

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held April 19, 2005 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, N.Y.

Present: Robert Elpel - Councilman  
 Jodi Wood- Councilwoman  
 Linda Sutton – Councilwoman  
 William Carr – Councilman  
 Gary Hulbert – Supervisor

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

The Supervisor called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:30 PM. Twenty people were present.

**Mr. Carr made a motion seconded by Ms. Wood to approve the minutes of March 1 and March 15. All were in favor.**

Highway Superintendent Wesley Moore read his report for March. The crew had been hauling in Item 4 from Carvers for spring and summer roadwork. With the rain on April 2 & 3 resulting in flood damage most of what had been stock piled was used for flood damage repairs. In addition, Carvers delivered Rip Rap and additional stone to use in flood repairs. Bank run gravel from Molters was also used in the flood repair. Approximately 75% of the damage has been repaired; the highway crew will continue until all work is completed.

**Mr. Elpel made the motion seconded by Mr. Carr to list the following surplus items for sale. All were in favor and the motion carried.**

**1984 Ford f800 – Road Sweeper Ex Military Unit**, Sweeper unit Tymco Model 600, John Deere Powered with 3244 Hours, Truck Detroit Diesel 8.2 liter Motor Allison Automatic 4 Speed, Mileage 7082.0

**1996 Topline Equip Trailer** – 6’ 5” Wide and 16’ Long 7000 GVW

**1970 (est.) Two Winches sold as set** – 20,000 lb one good one bad (broken gear)

**Set of 10 bud Wheels and tires** – 1100 x 24 Bias Ply – Good Year tires

**1970 (est.) 5 ton 6x6 Army Truck** – parts vehicle only, no motor or transmission Code Enforcement office reported 17 permits, 1 Certificate of Compliance and 3 Certificates of Occupancy.

Sergeant Sutton reported that the police handled 22 complaints of various natures.

Tax collector reported that the tax warrant was decreased by \$16,976.64; the adjusted warrant is \$2,794,730.90. To date \$2,324,401.23 has been collected. There has been \$3,669.00 of penalties collected.

The Durham Chamber of commerce reported they met April 18 to discuss the Annual Independence Day Parade and Fireworks. Ideas were discussed as to how to raise funds for the event, the following will be implemented: an auction, raffle, business solicitations.

The banners purchased by the town and individual businesses are scheduled to be displayed by mid May. The fire companies have volunteered to hang them for us.

The Historic Preservation Commission reported that they are in receipt of an application for Certificate of Appropriation. Once the commission received the building plans, they will review and vote on the application. Their next meeting will be May 14, at 9:00 a.m.

Supervisor Hulbert reported that the fence line has been repaired at Brandow Park. The baselines have been tilled and will be rolled by the end of the week. Prior to opening game Mr. Hulbert will power, wash the bathrooms.

Beth Phillips and Lori Anander thanked the board for the on going support of the Little League program as well as the maintenance of the fields. There will be a park clean up on Saturday April 30 for 9:00 a.m. to noon. Durham will be hosting the playoffs this year for the Minors and Majors June 25 with a rail date of June 26.

The board received a letter requesting that a speed limit be posted on Saybrook Valley Road. The matter was discussed and the Board agreed with the citizens.

**Councilwoman Wood offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:**

**WHEREAS a petition has been received concerning the speed of vehicles traveling on Saybrook Valley Road and**

**WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Durham is in agreement that the vehicles traveling on Saybrook Valley Road from Rt. 81 to the Albany-Greene County Line are driving at an excessive speed**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Durham requests a speed reduction on Saybrook Valley Road**

**Seconded by Councilwoman Sutton.**

**Ayes: Hulbert, Carr, Sutton, Wood, Elpel Noes: 0 Absent: 0**

**Resolution Passed**

Nan Stolzenburg, of Community Planning & Environmental Associates, outlined for the board the steps needed to implement the comprehensive plan development. A signed contract between Community Planning and Environmental Associates, established who the committee will be (town board). The next discussion will be May 17. Nan will get the contract to the board and start gathering information about the town and the key areas for interviews. Mary Howard of Greene County Planning and Development has offered her assistance as needed with the only cost being for photocopies. The board agreed to approve the contract once Tal has reviewed it and given his approval.

**Mrs. Sutton made the motion seconded by Ms. Wood to approve the following transfers:**

**From: A1990.400 Contingent \$ 1,006.00**  
**To: A7110.200 Parks Equipment**

**From: DA Surplus \$13,000.00**  
**To: DA 5142.400 Snow Removal Contractual**

Al Schmidt informed the board that a new state mandate has been passed down to the office of building codes. Every structure other than a one or two family home needs to have a special sticker places at all entrances and exits indicating what type of trusses are in the structure and if they are floor and or roof. There is a \$50 fee associated with his and he has received a quote from Catskill Mountain Signs to make the signs at a cost of \$6.00 each. The owners are responsible for the cost of the stickers. This mandate is for new structures as well as renovations on structures with trusses. Certificate of Occupancy cannot be issued until the stickers are properly posted.

Abstract #506, consisting of 2005 Vouchers #306 through #318 for \$14,074.20 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

Trust & Agency	\$14,074.20
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Abstract #507, consisting of 2005 Vouchers #319 through #396 for \$87,965.76 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$32,906.32
Highway Funds	\$54,531.94
Street Lighting	\$527.50

Ms. Wood made the motion seconded by Mr. Carr to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes approved:

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Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk