

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

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

Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Deputy Town Clerk

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

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:35. There were 22 people present.

Mr. Elpel made a motion to accept the minutes of November 6, November 20 and November 27 with one correction for November 20, correcting the meeting “Deputy Supervisor Carr called the meeting to order” seconded by Mrs. Sutton. All were in favor motion carried.

Supervisor Hulbert had information for newly elected officers for 2008. There will be a training session in Albany, January 7, 8 & 9. The fee is \$200 with meals or \$150 without meals. The board left it to their discretion. **Ms. Wood made a motion and seconded by Mr. Carr that Mr. Cunningham and Mrs. Kohrs attend the 2008 training session in Albany.**

Supervisor Hulbert received communication that Sweet Ridge Communication would like to complete an annual inspection for \$75. Mr. Hulbert wondered if we should consider including fire protection considering all the records we have in the building. If the Board decides to include fire protection, Mr. Hulbert thought they would check the system at the installation time. He will check into the price.

The organizational meeting is January 2 at 7:30 PM, the regular Board Meeting on January 1 will not be held.

Attorney Rappleyea is working on Local Law #1 of 1988, Flood Control that needs to be updated.

David Teichman submitted paperwork for site plan review. He would like to put a used mobile home and two used construction office trailers on Camp Govoah property. The mobile home would be a home for a caretaker. One of the work office trailers would be an office and the other a classroom. The board discussed the particulars and Mr. Schmidt said they would have to comply with DOH and NYS Education Department. Mr. Carr advised Mr. Teichman to higher a general contractor to ensure that all building codes are met. Mr. Teichman also assured the board that these structures would not be used for any

purpose until they are properly placed and a certificate of occupancy has been issued. Mr. Hulbert requested individual plans and project descriptions for each location. The board issued their approval to allow the storage of the structures on the Camp Govoah property until the site prep work is complete.

Mr. Rappleyea and Highway Superintendent Moore stated they had reviewed the documents and site for Durham Woods Road and gave their consent for the board to consider adoption of the road. **Mr. Carr moved that the board adopt Durham Woods Road as a town road, seconded by Mrs. Sutton. All were in favor motion carried.**

Mr. Carr complimented the Highway Department on another fine job cleaning up after our weekly snowstorms.

Highway Superintendent Moore reported his crew has been busy over the past three weeks contending with the ice and snowstorm. They have used 1735 tons of sand and 300 tons of salt to date. As the storms are quite frequent, the highway crew has not been able to haul in materials and Borwegen trucking will be hauling materials from Callanan's in Ravenna at less than the county contract price.

Building Inspector Cunningham issued the following permits: five additions, one deck, two certifications, two certificates of occupancy and four certificates of compliance.

Code Enforcement Officer Schmidt issued the following violations: two building, two junk cars and received three complaints.

Mr. Carr explained that he and Councilwomen Wood have been meeting with the building and code departments weekly to address expectations and practices. These meetings have been going very well and are productive.

Sergeant Sutton reported the police department has handled 29 complaints.

Attorney Rappleyea continues his work on the Ag & Markets grant and the 1988 Flood Law as well as completing the work for adopting the Durham Woods Road.

The board presented the following proclamations:

Whereas, Daniel J. Lucente has been employed by the Town of Durham since January 1, 1992; and

Whereas, Daniel J. Lucente has faithfully and conscientiously served the town and its citizens for sixteen years; and

Whereas, Daniel J. Lucente will retire from his position as Town Justice effective December 31, 2007; and

Whereas, Daniel J. Lucente consistently performed to the best of his ability during his tenure as Town Justice; and

Whereas, the governing body, by this recognition, wishes to express its great appreciation to Daniel J. Lucent for meritorious service, loyalty, and dedication to the Town of Durham;

Now, therefore the Town of Durham wishes to commend Daniel J. Lucente for many years of valuable service and expresses its sincere thanks on behalf of the Town of Durham.

Whereas, Charles G. Soderblom has been Town Clerk since January 1, 1986, and has announced his retirement as of December 31, 2007; and

Whereas, over his twenty-two years of employment, Charles G. Soderblom has displayed the highest example of character, ethics, morals, and unselfish service; and

Whereas, his service in both his public and private life has been given willingly and cheerfully, and he has contributed immeasurably to the success of community endeavors and to the betterment of the quality of life for many of his fellow citizens; and

Now, therefore the Town Board wishes to commend Charles G. Soderblom for many years of valuable service and expresses its sincere thanks on behalf of the Town of Durham.

Whereas, Robert Elpel has served as a member of the Town Board since January 1, 1996

Whereas, during his tenure, Robert Elpel has devoted his time and interest to matters affecting the Town of Durham; and

Whereas, Robert Elpel has long supported community activities in our community; and

Whereas, Robert Elpel contributed to the growth and development of our area and his influence is still being felt;

Now, therefore the Town Board wishes to commend Robert Elpel for his services rendered to the citizens of our community while serving as a member of the Town Board for the Town of Durham.

Each recipient thanked the board and stated they had enjoyed their tenure with the town and those they have worked with through the years.

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

FROM:	A1110.104	COURT, PER SERV CLERK II	\$	1,200.00
TO:	A1110.103	COURT, PER SERV CLERK I		
FROM:		GEN SURPLUS	\$	268.00
TO:	A1220.400	SUPERVISOR, CONTRACTUAL		

FROM:		GEN SURPLUS	\$	2,550.00
TO:	A1420.400	LAW, CONTRACTUAL		
FROM:	A3120	POLICE, PERS'L	\$	466.00
TO:	A3120.400	POLICE CONTRACTUAL		
FROM:		GEN SURPLUS	\$	764.00
TO:	A7410.400	LIBRARY CONTRACTUAL		
FROM:		HWY SURPLUS	\$	15,400.00
TO:	DA5130.400	MACHINERY CONTRACTUAL	\$	5,300.00
TO:	DA5142.400	SNOW, CONTRACTUAL	\$	10,100.00
FROM:		STREET LIGHTING SURPLUS	\$	350.00
TO:	SL5182.25	E DURHAM #1 DIST	\$	85.00
TO:	SL5182.26	E DURHAM #2 DIST	\$	225.00
TO:	SL5182.28	OAK HILL DIST	\$	40.00

Abstract #721, consisting of 2007 Vouchers #849 through #861 for \$15,972.69 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$	417.82
Trust and Agency	\$	15,554.87

Abstract #723, consisting of 2007 Vouchers #862 through #910 for \$27,753.36 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$	8,804.94
Highway Funds	\$	18,272.01
Street Lighting	\$	676.41

The Agricultural Committee has scheduled a public meeting for January 10, at 7:30 p.m. to review the proposal for the grant project. All interested parties are urged to attend.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee will hold a public hearing December 19, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Building Inspector Cunningham asked for an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Ms. Wood motioned to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Mrs. Sutton at 8:20 p.m.

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 8:50 p.m.

Mr. Elpel motioned to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Wood.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk