

A REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DURHAM, JULY 6, 2010

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham, County of Greene and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 7309 State Route 81, East Durham, NY on the 6th day of July 2010.

PRESENT: Gary Hulbert ---- Supervisor  
William Carr ---- Councilperson  
Jerry Cunningham ---- Councilperson  
Linda Sutton ---- Councilperson  
Jodi Wood ---- Councilperson  
Chris Kohrs ---- Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Alan Beechert-Highway Superintendent; Larry Cooke-Code Enforcement Officer; Tal Rappleyea-Attorney; Sgt.; Nick Nahas-Historian; – eleven community members

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

**Ms. Wood motioned to approve the Mass Gathering Application MGP2010-03 for the Andy McCann Music Festival pending receipt of letter from East Durham Volunteer Fire Co. acknowledging notification of the event, seconded by Mr. Carr all in favor motion carried.** (5-years, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Wood)

Proof of Notice having been furnished, Supervisor Hulbert called the Public Hearing on the Attenborough and Sharkey demolition to order at 7:38 p.m.

The following person(s) spoke in support of the demolitions:

None

The following person(s) spoke against the demolitions:

None

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 7:42 p.m.

**Mrs. Sutton motioned to approve the demolition of unsafe buildings located at 4177 State Route 145, tax map 21.00-5-7 and 1636 Route 145, tax map 50.00-3-14 seconded by Mr. Carr all in favor motion carried.** (5-years, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Wood)

**RESOLUTION 2010-09**

**AWARD OF BID FROM PECKHAM INDUSTRIES TO PAVE STONEBRIDGE ROAD**

**On motion of Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Wood, the following resolution was adopted.** (5-years, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Wood)

**Resolved that Peckham Industries be awarded the contract to pave Stonebridge Road for their low bid of \$140,894.00.**

RESOLUTION 2010-10

**ACCEPT QUOTE FROM ANYTHING WOODWORKS TO REPAIR OAK HILL HAMLET SIGN**

**On motion of Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Sutton, the following resolution was adopted**

**Resolved to accept the quote from Anything Woodworks to repair the Oak Hill Hamlet sign destroyed by vandals in the amount of \$1,400.00.** (5-years, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Wood)

Highway Superintendent Beechert asked the board authorize purchase of a 2010 Dodge Pickup to replace the pickup previously used by the Highway Superintendent as the cost of repairs were more than the book value of the truck. Discussion followed.

RESOLUTION 2010-11

**AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR TO PURCHASE A 2010 DODGE PICKUP UNDER STATE CONTRACT**

**On motion of Mr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, the following resolution was adopted:**

**Resolved to accept the quote from Albany Dodge, Inc. for a 2010 Dodge 2500 4x4 regular cab pickup under NYS contract PC65018 for \$25,783.30.** (5-years, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Wood)

RESOLUTION 2010-12

**ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE NEW HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT AND DEPUTY**

**On motion of Ms. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Sutton the following resolution was adopted:**

**Resolved to set the annual salary for the Highway Superintendent Beechert at \$48,000 per year to be prorated and to increase the hourly salary of Deputy Highway Superintendent van Holsteyn by 50 cents per hour.** (5-years, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Wood)

Attorney Rappleyea informed the board that Independent Towers has received a letter of intent from AT&T for the proposed cell tower at 44 McCafferty Rd. As the permit period expired in January 2010, it is necessary to hold a public hearing so Independent Towers can explain nothing has changed from the original application and so the public can offer comment. The board scheduled the public hearing for July 20, 2010; Independent Towers will publish the notice and notify the appropriate landowners.

Marty McGuire explained the new voting machines will be in place for the November Election and that everyone is urged to attend one of the many training sessions being offered throughout the county.

Historian Nick Nahas shared that the Oak Hill Preservation Commission is a recipient of a matching grant from the O'Connor Foundation for \$4790.00 which will be used to continue the restoration of the Oak Hill United Methodist Church. He also reminded everyone of Oak Hill Days on July 31, 2010. There are free yard sale signs available for those who wish to participate.

Everyone was reminded the Irish Arts weeks starts July 11 and Grey Fox Bluegrass Music Festival begins July 15.

Ms Wood thanked Mrs. Sutton, the Durham Task force and the many volunteers for an outstanding job with the Independence Day parade and the fireworks. Excellent show.

**Mr. Cunningham motioned to authorize Attorney Rappleyea to modify the contract with Mohawk Hudson Humane Society and the Town of Durham to read: that impounded dogs will not be released to the owner until they have paid the Town Clerk the impound fee and received a letter of receipt from the clerk to be presented to the Humane Society. Motion seconded by Mr. Cunningham, all in favor motion carried. (5-yetas, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Wood)**

It was announced that Assessor Bennett will hold an informational meeting Thursday, July 8, 2010 7 p.m. to explain the re-valuation process. All are invited to attend.

**Mrs. Sutton motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. seconded by Ms. Wood.**

**Minutes approved:**

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Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk