

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held December 3, 2019 at the Town Hall commencing at 7:30 p.m.

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

Recording Secretary: Janet Partridge, Town Clerk

Others Present: Tom Sutton, Police Sgt.
David Cunningham, Building Inspector
Joe van Holsteyn, Highway Superintendent
Mark Overbaugh, CEO
Tal Rappleyea, Town Attorney
Karen Tirpak, Bookkeeper
5 community members

Supervisor Marriott called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm followed by the pledge to the flag.

Marriott reported Janet Partridge, Town Clerk, has been with the town 3 years; she started November 21, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilmember Deckers to open the public hearing on the three emergency services contracts for 2020, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Breslin, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Ayes – Marriott, Breslin, Sutton, Deckers, Hulbert)

Marriott read the Contract changes with Durham Ambulance, Inc.; East Durham Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.; and Oak Hill – Durham Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. In the ambulance contract, there should be a date change in paragraph 5 and in the footnote. The year should be 2020 in both places.

Deckers asked if the Board was privy to ask what revenue the three companies have. Attorney Rappleyea explained the Board can request the information.

- No more questions or comments

A motion was made by Deckers to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Hulbert, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Ayes – Marriott, Breslin, Sutton, Deckers, Hulbert)

A motion was made by Breslin to approve the 2020 contracts with East Durham Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.; Oak Hill – Durham Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.; and Durham Ambulance, Inc. with all 2019 verbiage changed to 2020, seconded by Councilmember Sutton, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Ayes – Marriott, Breslin, Sutton, Deckers, Hulbert)

Partridge reported the website redesign is moving along. BAS is working on the layout and reconfiguring the department pages.

Rappleyea proposed an addition to the health insurance resolution, 2019-12, passed at the November 5th meeting.

Marriott read the addition:

This standard however shall not apply to any current town employees who do not receive health benefits. For such employees, the prior standard for eligibility of 20 hours/per week at a level equal to minimum wage or an annual salary equivalent to that amount, shall apply.

A motion was made by Breslin to amend the previous 2019-12 resolution to include the just read proposed addition, seconded by Hulbert, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Ayes – Marriott, Breslin, Sutton, Deckers, Hulbert)

No update on Cornwallville Cemetery.

Marriott thanked Highway Superintendent van Holsteyn for all the work he and his highway crew have done on the roads over the past few days. It was very much appreciated.

Van Holsteyn invited the Board and any community members to tour the highway garage.

A motion was made by Hulbert to adjourn at 7:46pm, seconded by Deckers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Partridge,
Clerk/Collector