

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 5th, day of August.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tal Rappleyea-Attorney, Thomas Sutton-Police Sgt., and 13 community members.

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

The board reviewed the proposed subdivision for Ives and determined that it is not a subdivision but it is actually a boundary line change involving parcels 21.00-3-6.11, 22.00-5-1 and 21.00-3-9.2. Therefore, additional action is not required by the board.

Mr. Cunningham motioned to approved a request from Cornerstone Baptist Church to use Brandow Park for their annual picnic on August 31, seconded by Mrs. Sutton all in favor motion carried. (Yeas 4-Carr, Sutton, Cunningham, Nahas)

Mrs. Sutton motioned to approve a request from the Dog Control officer to purchase Animal Control Officer Software from BAS seconded by Mr. Nahas all in favor motion carried. (Yeas 4-Carr, Sutton, Cunningham, Nahas)

Mrs. Sutton motioned to approve the request from Highway Superintendent van Holsteyn to purchase and install overhead doors in the truck garage seconded by Mr. Cunningham all in favor motion carried. (Yeas 4-Carr, Sutton, Cunningham, Nahas)

Mrs. Sutton motioned to approve the purchase and installation of a new side entrance door with a window purchased from GNH Lumber, seconded by Mr. Nahas all in favor motion carried. (Yeas 4-Carr, Sutton, Cunningham, Nahas)

Mr. Cunningham complimented the highway employee Holdridge on the outstanding job he is doing in maintaining the cemeteries throughout the town.

The board set a public hearing for August 19 to amend the recently adopted Local Law #1 of 2014 creating the Position of Animal Control Officer and Regulating Animals as the fees referenced in the law were less than what had previously been adopted.

Supervisor Carr asked the board members to arrange a walkthrough of the potential community center sites (former Becker's Office and former Hans & Gretel's). Mr. Pectal suggested the board consider approaching the Cairo Durham School District as another site for the community center as it is equipped with a playground. In addition, it was suggested that the board hold a workshop to discuss the findings of the sites and needs of the community.

Supervisor Carr announced he has five candidates interested in the open council seat. Each applicant will be contacted to come in for an interview.

There is an anticipated sidewalk dedication in September.

Mrs. Colon asked the board if there was any way that they could approach the school board on behalf of the residents of the district and their concerns regarding recent decisions to close Durham Elementary and their appearance to be focused on money rather than the quality of the education. The board explained they have no authority over the school board just as the school board has no authority over the towns within its district. As individuals, they can impress upon the school board their concerns for everyone in the district and the implications of the recent decisions. In addition, it was suggested that a group of concerned citizens could obtain council to advise them as to how to proceed in the best interest of the district.

The Durham Task Force will hold a town wide garage sale August 23 from 9-4.

Mr. Nahas motioned to adjourn at 8:22 seconded by Mrs. Sutton.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Kohrs, Clerk/Collector