

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held April 17, 2007, at the Town Building in Oak Hill, NY.

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

Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Tal Rappleyea – Town Attorney
 Wes Moore – Highway Superintendent
 Charles Soderblom – Town Clerk

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:30. There were 14 people present.

Mrs. Sutton motioned to accept the minutes of March 6 and 20, 2007, seconded by Mr. Elpel. All were in favor motion carried.

Supervisor Hulbert received correspondence from Senator Seward that the Town has received \$5,000 for the Durham Reading Room; \$30,000 toward the East Durham Main Street Project; May 15, the Community Action will attend the board meeting to give a presentation of their organization.;

Wesley Moore, Highway Superintendent gave his report for March. They have hauled in Crusher Run from Carvers to use for spring work and snow sand to use on the last few storms. The rain on Monday the 16th left a lot of shoulder repair work and Cunningham Road was the worst. The men will be switching over to their four-day 10-hour workweek on Thursday the 19th.

David Cunningham, Building Inspector, issued one certificate of compliance, two replacement septic, one new, one new building, and three additions, one CO.

Al Schmidt, Code Enforcement Officer, issued two unsafe buildings, two rubbish, two junk cars and he received two complaints.

The Court Report was received.

No Police Report.

Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea has completed work on a new proposed local law; code enforcement statewide. The draft of the law keeps the states mandates, while incorporating the Town of Durham requirements. A public hearing on Local Law 4of 2007, a local law providing for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, is scheduled for May 15, 2007 at 7:30pm.

Tax Collector, Charles Soderblom, explained there had been a decrease in the warrant by \$1,231.24. The total collected is \$2,248,401 and the balance to collect is \$601,622.

Supervisor Hulbert contacted Clough Harbor about cell towers, they did a survey of the area, but do not want to commit. However, there may be another company, in conjunction with Cell One, who is interested. Supervisor Hulbert will continue to follow up.

Supervisor Hulbert closed the regular meeting at 7:49 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing to adopt the Main Street East Durham Action Plan. Frasier Associates drew up the plan at a cost of \$30,000. The town received grant funds totaling \$15,000 to offset the cost. Mrs. Allan voiced her objection to the proposed roundabout in the north end of town. Supervisor Hulbert explained that the roundabout was not practical and would be removed from the plan. It was also noted the photos of the postcard collection were from the Durham Center Museum not Sanchi Thompson and the correction will be made. Dr. Goldstein requested an electronic copy be made available to the town and the residents. It will be very helpful in writing future grants and proposals. The public hearing was closed at 7:54 p.m.

The board reviewed the SEQR application and found no issues. **Mr. Carr motioned to approve the SEQR with a negative declaration, seconded by Ms. Wood. All were in favor the motion carried.**

Ms. Wood motioned to adopt the resolution accepting the Main Street East Durham Action Plan with the following corrections, remove the roundabout on the north end of town, correct the postcard collection credits to be Durham Center Museum and to request a electronic copy. Mrs. Sutton seconded the motion, all were in favor the motion carried.

The board discussed the adoption of .gov on our website domain. **Mr. Carr motioned seconded by Ms. Wood to renew durhamny.com for five years at a cost of \$95 and to purchase durhamny.gov for one year at a cost of \$125.00. All were in favor motion carried.** Mr. Soderblom will check to see if hosting is included with the .gov address.

Ms. Wood motioned to accept the Telstar fireworks contract for \$2,999.00, seconded by Mrs. Sutton. All were in favor motion carried.

Mr. Carr motioned to support the SPROUTS program provided by the Greene County Council of the Arts, for \$275.00. Seconded by Mrs. Sutton all were in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Hulbert will request information on how many youth from Durham participate.

The final three items for the Site Plan Review application from MJQICSC was received (letter from DEC, \$50.00 fee, Dry Chemical Extinguishing System). The letter from the
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DEC stated that the site can only be used for cold storage and it cannot house an office, employees cannot work out of the facility. There may be another party interested in

using the site for cold storage as well. If so they would be an add on to the current site plan application. **Mr. Carr motioned to approve the Site Plan Application for MJQICSC seconded by Ms. Wood. All were in favor, motion carried.** Supervisor Hulbert will send the letter.

Candidate of Cairo Durham School Board, Greg Koerner-Fox introduced himself to the board and the residents. He is running for the seat of Trish Schneider along with three other candidates. He would like to see the meetings become more open and welcoming to the residents. He would move to have monthly newsletters to inform the residents better, he would also like to see the bus bonding issue changed from a five-year replacement cycle to a longer term. It is his feeling that the busses are turned in with too few miles and we should be able to get a longer life from them than we do. In addition, he stated that he would come to the monthly town board meeting to update us on what is taking place with the school board. He would move to change the election from having to run for a specific seat to the top vote getters would get the open seats.

The Emergency Preparedness meeting was rescheduled for April 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Sutton moved to enter into executive session at 8:33 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Mr. Carr. The meeting was called back to order at 8:48 p.m. Supervisor Hulbert reported that no action was taking during executive session.

Bookkeeper Moore reported she had received quotes on liability insurance the current carrier quoted \$42,300 with a competitive quote of \$39,600. She contacted our current carrier who adjusted their quote to \$39,600. Her recommendation is to stay with our current carrier.

Bookkeeper Moore reported that Corner Stone Telephone Company is interested in having our business. They are located in Troy NY; they provide service to businesses and municipalities only. If we had an inside service problem they come to fix it, if it were an outside problem they contact Verizon, we do not have to. Westerlo and Rensselaerville currently use them and they are very happy. Their line charge is \$8.95 per line opposed to Nexgen at \$17.?? per line. We saved \$1,000 when we switched from Verizon to Nexgen and estimate saving an additional \$480 if we switch to Corner Stone.

Ms. Wood motioned to authorize Mrs. Moore to contract with Cornerstone Telephone Company, seconded by Mr. Carr. All were in favor motion carried.

Mr. Elpel motioned to approve the following transfers seconded Mrs. Sutton. All were in favor motion carried.

FROM:	A1110.400	Court Contractual	\$	622.00
TO:	A110.200	Court Equipment	\$	622.00

Abstract #706, consisting of 2007 Vouchers #271 through #283 for \$19,353.95 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$	743.98
Trust and Agency	\$	18,609.97

Abstract #707, consisting of 2007 Vouchers #284 through #347 for \$84,363.03 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$	19,741.58
Highway Funds	\$	63,983.39
Street Lighting	\$	638.06

Ms. Wood motioned, seconded by Mr. Carr to adjourn at 9:08 PM.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk