

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held June 17, 2003, at the Town Building in Oak Hill, N.Y.

Present: Robert Young - Supervisor
 William A. Carr, Jr. – Councilman
 Robert Elpel - Councilman
 Linda Sutton – Councilwoman
 Gary Hulbert - Councilman

Recording Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Deputy Town Clerk
 Others Present: Charles Soderblom – Town Clerk
 Wesley Moore - Highway Superintendent

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag. Twenty-nine people were present.

Mr. Carr made the motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton with all in favor to approve the minutes of May 6 and May 20.

Mr. Young had distributed correspondence to the board members.

The bids for the surplus equipment were opened and read for the record as follows:

Pat Zanchelli, Inc.	1975 International	\$850.00
	1974 Military	\$850.00
	1968 Military	\$576.00
Baumann's Septic	1974 Military	\$1,035.00
	24-Bud tires for Walters	\$250.00
Ken Wojcik	1975 International	\$2,663.00
	1974 Cummins Diesel	\$563.00
	Walters parts less tires	\$563.00
Tom Hitchcock	1-Waukesha Motor	\$326.00
	2-Bud wheels	\$8.00
	1-6 speed transmission	\$10.00
Joe Lomax Line Con.	1968 Military	\$1,200.00
Lou's Automotive	1974 Military	\$831.99
	1968 Military	\$651.53
Albrecht Farms	2-Waukesha Motors	\$200.00
	4-6 speed transmissions	\$100.00
	8-Bevel drives	\$50.00
	24-wheels	\$200.00
	1 Walters Cab	\$300.00

	Total	\$850.00
Steven Michalsko	1975 International	\$1,279.00
	1974 Military	\$867.00
	1968 Military	\$611.00
	1974 Cummins Diesel	\$613.00
	1-Waukesha Motor	\$108.00
	1-Waukesha Motor	\$118.00
	4-6 speed transmissions	\$51.00
	8-Bevel drives	\$129.00
	24-wheels	\$197.00
	1 Walters Cab	\$89.00

Wes Moore, Highway Superintendent reported that the weather has slowed down road repairs. They have begun paving. He rented a road sweeper at a cost of \$1,050 per week and was able to sweep 75% of the roads that are targeted to be paved.

Clerk to the Assessor reported that the grievance board received eight-eight grievances. Seventy-seven were residential and eleven with stipulations with the assessor. The board made thirty-three changes and the remainder stood as assessed.

Legislator Ohm shared with the board and audience that the first company has committed to the newly constructed industrial park in Coxsackie. Save-a-lot a grocery chain is expected to open in the fall and bring an estimated 200 jobs to the area. He also explained that the New Fire Control Center in Cairo should be having a ribbon cutting in the near future and a compromise has been reached concerning the transmission tower.

The Tax Collector reported that \$2,079,764.53 has been collected, including penalties, service charges, and interest as of June 14, 2003. There are 207 unpaid parcels totaling \$435,432.53.

A report was received from the Durham Chamber of Commerce. They met June 9, 2003 and discussed fund raising ideas for the proposed Library. The Cairo Library still needs a letter from the board indicating that Councilwoman Sutton is the delegate for the Durham Town Board. Flags have been placed along Route 145 and the flower boxes have received flowers. Applications are being received for the up coming parade. Firework details are being finalized.

Mrs. Sutton asked that Mr. Young send a letter to the Cairo Library indicating that she is the delegated board representative.

Reports were received from the following areas and filed reference, Police, Code Enforcement, and Historical Preservation Committee.

Mrs. Sutton asked for an update concerning the rodent situation in Oak Hill. Mr. Young stated he Mr. Pierce and Al Schmidt filled thirty-six holes. When they went back to inspect not one of the holes had been disturbed.

Mr. Boyle addressed the board regarding non-profit organizations buying up land and what protection the town can impose to protect the tax base. The board explained that such exemptions are governed by the state not on a local level. Mr. Ohm added that the state currently has an initiative to limit non-profit exemptions to the worship property.

Mr. Jennings inquired as to what the status of the 911 numbers is. Mr. Young explained that he has been in contact with Mr. Farrell but a meeting has not yet been set.

Mr. Carr made a motion that the board enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue and pending litigation, as requested by Mr. Rappleyea, seconded by Mr. Hulbert at 8:05 P.M.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:18 P.M.

Mrs. Moore brought to the attention of the board rising cost of the Humane Society Charges. Discussion followed and it was determined that the dog enumeration process will continue and should the Dog Control Officer line item exceed its budget money would be transferred from the contingency fund. It was requested the Mr. Rappleyea rewrite the law, indicating that the dog's owner would be responsible for the cost incurred by the town should the dog be remanded to the Humane Society. An ad will be placed in the paper notifying all residents that a dog enumeration is in process and stress that it is necessary for all dogs to be licensed as required by state law.

Mr. Hulbert made the motion seconded by Mr. Carr with all in favor to approve the following transfer:

From:	A3620.200	Code Enforcement - Equipment	\$500.00
To:	A3620.400	Code Enforcement – Contract	\$500.00

Abstract #311, consisting of Vouchers #470 through #523 in the amount of \$32,577.66 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total amount was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$13,936.23
Highway Funds	\$18,143.05
Street Lighting	\$ 498.38

After a review of the bids for the surplus equipment Mr. Moore announced the results and the following were awarded:

Baumann's Septic Cleaning Greenville, NY	1974 Military Vehicle	\$1,035.00
Ken Wojcik Endwell, NY	1975 International	\$2,663.00

Joe Lomax Line Const. Saugerties, NY	1968 Military	\$1,200.00
Albrecht Farms Waterford, PA	All Parts	\$ 850.00
Steven Michalsko Delmar, NY	1974 Cummins Diesel	\$ 613.00

Mr. Hulbert made a motion seconded by Mr. Carr to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Minutes Approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Clerk