

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held November 20, 2007, at the Town Building in Oak Hill, NY.

Present: **William Carr – Councilman**
Robert Elpel – Councilman
Jodi Wood – Councilwoman
Linda Sutton – Councilwoman

Absent: **Gary Hulbert – Supervisor**

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

Others Present: **Wes Moore – Highway Superintendent**
Charlie Soderblom – Town Clerk

Deputy Supervisor Carr called the meeting to order at 7:30. There were sixteen people present.

Mrs. Sutton moved to accept the minutes of October 2, 10 & 16, seconded by Robert Elpel. All were in favor motion carried. (Absent: Hulbert)

Highway Superintendent Moore reported having purchased a 1989 Oshkosh Snowplow through Federal Surplus out of the Air National Guard Base in Selfridge Michigan for \$2,000. It is in very good condition and has a cat diesel 325 hp automatic transmission with 14,000 miles. Borwegen Trucking transported it for \$3,500.

Superintendent Moore requested permission to purchase a new stainless steel 3-yard sander, powered by an 11 hp Briggs & Stratton motor for snow removal. It would replace the 1999 sander that is on the 2007 Chevy 4x4 truck. The 1999 sander moved is placed on the 1974 International 4x4 truck that was given to the Town by the East Durham Fire Co. Superintendent Moore received the following quotes:

Arrowhead Equipment	\$6,087.00
Henderson Truck Equipment	\$6,100.00
Babcock Municipal Supply	\$6,300.00
Chemung Supply	\$8,681.35

Ms. Wood motioned to approve the purchase of a new stainless steel 3-yard sander powered by an 11 hp Briggs & Stratton motor for snow removal from Arrowhead Equipment for \$6,087.00. Motioned was seconded by Mr. Elpel, all were in favor motion carried. (Absent: Hulbert)

Building Inspector Cunningham reported issuing the following permits: 1 septic, 6 additions, 4 barns, 1 truss, 2 new construction, 1 certificate of occupancy, and 7 certificates of compliance.

Code Enforcement Officer Schmidt reported handling four complaints and one fire call.

There were no reports from the dog officer, attorney, task force, historical committee or assessor.

Sergeant Sutton reported handling thirty-eight complaints, three arrests, three DWIs, one suicide, and one domestic.

It was reported that the cell tower company is continuing to search for the feasible sites within in the town of Durham. The Oak Hill Fire Company and McKenna's are very good sites an additional site may be needed on the northwest end of town. The tower company will keep us informed of their progress.

The Agriculture and Open Space Committee met on November 12, to review the recommendations of the Glynwood Foundation. The committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal from the Glynwood Center for the assessment and business plan components, but not for the Town law review component. Dr. Goldstein will co-ordinate the necessary information with the Glynwood Center, the Town of Durham and NY State and follows up on necessary contract executions. Ms. Wood and Mr. Kohrs will draft articles for the media. An "Agriculture-Community Partnership" will be established with the first meeting held on January 10, 2008.

Ms. Wood added that it is essential that the town adopt a "Right to Farm" law to compliment this project and the comprehensive plan. She will follow up with Mr. Rappleyea.

Ms. Wood motioned to accept the recommendations of the Agriculture and Open Space Committee, seconded by Mrs. Sutton. All were in favor motion carried.
(Absent: Hulbert)

The Comprehensive Plan Committee will meet November 29, 2007 to finalize the plan for the town board and public review.

Mrs. Sutton motioned to approve \$300.00 for the 2008 Greene County Youth Fair Fireworks, seconded by Ms. Wood. All were in favor motion carried. (Absent: Hulbert)

Mr. Fried inquired as to the status of the Maggio Rte 23 project. The board explained that Attorney Rappleyea has referred the plans to our engineers and Maggio's engineers. There have been no up dates for the past few months.

Mr. Schmidt asked the board to approve the State mandated forms for the Special use permits. Discussion followed. He was asked to submit the forms completed with the Town of Durham information filled in where appropriate.

Bernadette Gavin reported for the Durham Community Planners regarding the Christmas project. They have made kissing balls to replace the hanging baskets in East Durham. The Welcome to East Durham signs are completed and as a final step asked if the highway department could purchase and set the posts and signs. The Durham Community Planners will reimburse the town for the cost of the post. The labor to set the

posts and signs would address the in-kind requirement for the grant. Ms. Gavin was asked to forward a copy of the grant requirements to Attorney Rappleyea for review and the town's obligations. Mr. Winans with NYSDOT will be asked to mark the location for the placement of the signs.

Ms. Wood motioned that the Town adopt the Cold War Veterans Exemption and that a public hearing be scheduled for November 27, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Sutton. All were in favor, motion carried. (Absent: Hulbert)

Mrs. Sutton moved to approve the following transfers, seconded by Ms. Wood all were in favor motion carried. (Absent: Hulbert)

FROM:	A7110.200	Parks, Equipment	\$	300.00
TO:	A7110.150	Parks, Personal Service		
FROM:	A1990.400	Contingent	\$	2,510.00
TO:	A1420.400	Law, Contractual		
FROM:	A1990.400	Contingent	\$	1,200.00
TO:	A7310.400	Youth Contractual		
FROM:		General Surplus	\$	3,500.00
TO:	A1930.400	Judgments & Claims		
FROM:		General Surplus	\$	2,575.00
TO:	A9010.8	ERS Retirement	\$	1,943.00
TO:	A9015.8	F & P Retirement	\$	632.00
FROM:		Street Lighting Surplus	\$	223.23
TO:	SL5182.26	East Durham District #2		
FROM:		Highway Surplus	\$	12,100.00
TO:	DA5130.400	Machinery Contractual	\$	5,700.00
TO:	DA5142.400	Snow, Contractual	\$	6,400.00

Abstract #720, consisting of 2007 Vouchers #786 through #799 for \$20,257.88 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$	484.67
Trust and Agency	\$	19,773.21

Abstract #725, consisting of 2007 Vouchers #800 through #848 for \$101,913.30 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$	52,254.06
Highway Funds	\$	48,982.61
Street Lighting	\$	676.63

Ms. Wood motioned to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Sutton.

Minutes approved: _____
Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk