. Nahas, all in favor motion carried.** (4 yeas - Carr, Sutton, Cunningham, Nahas, 1 absent – Wood)

Supervisor Carr reported that Assemblyman Lopez announced a meeting in the near future for the residents and business owners regarding the plan for redirecting traffic when Route 145 is closed to replace the culvert.

The board received a request to borrow a picnic table from the Brandow Park and after discussion decided the request

would be denied as there is no way to monitor the lending of park items.

The board received a request to reimburse an employee for the purchase of a rider on their personal insurance as they are using their vehicle for Town Business. Discussion followed and it was determined additional information is required.

Mr. Cunningham motioned to accept the offer from the Town of Westerlo to purchase the grader for \$30,000 as there were no bids received, seconded by Mrs. Sutton, all in favor motion carried. (4 yeas - Carr, Sutton, Cunningham, Nahas, 1 absent – Wood)

Mrs. Rascoe commented on how wonderful the hanging flower project looks in East Durham and Oak Hill.

Mrs. Sutton shared that the red banners, which used to hang along Rte. 145 in East Durham, will be relocated to the hamlets of Durham and Cornwallville when the new banners arrive.

Mr. Nahas motioned to approve the voucher for TeleStar Fireworks to pay for the July 4th fireworks, seconded by Mr. Cunningham all in favor motion carried. (3 yeas - Carr, Cunningham, Nahas, 1 abstention – Sutton, 1 absent – Wood)

Mr. Cunningham motioned to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Sutton meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chris Kohrs Clerk/Collector RMO