

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held December 4, 2018 at the Town Hall commencing at 7:30 p.m.

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

Recording Secretary: Janet Partridge, Town Clerk

Others Present: Joseph van Holsteyn, Highway Superintendent
Patti Fetty, Deputy Town Clerk
David Cunningham, Building Inspector
Maryellen Brooks, Assessor's Clerk
Tal Rappleyea, Town Attorney
Karen Tirpak, Bookkeeper
Lois Rockefeller, Building Dept Clerk
Tom Sutton, Police Sgt
Chris Kohrs, Court Clerk
17 community members

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

Marriott reported he received information from Durham Ambulance on their calls for the year. They have had 475 calls to date and last year's total was 462 calls for the whole year.

Marriott reported the most recent anniversaries.

Janet Partridge started working in the Town Clerk's office on 11-21-2016

Ernie Brink started working for the highway department on 12-2-1991. He has 27 years of service to the town.

Council Member Cunningham wished Tom and Linda Sutton a happy anniversary, 52 years of marriage.

Cairo-Durham Superintendent, Anthony Taibi, gave a presentation on the School's capital project that will be brought to a vote by the community on December 11th. There will be improvements to all three school buildings. A newsletter was sent in the mail to community members and a flyer was sent home with all the students. Mr. Taibi encouraged everyone to stop in or call the business office if they have any questions. Information was left with the town clerk also.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Breslin to open the public hearing on the three emergency services contracts for 2019, seconded by Council Member Sutton, all in favor, motion carried. (4 Yeas – Marriott, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)

Marriott read the Contracts with Durham Ambulance, Inc.; East Durham Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.; and Oak Hill – Durham Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. – No questions or comments

A motion was made by Cunningham to close the public hearing, seconded by Breslin, all in favor, motion carried. (4 Yeas – Marriott, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)

A motion was made by Breslin to approve the 2019 contracts with Durham Ambulance, Inc.; East Durham Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.; and Oak Hill – Durham Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., seconded by Cunningham, all in favor, motion carried. (4 Yeas – Marriott, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)

Marriott read the changes made to LL#4, Regulating Internally Lit Signs. The board is satisfied with how the law reads. A public hearing is scheduled for December 18th at 7:30pm.

Six people have expressed interest in filling the open town board position. The board set the date of next Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30pm to have the interviews at a special meeting. The meeting will be closed to the public.

The board discussed the CAT loader purchase Highway Superintendent van Holsteyn presented to the board at the last meeting. They are still waiting for the company to give them the trade-in value on the loader we currently have. PKHB informed the town that the fund balance for the highway is a little high right now. The original plan was to pay \$77,000 of the purchase out of the fund balance and then take a \$100,000 ban to be paid over two years with \$50,000 each year. Now he would like the board to pay \$127,000 out of the fund balance and one payment of \$50,000 through the ban. The following year, 2020, he would like to put the ban towards replacing a 17 year old truck in his fleet.

Van Holsteyn would like to get a truckload of jersey barriers from Borwegan Trucking. They are free but it will cost \$2,000 to have them trucked to the town hall. They can fit 6 on a load. They match the ones the Town currently has on inventory.

A motion was made by Cunningham to approve the purchase of 6 jersey barriers, seconded by Sutton, all in favor, motion carried. (4 Yeas – Marriott, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)

Recently the Town Board set the building permit fee for a Tier 3 Solar System under the new law at \$.15 per square foot of panels. Marriott had a meeting with two representatives for the project on Route 145 and Jennings Road to discuss the risk management of the funding for their project. Marriott explained the solution they came up with to satisfy all parties involved is for them to put 10% down. The complete cost of this specific project would be around \$60,000 and it is non-refundable at this point. The 10% would be non-refundable and would be required when submitting the building permit. They agree, once the Site Plan is approved, they will pay the remainder of the cost to move forward.

Marriott motioned to change the wording on the building permit application to 10% or a minimum of \$4,000, non-refundable, of the fee required upon building permit submission with the remaining balance would be due upon acceptance of plan from the Board for commercial solar systems, seconded by Cunningham, all in favor, motion carried. (4 Yeas – Marriott, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)

The building department's computer broke and they will need to replace it. Marriott is looking to purchase one directly through Dell to save some money, but it can also be purchased through BAS. The building department has enough in their budget right now to purchase the computer.

A motion was made by Cunningham to approve up to \$1,500 to replace the building department's broken computer, seconded by Breslin, all in favor, motion carried. (4 Yeas – Marriott, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)

At 8:41 pm Cunningham motioned to adjourn, seconded by Breslin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Partridge,
Clerk/Collector