

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held May 1, 2018 at the Town Hall commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Shawn Marriott, Supervisor
Nick Nahas, Deputy Supervisor
Joan Breslin, Council Member
Jerry Cunningham, Council Member
Linda Sutton, Council Member

Recording Secretary: Janet Partridge, Town Clerk

Others Present: David Cunningham, Building Inspector
Patti Fetty, Deputy Town Clerk
Thomas Sutton, Police Sgt.
Karen Tirpak, Bookkeeper
14 community members

Supervisor Marriott called the meeting to order at 7:29 pm followed by the pledge to the flag.

Supervisor Marriott showed the Board the new magnetic signs purchased for the data collectors.

Supervisor Marriott wanted to recognize the employees who have celebrated anniversaries recently for their service to the Town of Durham.

Josh Holdredge,	Highway Department	4 years
Matt Matice	Highway Department	6 years
Rich Frasco	BAR Board	11 years
Judy Barra	Recycling	5 years

The Board discussed the Irish Cultural Center's Mass Gathering Permit submitted.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Nahas to approve the MJQ Irish Cultural and Sport Center's Mass Gathering Permit, seconded by Council Member Breslin, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Yeas – Marriott, Nahas, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)

The Board discussed a Park Use Form submitted for June 19, 2018. It was tabled until they heard from Attorney Rappleyea.

Ken Dudley gave a report on the progress he is making at the old Becker Building, now Emerald Square. He has been working on the Flea Market project since February 2, 2016. As stated in the past, it will be an antique, craft, flea market. The goal is to have it open by the 19th of May. He has met with DEC and the Board of Health. He has been working closely with the Durham Building Department and they are in support all the work he has done.

A motion was made by Council Member Cunningham to approve the usage of a larger space once confirmation from Attorney Rappleyea is received, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Nahas, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Yeas – Marriott, Nahas, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)

Supervisor Marriott has been in contact with the Mammano family about a demolition permit for the house on Route 145 that burned recently. He has offered to help with filling out the permit so progress can be made on cleaning up the area.

A motion was made by Supervisor Marriott to waive the fee for the demo permit for 2753 Route 145, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Nahas, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Yeas – Marriott, Nahas, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)

Stiehl Road over Thorpe Bridge received a red flag during its inspection this year. When a bridge is red flagged, the town must bring it up to code. Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP submitted a proposal to Highway Superintendent van Holsteyn to provide Engineering Services to address the Red Structural Flag issued for the Stiehl Road. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Nahas approve the proposal submitted by Creighton Manning Engineering LLP, seconded by Council Member Breslin, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Yeas – Marriott, Nahas, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)

Highway Superintendent van Holsteyn also submitted a request to put the partial paving of Cornwallville Road out to bid this week. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Deputy Supervisor Nahas to approve putting out a bid request for paving a section of Cornwallville Road with all bids being opened at the May 15th meeting, seconded by Council Member Cunningham, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Yeas – Marriott, Nahas, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)

A community member asked if the town had a policy for commercial solar farms. Council Member Cunningham explained about the committee that has formed and is working on forming a policy for Board approval.

Highway Superintendent van Holsteyn arrived at the meeting and answered questions about Stiehl Bridge and the paving project.

A community member asked about the paving of Cornwallville Road and what is in the future for Flinn Road.

Legislator Aidan O'Connor arrived and reported on what was happening on the county level including the county jail and the AED project.

A motion was made by Supervisor Marriott to enter into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, seconded by Council Member Breslin, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Yeas – Marriott, Nahas, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)

The board returned from executive session. No action was taken.

At 9:51 pm Council Member Cunningham motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Breslin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Partridge,
Clerk/Collector