

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held July 15, 2003, at the Town Building in Oak Hill, N.Y.

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

Recording Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Deputy Town Clerk
 Others Present: Charles Soderblom - Town Clerk
 Wesley Moore – Highway Superintendent
 Tal Rapplelea – Attorney for the Town

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag. Twenty-two people were present.

Mr. Young requested that the minutes of June 17, 2003, page 50 last paragraph be corrected to read that: Mr. Pierce and Al Schmidt were with Mr. Young when they filled the rodent holes.

Mr. Hulbert made a motion to approve the minutes of June 3, 10, 17 & 24 and seconded by Mrs. Sutton. All were in favor.

Correspondence was distributed. Mr. Young met with the Cairo Library. Mrs. Sutton asked if the letter had been written to the Cairo Library. Mr. Young had gone to Cairo personally. The letter had not been sent. Jodi Wood said a letter had to be sent to the Cairo Library Board stating that Mrs. Sutton is the library contact person for Durham. Mr. Young will personally take the letter to Cairo on Wednesday.

Wesley Moore read the Highway Report. They used 442 tons of black top from Carvers. They have finished paving Panorama Park and patched areas on Stone Bridge Road, Rockwell Road, Hervey Street, and Elliott Place. He will be oil and stoning parts of Stone Bridge Road and Hervey Street. 682 tons of Item 4 from Carvers was hauled in and used to repair Elliot Place along with gravel from Molters. The road deteriorated with all the extra traffic. The crew started to rebuild Goff Road. They have finished paving on Hannah Drive and Cornwallville Road under the CHIPS Program. This was all under County Contracts. A bridge on Stiehl Road will be repaired about August 11. The residents have been notified that the bridge will be closed for approximately 3 days.

The Judges report was filed.

The Assessors report was received. The 2002 Revaluation Project has been completed and a check for \$11,455 was received. Mr. Bennett had a meeting with the State regarding sustaining equity and suggests we do a town wide mailing when we have the final figures for the percent changes for 2004.

The police report was filed.

Tal Rappleyea is working on the Mass Gathering Law. Cindy Moore asked if we had any contact with the tower company and he replied that we have not. He suggested that the comptrollers office be contacted and see how they suggest that we handle it.

The dog control report was received.

Charlie Soderblom read the tax collectors report. The books will be turned over to the County on August 8.

There was no Task Force report.

There was no Historical Commission report.

The Clerk requested that the Board reappoint Naida Jackson to the Historic Commission at this time for the record. There was no record to be found even though it had been done. **Mrs. Sutton made a motion to reappoint Naida Jackson to the Historical Commission and Mr. Hulbert seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Mr. Young brought up the Milestone Contract which runs out next year and asked Charlie to explain it. Charlie said if we weren't going to stay with Milestone we needed to get started on it and review it. Bob McAll and Mr. Young are on the committee. Mr. McAll reported that nothing is happening. Milestone was supposed to send Mr. McAll their current proposal. Mr. Young has had the proposal since March. Mr. Young thought Mr. McAll wasn't going to be on the committee. Mr. Young corrected that the contract doesn't run out until 2005.

Mr. Ohm discussed the percentage that the Town of Durham receives from the County. The Town receives a little over 5% which would be about \$1.5 million. A resident disagreed and Mr. Ohm explained. All bridges over 25 feet are built or repaired by the County. These bridges average from \$350,000 to \$450,000 each. The county paving projects total 16.02 miles and it averages from \$350,000 to \$500,000 per mile. In summary, Mr. Ohm said we have gotten our fair share of funds from the county.

Mr. Young made a motion to go into executive session at 8:12 regarding personnel issues and seconded by Mr. Carr. The meeting was called back to order at 9:10. In response to a question from the floor, the Board responded that there were no actions taken regarding the cases discussed.

Mrs. Sutton brought up a letter received from Mr. Puleo regarding the enforcement of the speed limit in the Town of Durham. There were no specific areas mentioned. Mr. Young thought it was Susquehanna Turnpike. Mr. Sutton had received the same request and will be looking of it. Mr. Sutton also received a letter from DOT about the bridge over Bowery Creek on Rt. 145. The new bridge will be reopened in mid November 2003.

There is an Emergency Preparedness Meeting on Thursday, July 17 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Hulbert asked if there was anything, the town could do about the 911 situation. Mrs. Sutton thought that the fire companies were in control, but Alan Beechert said the County is in control of that.

Charlie Soderblom questioned the fact that there was going to be a work session on July 22 on the MGL and then a public hearing to pass the law on July 29. Charlie said there needed to be 10 days after publication of the notice of the meeting before the Public Hearing on the law. **Mr. Carr made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Sutton to move the public hearing to August 5. All were in favor.**

Wesley Moore presented the board with plans to replace highway equipment. He would like to replace a 1977 Mack and 1980 International truck, which are in poor condition and are not up to the current federal weight law. Wes has researched the financing and wanted the boards ideas for the replacement equipment.

Mr. Young made a motion and seconded by Mr. Hulbert to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. All were in favor.

Minutes Approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk