

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held November 5, 2019 at the Town Hall commencing at 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Shawn Marriott, Supervisor  
Joan Breslin, Deputy Supervisor  
George Deckers, Councilmember  
Scott Hulbert, Councilmember

**Absent:** Linda Sutton, Councilmember

**Recording Secretary:** Janet Partridge, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Patti Fetty, Deputy Town Clerk  
David Cunningham, Building Inspector  
Joe van Holsteyn, Highway Superintendent  
Maryellen Brooks, Assessor's Clerk  
Tal Rappleyea, Town Attorney  
Karen Tirpak, Bookkeeper  
14 community members

Supervisor Marriott called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm followed by the pledge to the flag.

Marriott said the public hearing on the proposed Local Law #1 will be bypassed since the preliminary budget approved by the board is under the state mandated tax levy limit.

**Deputy Supervisor Breslin motioned to open the Public Hearing on the 2020 Preliminary Budget, seconded by Councilmember Deckers, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Ayes – Marriott, Breslin, Sutton, Deckers, Hulbert)

Copies have been available at the town office. Marriott reported New York State gave a 1.02% allowable increase for the Town of Durham on the 2020 budget. The preliminary budget approved by the board shows it is under the 1.02% increase by \$7,482.

Marriott asked if there were any questions or comments on the budget. A community asked when the final budget will be approved. Marriott explained it will be voted on tonight.

More copies of the Preliminary Budget will be made up.

**Deckers motioned to close the public hearing on the 2020 Preliminary Budget, seconded by Councilmember Hulbert, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Ayes – Marriott, Breslin, Sutton, Deckers, Hulbert)

**Breslin motioned to adopt the 2020 Budget for the Town of Durham, seconded by Deckers, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Ayes – Marriott, Breslin, Sutton, Deckers, Hulbert)

**Breslin motioned to approve Marriott sign the 2020 agreement with Greene County EMS, seconded by Hulbert, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Ayes – Marriott, Breslin, Sutton, Deckers, Hulbert)

Marriott reported Wyatt Beaumont has been with the town two years; he started October 19, 2017

The Board discussed the quote they received for online Dog license payments. Not sure the cost would be worth it with the amount of licenses processed in our town. They are not interested in adding it at this time.

Town Clerk Partridge asked where the board was in deciding whether to go ahead with the redesign of the website. Hulbert feels we should forge on and begin the process. Discussion on the process followed.

**Hulbert motioned to sign the contract with BAS to start the process to redesign the website, seconded by Breslin, all in favor, motion carried.**

Phillip Algozzine presented his simple subdivision application and survey to the board. Attorney Rappleyea has reviewed all the paperwork and it looks good.

**Breslin motioned to wave the public hearing on the simple subdivision for tax map # 65.00-1-25 on Pierson Road, seconded by Hulbert, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Ayes – Marriott, Breslin, Sutton, Deckers, Hulbert)

Marriott read through Part 2 of the SEQR short form.

**Breslin motioned to approve a negative declaration on the subdivision of tax map # 65.00-1-25, seconded by Hulbert, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Ayes – Marriott, Breslin, Sutton, Deckers, Hulbert)

**Hulbert motioned to approve the simple subdivision of tax map # 65.00-1-25, seconded by Breslin, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Ayes – Marriott, Breslin, Sutton, Deckers, Hulbert)

Highway Superintendent van Holsteyn went over the quote he received from Tracey equipment for a 2021 Western Star Chassis with a 7 year/ 150,000 mileage warranty and a Tenco Plow, wing, and dump body with a standard 1 year warranty. The total would be \$235,277.68. He explained this is part of the fifteen year plan with our snow plow trucks. We have at least 6 months from the time we order it until we receive the completed truck. He is requesting approval to order and purchase the 2021 Western Star. Breslin asked that the board have a chance to review the paperwork before they vote.

Marriott explained we need a new resolution on the department of labor standards for minimum wage for employees eligible for health insurance coverage. In years past, for an employee to be eligible for health insurance they had to work 20 hours/week at minimum wage or have a salary equivalent to that yearly amount. Over the years some employees have had a larger increase than the standard 3% of everyone else to make sure they met that base amount so they would still be eligible for health insurance. Currently the Health insurance Company does not require this; therefore the Town can discontinue this resolution.

**Breslin motioned to approve Resolution 2019-12, to discontinue the current department of labor standard for minimum wage for insurance coverage, seconded by Hulbert, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Ayes – Marriott, Breslin, Sutton, Deckers, Hulbert)

**Breslin motioned to approve putting the 1986 Chevy Military pick up for surplus, seconded by Deckers, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Ayes – Marriott, Breslin, Sutton, Deckers, Hulbert)

Breslin would like to tour the area and see what the Town has back there and make some decisions on cleaning things up.

Deckers asked a community member input on the website redesign. Marriott encouraged anyone from the community to reach out and let us know what they would like to see on the website.

**A motion was made by Hulbert to adjourn at 8:28pm, seconded by Deckers.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Janet Partridge,  
Clerk/Collector