

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held April 3, 2018 at the Town Hall commencing at 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Shawn Marriott, Supervisor  
Nick Nahas, Deputy Supervisor  
Joan Breslin, Council Member  
Jerry Cunningham, Council Member  
Linda Sutton, Council Member

**Recording Secretary:** Janet Partridge, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** David Cunningham, Building Inspector  
Lois Rockefeller, Bldg Dept Clerk  
Thomas Sutton, Police Sgt.  
Patti Fetty, Deputy Town Clerk  
Chris Kohrs, Court Clerk  
Karen Tirpak, Bookkeeper  
Tal Rappleyea, Town Attorney  
9 community members

Supervisor Marriott called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm followed by the pledge to the flag.

Supervisor Marriott asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for the Mammano Family.

Deputy Supervisor Nahas read the Comprehensive Plan Committee Update:

The Town of Durham Comprehensive Plan Committee met March 14, 2018, 7:30 p.m. at the Durham Town Building. Chairman Nick Nahas welcomed members Joan Breslin, Bernard Rivers, Ray Armstrong, Joe Sniado, and new member Chuck Brooks.

We briefly reviewed the purpose of the Plan, Nan Stolzenburg's proposal for consulting services, and grant applications to fund gathering of public input and documentation.

Chuck is preparing a grant application for Hudson River Valley Communities Council which was a major funding source for the 2008 Plan and will investigate possible O'Connor Foundation grants. Joan offered to contact State Senator George Amedore for matching grant possibilities. Total grant funding needs may be about \$18,000.

New discussion topics included solar farms, relocation of the Diamondback Motocross track, a proposal for an indoor shooting gallery in Cornwallville, and broadband access for the Town of Durham.

Individual committee members will research the status and outlook for these potential developments and report back to the Committee. Joe will investigate solar farms and motocross issues, and Ray will learn about the shooting gallery proposal. Broadband access was tabled for now.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 4 at the Town Building. All meetings of the Committee are open to the public, and public input to the planning process is encouraged.

Nahas encouraged everyone to join them at their next meeting on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Marriott read a letter he received from NY Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The State Review Board has reviewed the application along with the NYS Historic Preservation Officer and it

was agreed that the Dunix property located at 593 Cornwallville Road will be listed on the State Register of Historic Places. The nomination will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register.

Supervisor Marriott asked for discussion on reimbursing CEO Overbaugh \$15/month for usage of his personal cell phone for work in the Town of Durham

**A motion was made by Supervisor Marriott to reimburse CEO Overbaugh \$15/ month for usage of his personal cell phone for Building Department work, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Nahas, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Yeas – Marriott, Nahas, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)**

Discussion followed on the tow bill received for pulling one of our snow plows out of a ditch.

**A motion was made by Council Member Breslin to approve payment of the tow bill submitted by Gallagher's Towing, seconded by Council Member Cunningham, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Yeas – Marriott, Nahas, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)**

Karen Tirpak talked to the board about Field Goods. It is a company based in Greene County that brings fresh produce from local companies to drop-off sites. The Durham Town Hall will be at public pick-up site. The deliveries will be on Wednesday as long as orders are processed by Sunday at midnight. They are a not-for-Profit organization. We will put information on our board by the clerk's office and on our website.

Jesse Waltz, president of Cairo-Durham Little League spoke to the board about upcoming events. On April 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a fundraiser for the Mammano Family. It is a dinner at Anthony's Banquet Hall. The cost is \$35 a person. There will also be raffles. All proceeds will go to help the Mammano Family.

He also reported on April 11<sup>th</sup> the Tri-Valley Cats will be upgrading the little league field at the Cairo Town Park. They are looking for anyone who has time to lend a hand to please come to the field and help out. They need all the volunteers they can get. They will be working on the field all day until it is done.

Opening Day for Little League will be May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Cairo Town Park. There will be a bike raffle with many bikes donated to be raffled off. The Dare Program provides helmets to all raffle winners also. Everyone is invited to opening ceremonies and to enjoy the day at the park.

The board reviewed the sketch of a simple subdivision of seven acres proposed by Sam Makely for his farm on Makely Road. He will need to bring back a survey of the subdivision for final approval.

The solar committee consists of 4 members plus Council Member Jerry Cunningham. They will have their first meeting on Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm here at the Durham Town Hall.

**At 7:59 pm Council Member Cunningham motioned to adjourn, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Nahas.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Janet Partridge,  
Clerk/Collector**