

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held May 1, 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:
Wes Moore – Highway Superintendent
Tal Rappleyea – Town Attorney
Charles Soderblom – Town Clerk

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:32. There were 33 people present.

Ms. Sharkey, Superintendent of Cairo-Durham presented the proposed Cairo Durham School Budget. The budget is up 12% from 2006/2007 realizing an estimated 5.49% increase in the tax levy. Included in the budget is an \$812,032 Contract for Excellence with NYS Department of Education. The school is on a list with the state as in need of academic improvement. The Contract for Excellence has stipulations as to how the money is spent and cannot be used to decrease tax exposure. A plan outlining how the funds will be applied must be presented to the state for approval. Once approved there are forms to be filed out to monitor progress. If after three years the results have not been attained the school could be restructured by the state. Once the funds are expended, they will be reimbursed by the state.

Proof of Notice having been furnished, Supervisor Hulbert called Public Hearing for the White subdivision of 1024 Cornwallville Road to order at 8:55 p.m. The White's want to move the boundary line between the two parcels that they own to include the well currently on lot 48.00-4-50 with lot 48.00-4-52. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 8:57 p.m.

Ms. Wood motioned to approve the White subdivision and authorized Supervisor Hulbert to sign the survey prints once they are corrected to show the new boundary line. Mr. Carr seconded the motion, all were in favor the motion carried.

Proof of Notice having been furnished, Supervisor Hulbert called the Public Hearing for the Bullivant subdivision of Route 145 East Durham to order at 9:00 p.m. The Bullivant's wish to subdivide two acres from a section of parcel 21.00-4-80 which borders Stonitch Road. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 9:02 p.m.

Mr. Elpel motioned to approve the Bullivant Subdivision seconded by Mrs. Sutton. All were in favor motion carried.

The board reviewed a proposed subdivision for Paul & Corinne Biolzi of 3751 Route 145 (33.00-2-6.1). They would like to subdivide 1.78 acres to be used for a building lot. A public hearing will be held June 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

The board reviewed a proposed subdivision for Alexis Valz of 124 Mansard Avenue (21.00-5-18). Ms. Valz would like to divide her parcel, which, Mansard Avenue runs through, using the road as the lot line. She is having difficulty obtaining financing on the current parcel of 63 acres. She was advised to have the property surveyed and they would review.

Notice having been published for bids on the following surplus equipment the following sealed bids with non-collusion statements were awarded to the highest bidders.

1971 Military 5 ton 6 x 6 Wrecker Model 816 awarded to Christopher Alf \$5,737.00.

1978 Hyster Roller Model 350 awarded to Haines Falls Auto \$1,349.00.

1999 Ford F550 4 x 4 Dump Truck w/9' Fisher Plow awarded to John Rapp \$8,777.00.

Mrs. Sutton moved to adopt a proclamation for Jim Cullie commending him for his outstanding community service, second by Ms. Wood. All were in favor motion carried. The proclamation will be presented at a celebration in Mr. Cullie's honor June 10, 2007 at 2 p.m. at the East Durham Fire House.

The Durham Chamber of Commerce will hold its 12th Annual Parade and Fireworks on July 7, 2007. The parade will kick off at 11:00 sharp and fireworks will occur at dusk at the Irish Cultural Center.

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce will recognize John Quirk of Lawyers Store as Business Man of on May 18th starting at 6 p.m. at the Rip Van Winkle Country Club.

There is a four-hour training course available on line for the board pertaining to planning.

Dr. Goldstein will contact the DEC and Greene County Planning to see if someone would speak to the board about the SEQR process.

A Mass Gathering Application was received from the Irish Cultural Center for a festival in mid July. The board will review and discuss at the next meeting.

The comprehensive plan meeting will be rescheduled.

Dr. Goldstein announced the DEC is offering grant opportunity for areas, which are part of the Hudson River Estuary. The awards range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Hulbert spoke with Frazier Associates they will make the requested changes to the official document and provide us with an electronic copy upon request.

Residential Assessment Ratios were discussed and Mr. Bennett will be asked attend the next meeting to review the impact on the town.

Ms. Wood motioned to adjourn at 9:54 p.m. seconded by Mr. Carr.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk