

TOWN BOARD HEARING ON THE
LICENSING OF PLUMBERS

Sept. 12, 1938

All members of the Town Board were present with Mrs. Buchenau acting as Secretary.

Mr. Blauvelt, in calling the meeting to order, explained that the hearing was for the purpose of licensing plumbers in the Town of Clarkstown.

Mr. Arthur Evans of Nanuet, speaking on behalf of the plumbers in the Town, gave an address outlining the value of the proposed ordinance. He spoke relative to the value of good plumbing to the health of the Town. He pointed out that under the proposed set-up, taxpayers could be certain of competent work when there was a necessity for plumbing work in their homes, as only skilled plumbers would be granted a license, after passing a satisfactory examination. He further pointed out that while Clarkstown plumbers are required to pay a license before they can do work in other adjoining communities, outside plumbers may come into Clarkstown and do work without paying any fee. Mr. Evans likewise pointed out that this would be a source of revenue to the Town, and to substantiate his statement, he produced a communication from the Board of Health, Borough of Tenafly, N.J. which indicates that 8 local plumbers are licensed while there are 24 outside plumbers licensed. In further remarks, he stated that the license fee would not increase taxes, and while it is impossible to control prices outside of the Unions, the additional cost to taxpayers to cover the cost of license would be very small. He also insisted that this ordinance would not mean a Plumbing Code for the Town. In concluding his remarks, he presented a petition signed by 80 taxpayers requesting that the ordinance be adopted.

Mr. Nagle and Mr. Joe Kunz also appeared on behalf of the plumbers, both insisting that the licensing of plumbers would not increase or control prices. They also insisted that it would not effect taxpayers who wished to do their own plumbing.

Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Golden and Mr. Norman G. Baker also expressed themselves as favoring the licensing of plumbers. They all felt the health of the Town would be greatly benefitted and the taxpayers assured of good work.

Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Sidoli, Mr. Kohler, Mr. Harry Knapp, Mr. Robert Knapp, Mrs. Elia Jones, Mr. Paul Wolf and Philip Klein, appeared before the Board, voicing opposition to this proposed ordinance.

Mr. Moore expressed his belief that Clarkstown should not be the first Town in the County to license plumbers, since none of the other towns are at present charging a license. He also felt the meeting should be held in the evening instead of afternoon.

Mr. Sidoli felt that a taxpayer should have the right to do his own plumbing, if he so desired and was capable, and that he should not have to pay a license.

Mr. Kohler commented on the fact that the licensing of plumbers would mean higher prices for plumbing work. He requested that the matter be held over until after the next meeting of the Civic Board of Clarkstown. This he asked as a representative of this Board.

Mr. Harry Knapp appeared and voiced opposition to the ordinance, as he felt this would be the beginning of a Plumbers Code. He also felt that other trades, such as Electricians, etc. would request a similiar kind of ordinance. Mr. Knapp requested Mrs. Buchenau to read over the proposed ordinance aloud, so that those present might be able to know its contents. Mrs. Buchenau complied with his request by reading the ordinance.

Mr. Robert Knapp opposed the ordinance on the ground that without an inspection the plumbers could not be controlled. He maintained that the small man who could not afford the license fee would be restrained from doing work.

Mrs. Jones expressed herself as desiring to select her own plumber, as she felt herself competent to judge whether or not a plumber could do satisfactory work. Along these lines she heartily opposed legislation which she termed would take from the taxpayer the right to make his own decisions.

Philip Klein, while expressing himself as of an open mind on the subject, questioned whether or not the proposed ordinance would not mean an inspector, thus increasing taxes. However, in concluding, Mr. Klein felt favorably toward giving the plumbers a license to protect them from too much outside competition, providing this does not mean a plumbers code.

Some question relative to the validity of the petitions was brought up, but this was soon dispensed with when it was found that all signatures were authentic.

Mr. Blauvelt before closing the hearing said that about 75 letters had been received favoring the ordinance. Before any action is taken, he pointed out that all these letters will be carefully considered as well as the petitions presented. With these remarks the meeting was concluded.

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Present: Mr. Eberling
 Dr. Gilchrest
 Mr. Jacobsen
 Mr. Baker
 Mr. Blauvelt

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

Mr. Paul Wolf appeared before the Board and presented petitions requesting that the question of zoning be put to a referendum of the people.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Mr. F. G. Davidson relative to the Deming property and the establishing of the line between Clarkstown and Ramapo.

Mr. Baker moved that in view of the findings reported to the Town Council by F. G. Davidson, engineer and surveyor, there seems to be no authority for the inclusion of the property of Eleanor Deming, formerly the property of William Nash, on the western boundary of the township on the South Mountain Road, on the Town of Ramapo assessment rolls and that the Town of Ramapo, should it dispute the removal of the property from its assessment rolls and the refund to Miss Deming of taxes paid during the time it was thus assessed, undertake the necessary court action against the Town of Clarkstown, and Mr. Baker further moved that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Ramapo Supervisor and to Miss Deming.

Seconded by Mr. Jacobsen	Vote: Mr. Eberling	Yes
	Dr. Gilchrest	Yes
	Mr. Jacobsen	Yes
	Mr. Baker	Yes
	Mr. Blauvelt	Yes

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Mr. Edward Ullmann approving zoning.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from the Automatic Voting Machine Corporation. It was ordered placed on file.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from the Water Commissioners of the Village of Nyack, requesting a reduction of taxes.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that the letter be referred to the Board of Assessors for their attention and reply.

Seconded by Mr. Eberling

Carried

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Laura Hard Meyer recommending Mr. Alfred Biltz for the position of Dog Enumerator. It was ordered placed on file.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from the Rockland Light & Power Company relative to the installation of a street light on Old Lake Road, Congers, indicating that the cost of the installation will be \$101.49.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that the petition be accepted and the petitioners notified that their request will be considered by the Town Board and included in next year's budget as a charge against the Congers Lighting District.

Seconded by Mr. Eberling

Carried

Mr. Blauvelt presented a bill from the Village of Nyack, Water Dept. amounting to \$37.30 for the repair and replacement of a hydrant at Chestnut St. and Turnpike, Central Nyack. He explained that there will have to be a further appropriation inasmuch as there was no provision made for this item in the budget.

It was decided to hold this matter over until the next meeting.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from the Central Nyack Welfare Association requesting that the Board meet with them to discuss important matters.

Mr. Jacobsen moved that Mrs. Buchenau write the Central Nyack Welfare Association advising them that the Town Board will be glad to meet with them if they will designate a time and place.

Seconded by Mr. Baker

Carried

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from the Spring Valley Water Works & Supply Co. in regard to a hydrant on Orchard Street, Nanuet, N.Y. The letter was ordered filed.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Anna Murdock requesting the return of all maps, deeds and papers, etc. The letter was ordered placed on file.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Mr. Arthur Evans approving zoning.

Mr. Baker moved that Clyde Begbie be appointed Republican Inspector for District #2, Rockland Lake, in place of Richard Kenworthy.

Seconded by Mr. Jacobsen

Carried

Mr. Baker moved that Thomas Simpson be appointed Custodian of the Polls for Election Dist. #5, Nanuet, for a period of one year.

Seconded by Mr. Jacobsen

Mr. Eberling moved that Raymond Youmans be appointed Custodian of the Polls for Election District #5, Namuet, for a period of one year.

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest	Vote:	Mr. Eberling	Youmans
		Dr. Gilchrest	Youmans
		Mr. Jacobsen	Simpson
		Mr. Baker	Simpson
		Mr. Blauvelt	Simpson

Mr. Baker moved that the following persons be appointed Custodians of the Polls in the districts specified for a period of one year as follows:

May Lenhart	Election Dist. #9	Centenary
Albert Kip	Election Dist. #8	Valley Cottage
Howard Hogsett	Election Dist. #7	Congers
Charles Post	Election Dist. #4	Upper Nyack
Edwin Rogers	Election Dist. #2	Rockland Lake
Honore Dufaux	Election Dist. #3	West Nyack

Seconded by Mr. Jacobsen Carried

Dr. Gilchrest moved that the Supervisor make application to the P.W.A. for a grant of \$50,000, to be used for the construction of a Town Hall, and that the Supervisor appoint representatives from each district in the Town interested to act as a Citizens Committee for the construction of the Town Hall.

Seconded by Mr. Jacobsen Carried

<u>CLAIM NO.</u>	<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>NATURE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>FUND AND/OR APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT ALLOWED</u>
868	Williamson Law Book Co.	Expense	Town Board	8.00
869	Roswell P. Blauvelt	"	Supervisor	6.00
870	Kate Buchenau	"	Town Clerk	5.15
871	Namuet Fire Engine Co.	Rent of Courtroom	Justice	40.00
872	Philip J. Klein	Expense	"	11.00
873	Lorraine M. Shortal	"	"	18.00
874	Marion Stelljers	"	Assessors	5.00
875	Florence E. G. Wood	"	"	5.00
876	Mrs. Kathryn Colligan	"	Receiver of Taxes	250.72
877	New York Telephone Co.	"	" " "	5.05
878	The Bee Hive	Repairs	Town Offices	51.66
879	Mrs. Rose M. Leo	Rent of Receiver's Office	" "	40.00
880	John C. Fajen	Rent of Town Clerk's Office	" "	40.00
881	Miller Stationery & Printing Co.	Expense	" "	1.50

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882	New York Telephone Co.	Expense	Town Offices	15.65
883	Philip J. Klein	"	" "	21.80
884	Williamson Law Book Co.	"	" "	5.00
885	Coyle & Coyle	Fire	Insurance	10.20
886	" " "	"	"	26.55
887	Frank Hochreiter	Services	Police	45.00
888	Consolidated Stamp Manufacturing Co.	Expense	"	1.50
889	New York Telephone Co.	"	"	24.90
890	West Nyack Garage, Inc.	Transportation (Auto Exp.)	"	13.68
891	John A. Golden	" "	"	24.80
892	Laura Hard Meyer	Custody & Disposition	For Animals Killed or Injured	75.00
893	John J. Ryan	Burying Animal	Board of Health	2.00
894	John Petry	" "	" " "	2.00
895	R. D. Youmans	" "	" " "	2.00
896	Elsie C. Stedge	Nurse -Sal. & Exp.	" " "	80.88
897	George M. Kleckner	Expense	Welfare Officer	34.97
898	Bee Hive	"	" "	50.70
899	Nyack Typewriter Exchange	"	" "	2.50
900	Lettie Johnson	"	" "	12.00
901	Christy Eberling	"	" "	1.04
902	Philip J. Klein	"	" "	2.85
903	Charles E. Horn	"	" "	5.50
904	Coyle & Coyle	Rent of Welfare Office	" "	25.00
905	" " "	Rent of Commissary	" "	15.00
906	J. E. Vanderbilt & Co., Inc.	Supplies for Commissary Store	" "	.42
907	W. J. Schoenfelder	Special & Med. (Not reimbursable)	Outdoor Relief	.50
908	Fink's Drug Store	" "	" "	.80
909	Gibson Hague	" "	" "	.45
910	Shea's Drug Store	" "	" "	.95
911	Mundell's Out Rate Drug Store	" "	" "	2.90
912	New York Telephone Co.	Expense	Veterans Relief	7.20
913	Coyle & Coyle	"	" "	5.00
914	Roy Hujus	Exp. of Veterans Welfare Officer	" "	50.00

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915	Mrs. John W. Lappe	Veterans Relief	Veterans Relief	20.00
916	Philip Rieber Co.	" "	" "	10.00
917	Edwin C. Harring	" "	" "	8.95
918	Robert E. Leber	" "	" "	25.00
919	Frank Perino	" "	" "	24.00
920	Rockland Lt. & Power Co.	" "	" "	5.75
921	Endicott-Johnson	" "	" "	3.30
922	Thomas A. Goebel	" "	" "	41.33
923	Mrs. Samuel Handley	" "	" "	8.00
924	Clara N. Lamborn	" "	" "	25.00
925	Henry Hoerst	" "	" "	25.00
926	Eugene M. Reimer	" "	" "	25.00
927	Mrs. Edwin DeBevoise	" "	" "	25.00
928	Anthony Polimine	" "	" "	20.00
929	Frank C. Haslach	" "	" "	25.50
930	Lorenz Walth	" "	" "	32.75
931	Henry Helmcke	" "	" "	38.00
932	Richard Gerhardt	" "	" "	5.00
933	Rose Walser	" "	" "	32.00
934	Joseph E. Chasse	" "	" "	49.00
935	Stephen Flamik	" "	" "	8.00
936	Henry Gildersleeve	" "	" "	11.25
937	Fred H. Steinmann General Store	" "	" "	17.30
938	Stephen Ivanoff	" "	" "	12.00
939	Dr. E. Buscicchi	" "	" "	4.00
940	Kenneth G. Theis	" "	" "	9.00
941	W. J. Schoenfelder	" "	" "	3.50
942	George Bialkin, M.D.	" "	" "	7.00
943	D. J. Shea	" "	" "	13.30
944	Miles H. Stark	Salary	Attendance Officers	40.00
Total				\$ 1,629.75
945	Henry Zimmerman	Salary	Attendance Officers	100.00

The foregoing Bills Nos. 868 to 944 on Warrant No. 12 and Bill No. 945 on Warrant No. 13 were audited and ordered paid.

Mr. Baker moved the Board adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Eberling

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Kate Buchanan
Town Clerk of Clarkstown