

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held September 18, 2007, at the Town Building in Oak Hill, NY.

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

Secretary: **Chris Kohrs – Deputy Town Clerk**

Others Present: **Tal Rappleyea – Attorney**
Charles Soderblom – Town Clerk

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. There were fourteen people present.

Ms. Wood moved to accept the minutes of August 7 and August 21, 2007 seconded by Mrs. Sutton. All were in favor motion carried.

Supervisor Hulbert announced a town hall meeting with Assemblyman Lopez on October 25, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Durham Town Hall.

The Gazebo donated by the Durham Community Planners has been placed on the prepared site at the Irish-American Museum in East Durham. The Gazebo will be dedicated to the memory of veterans of the Town of Durham at a ceremony on Sunday September 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Highway Superintendent Moore reported he has received approximately 1000 tons of crusher run stone intended for fall road repairs. The material is recycled product from construction sites in New York City, which is brought to Albany and sold at a reduced price. He was able to have Carvers deliver it at the same cost as if we had taken our trucks and picked it up at the quarry. Repair work was completed on Alan Teator Road, Cochrane Road, Mansard Road and Stonitch Road. A stump grinder rented from WM Biers to remove approximately 25 troublesome stumps, which were potential hazards for the snowplows.

Building Inspector Cunningham reported issuing one certificate of occupancy, four certificates of compliance, four deck permits, two septic permits, four addition permits and one agricultural permit.

Code Enforcement office Schmidt issued four violations.

Sergeant Sutton reported handling thirty-five complaints.

Attorney Rappleyea reported he is continuing the work on the Maggio Subdivision (Route 23 Project). Maggio's engineer is addressing the concerns of our engineer. He

has sent a proposed lease agreement to Ken Dudley for the location of the Veteran's Gazebo at the Irish-American Museum in East Durham.

The board reviewed a Site Plan Review Application received from Blackthorne Ranch. They desire to put a 20 x 70 addition their Pavilion. Discussion followed. **Mr. Elpel moved to approve the Site Plan Review and to waive the public hearing for Blackthorne Ranch pavilion addition, seconded by Ms. Wood. All were in favor motion carried.**

Supervisor Hulbert requested board input a proposal to seek \$30,000 funding from Senator Seward's office to have Fraser Associates prepare a survey and construction documents for the East Durham Side Walk Project. The project would start at Furlongs and continue to Little John's on the north side, from Little John's to Becker's on the south side and from the Cultural Center to the east side of Our Lady of Knock Shrine. The project would require approximately \$20,000 from town funds. Discussion followed. Mr. Murman of Fraser Associates will be asked to attend the October workshop to answer additional questions.

Supervisor Hulbert received a quote of \$275 for a one sided wooden sign for the Winston Cemetery. Highway Superintendent Moore will obtain a quote for a double-sided highway sign for the cemetery.

The board reviewed the proposed changes to the building permit. Code Enforcement Officer Schmidt explained the logic motivating the fee increases as the State is requiring additional inspections during the project. Currently the department's fees cover less than half of its fiscal budget. Increasing the fees would help to bring the department closer to running in the black. After reviewing the fees, the following were decided:

MINIMUM FEE	= \$50.00
AGRICULTURE	\$ 15.00
CELL TOWERS	\$250.00
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY (INCLUDING SEARCH)	\$ 30.00
CHIMNEYS & WOOD BURNING APPLIANCE	\$ 25.00
DEMOLITION	\$ 25.00
RESIDENTIAL (INCLUDES BUILDINGS, DECKS PORCHES, ADDITIONS)	\$ 0.20
COMMERCIAL (INCLUDES BUILDINGS, DECKS PORCHES, ADDITIONS)	\$ 0.30
SEPTIC SYSTEMS NEW	\$ 50.00
REPLACEMENT	\$ 50.00

SITE PLAN REVIEW	\$ 50.00
SPECIAL USE PERMIT OR VARIANCE - COMMERCIAL USE	\$125.00
SPECIAL USE PERMIT OR VARIANCE - NON COMMERCIAL	\$ 75.00
SUBDIVISION APPLICATION - MAJOR SUBDIVISION	\$100.00
SUBDIVISION APPLICATION - MINOR SUBDIVISION	\$ 50.00
SWIMMING POOLS (ABOVE & IN GROUND)	\$ 50.00
TRUSS PERMIT	\$ 50.00 + 7.50 PER SIGN

Supervisor Hulbert outlined the permit application procedure for clarity and continuity. The Town Clerk's office receives the building permit application and fee. The application is then forwarded to the building department who prior to issuance of the permit reviews the application and the project site. If additional information or forms are required it is the building inspector's/code enforcement officer's responsibility to obtain the necessary information prior to issuance of the permit. This topic will be revisited at the next meeting.

School Board Member Greg Korner-Fox invited the community to attend a meeting 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19 at the Cairo-Durham High School. The purpose of the meeting is a workshop to develop better communication between the School, School board and the community. The monthly school board meeting of September 20 will be at the Durham Elementary Building.

Mr. Healy of the Durham Community Planners thanked the highway department for assisting in preparing the site for the Veterans Gazebo and extended an invitation to all to attend the dedication ceremony on September 23, at 2:00 p.m. He also explained that the unit stationed at the Leeds armory has received notice that they will be deployed on September 26, 2007 to Afghanistan.

Mrs. Rascoe of the Durham Community Planners thanked all who assisted with the East Durham Beautification flower project. She read the list of volunteers and financial contributors. DCP has received some preliminary costs for the project in 2008 and it is estimated to be approximately \$1,625.00. As the town is currently working on the 2008 budget DCP asked that this project be considered for funding. They will be removing the flowers on Sunday, September 23 and placing cornstalks along the RT 145 corridor. Volunteers are needed please meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Shamrock House.

Supervisor Hulbert received a letter from the Nolan's regarding a culvert issue, which he is following up with the NYS DOT in Cairo.

Mr. Carr moved to enter into executive session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue seconded by Mrs. Sutton.

Supervisor Hulbert called the regular meeting to order at 9:32 p.m. stating no decisions were made during the executive session.

Mrs. Sutton moved to approve the following transfers, seconded by Mr. Elpel all were in favor motion carried.

FROM:	A1990.400	Contingent	\$	350.00
TO:	A7310.141	Youth Program - Per'l Service		
FROM:	A1990.400	Contingent	\$	165.00
TO:	A7310.400	Youth Program - Per'l Contractual		
FROM:		Hwy Surplus	\$	4,600.00
TO:	DA 5110.400			
FROM:	DA5130.200	Machinery Equipment	\$	1,600.00
TO:	DA5130.400	Machinery Contractual		
FROM:	DA5112-1.230	RDS-Gulf School House	\$	3,000.00
FROM:	DA5112-1.258	RDS-Cunningham	\$	2,000.00
FROM:	DA5112-1.261	RDS-Strong	\$	1,402.00
TO:	DA5112-1.231	RDS-Sealing	\$	6,402.00

Abstract #716, consisting of 2007 Vouchers #652 through #664 for \$16,264.79 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$	341.86
Trust and Agency	\$	15,922.93

Abstract #717, consisting of 2007 Vouchers #665 through #719 for \$104,822.98 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$	25,156.10
Highway Funds	\$	79,014.04
Street Lighting	\$	652.84

Highway Superintendent Moore informed the board he had received two bids to replace the roof on the Salt Shed: GNH \$5400 and Cunningham \$5100. He would like to use Cunningham, as they are the low bidder.

Mrs. Sutton motioned to adjourn at 9:50 seconded by Ms. Wood.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk