

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
LICENSING OF PLUMBERS

DEC. 28, 1938

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

Mr. Blauvelt opened the hearing. He explained that the meeting was being held for the purpose of licensing plumbers in the Town of Clarkstown, in accordance with an amended ordinance adopted by the Town Board and duly published according to the Town Law.

Mr. Blauvelt then read the amended plumbing ordinance, in order that all present might be thoroughly familiar with it.

Upon a request made by Mr. Harry Knapp, Mrs. Buchenau advised those present that the plumbing ordinance as amended had been moved by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Jacobsen, with all the Board voting Yes.

The following persons spoke against the ordinance, and urged that the Town Board reject it.

Louis Griesman
Harry Knapp
Mrs. Fritzen
Paul Wolf
Mr. Metlas
Mr. Robert Leber
John Bloomfield
Mr. Westervelt

Mr. Arthur Evans of Nanuet was the only speaker for the Plumbers present, and he spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Griesman expressed himself as against the ordinance, as he felt the passing of the same would give every other trade the right to request protection. He said he did not believe there was a State law requiring the licensing of plumbers, and he felt that Clarkstown should not be the first one to license them, since no other township in the County has done so.

Harry Knapp in speaking against the ordinance said that comments had been made about the township that this ordinance was "in the bag" and that it would be passed before January 1st. He further indicated that the master plumbers were not in back of this ordinance, and said the plumbers were just trying to get a wedge in Clarkstown. He suggested

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that the Health Officer make an inspection and determine whether plumbing work was satisfactory.

Mr. Jacobsen requested Mr. Knapp to advise the Board just where the comments of "in the bag" had come from, but Mr. Knapp said he would mention no names. Mr. Jacobsen then told Mr. Knapp that the Board, to his knowledge, had not made up its mind, and that a decision would be made after the public hearing.

Mrs. Fritzen spoke against the ordinance and related her past experience with incompetent plumbers. She urged that the Board require plumbers to be experienced and that they be made to take an examination before doing plumbing work. She further urged the adoption of a plumbing code.

Mr. Paul Wolf opposed the ordinance on the ground that it was a special trade protection for the plumbers. He said Clarkstown was mostly agricultural, and he opposed the licensing of plumbers, because he believed it was nothing more than business protection for one line of trade.

Mr. Metlas opposed the ordinance, as he felt the protection was for the plumbers and not for the residents of Clarkstown. He further suggested that this was a Board of Health matter and should be left in their hands.

Mr. Robert Leber read his opinions on the plumbing ordinance. He said he felt this ordinance would hinder a poor, honest man from doing plumbing work. It also placed a very large responsibility on the Town Board. He suggested that the plumbers should form an organization of their own and get full information from the Federal Government. He said this would give every man the opportunity to hire someone who is competent and who takes pride in his work.

Mr. Bloomfield said the plumbing should be attacked from a health standpoint, and that it should be done according to a health code. He urged inspections of plumbing work by qualified inspectors.

Mr. Westervelt said he felt that if an inspector made inspections, it should be someone disinterested and who is not in business for himself.

Mr. Evans in defending the ordinance, said that all the plumbers asked for was protection from outside competition. He said that Clarkstown plumbers were required to be licensed before going into other communities, and he felt that outside plumbers should be licensed before coming into

Clarkstown. He said it was just an equalization of rights and justice and urged the adoption of the ordinance and the granting of licenses to the plumbers.

As there were no other speakers, Mr. Jacobsen moved the hearing adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Eberling

Carried

The meeting was adjourned.

Leo P. Buchanan

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 28th, 1938

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

Mr. Blauvelt called the meeting to order.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that the yearly reports of Samuel J. T. Garrison and Frederick R. Engels, Justice of the Peace, as follows, be accepted:-

New City, New York
 December 1938

TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,
 TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN,
 STATE OF NEW YORK.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit to you my yearly report of money handled by me during the year 1938, as Justice of the Peace of Clarkstown as follows;

Money paid to Town each month

January	\$179.85
Feburary	64.60
March	100.15
April	92.25
May.....	207.80
June	287.15
July	811.25
August	653.10
September	461.00
October	254.00
November	97.95
Up to Dec. 27th, 1938	
Civil Action	<u>19.25</u>

Total amount paid to Town Supervisor

\$3,226.35

Money paid to the State each Month.

January	35.00
February	5.00
March	17.00
April	54.00
May	126.00
June	233.00
July	313.00
August	192.00
September	139.00
October	17.00
November	79.00
Up to Dec. 27, 1938	<u>48.00</u>

Total amount paid to the State

1,258.00

Further, I have handled 13 cases of Bear Mountain Police,
5 cases of State Wardens as follows:

Bear Mountain Police (Fines\$13.00

Total cases handled by me for year 1938, as follows;

Town Police Department	570	cases
State Police	532	"
State Warden	5	"
Bear Mountain Police Dept	13	"
Civil Actions	88	"

Total Number	1208	"
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Town Police up to Dec. 27	8
State Police " " " "	11

Total	1227
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Marriages for year up to Dec. 27, 1938 22

Yours truly,

SAMUEL J. T. GARRISON

Justice of the Peace of Clarkstown.

S T A T E M E N T

of

Frederick R. Engels,

Justice of Peace, Town of Clarkstown,

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1938.

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JANUARY, FEBRUARY and MARCH, 1938

Fines Collected	\$376.00
Civil Costs "	<u>32.85</u>

Paid to Supervisors \$408.25

APRIL, 1938

Fines Collected	\$ 23.00
Civil Costs	<u>47.60</u>

Paid to Supervisor 47.60

MAY, 1938

Fines Collected \$ 156.00

Paid to Supervisor \$ 137.00

Paid to Comptroller \$ 19.00

JUNE, 1938

Fines Collected	\$ 148.50
Civil Costs "	<u>23.45</u>

Paid to Supervisor \$ 158.95

Paid to Comptroller 13.00

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JULY, 1938

Fines Collected	\$249.00	
Civil Costs	8.30	
Paid to Supervisor	\$252.30	
Paid to Comptroller		\$5.00

AUGUST, 1938

Fines Collected	\$ 266.00	
Civil Costs	26.55	
Paid to Supervisor	\$270.55	
Paid to Comptroller		22.00

SEPTEMBER, 1938

Fines Collected	\$ 65.00	
Civil Costs	9.15	
Paid to Supervisor	\$ 74.15	

OCTOBER, 1938

Fines Collected	\$43.00	
Civil Costs	20.70	
Paid to Supervisor		\$ 63.70

NOVEMBER, 1938

Fines Collected	17.00	
Civil Costs	2.20	
Paid to Supervisor		\$ 19.20

DECEMBER, 1938

Fines Collected	None	
Civil Costs (Pending)		

SUMMARY

TOTAL FINES & COSTS	\$ 1,490.70	
TOTAL PAID TO SUPERVISOR		\$1,431.70
TOTAL PAID TO COMPTROLLER		59.00
	<u>\$ 1,490.70</u>	<u>1,490.70</u>

FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE MONTHLY REPORTS

Dated December 28th, 1938

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

FREDERICK R. ENGELS
Justice of Peace, Clarkstown, N.Y.

Seconded by Mr. Jacobsen

Carried

Mr. Baker moved that the yearly report of Kate Buchenau, Town Clerk, as follows be accepted:-

YEARLY REPORT

Receipts and Disbursements in the
office of the Town Clerk of Clarks-
town for the fiscal year 1938

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RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES

119 Marriage Licenses @ \$2.00		\$238.00
612 Resident Hunting & Fishing Licenses @ \$2.25		1,377.00
76 Non-Resident Hunting & Fishing " @ \$10.50		798.00
35 Non-Resident Fishing Licenses @ \$5.50		192.50
100 Resident Deer Licenses @ \$1.25		125.00
4 Non-Resident Deer Licenses @ \$10.50		42.00
5 Lost Certificates @ 50¢		2.50
2 Non-Resident 3 Day Fishing @ \$2.75		5.50
1209 Dog Licenses as follows:		
934 Males @ \$2.25	\$2101.50	
42 Spayed Females @ \$2.25	94.50	
137 Females @ \$5.25	719.25	
9 Kennels @ \$10.00	90.00	
66 Dogs in Kennel @ \$1.25	82.50	
4 Dogs added to Kennel @ \$1.25	5.00	
26 Lost Tags @ 25¢	<u>6.50</u>	
Total Dogs		3,099.25
Other Miscellaneous Fees:		
5 Tax Bills		<u>5.00</u>
Total		\$ 5,884.75

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1938STATE OF NEW YORK

119 Marriage Licenses @ 50¢		59.50
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COUNTY CLERK, COUNTY OF ROCKLAND

612 Resident Hunting & Fishing @ \$2.00	\$	1,224.00
76 Non-Resident " " " @ \$10.00		760.00
35 Non-Resident Fishing @ \$5.00		175.00
5 Lost Buttons @ 25¢		1.25
100 Resident Deer @ \$1.00		100.00
4 Non-Resident Deer @ \$10.00		40.00
2 Non-Resident 3 Day Fishing @ \$2.50		<u>5.00</u>
Total, County Clerk	\$	2,305.25

COUNTY TREASURER, COUNTY OF ROCKLAND

934 Male Dogs @ \$2.00	\$1,868.00
42 Spayed Female Dogs @ \$2.00	84.00
137 Females @ \$5.00	685.00
9 Kennels @ \$10.00	90.00
66 Dogs in Kennels @ \$1.00	66.00
4 Dogs added to Kennels @ \$1.00	4.00
26 Lost Tags	-
Total, County Treasurer,	\$ 2,797.00

SUPERVISOR, TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN

612 Resident Hunting & Fishing @ 25¢	153.00
76 Non-Resident Hunting & Fishing @ 50¢	38.00
35 Non-Resident Fishing @ 50¢	17.50
2 Non-Resident 3 Day Fishing @ 25¢	.50
100 Resident Deer @ 25¢	25.00
4 Non-Resident Deer @ 50¢	2.00
5 Lost Certificates @ 25¢	1.25
119 Marriages @ \$1.50	178.50
1209 Dogs @ 25¢	302.25
5 Tax Bills @ \$1.00	5.00
Total, Supervisor	\$ 723.00

RECAP

State of New York	\$59.50
County Clerk	2,305.25
County Treasurer	2,797.00
Supervisor	723.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 5,884.75

I, KATE BUCHENAU, Town Clerk of Clarkstown, do hereby submit the foregoing as my report of Receipts and Disbursements for the fiscal year 1938.

December 28th, 1938

KATE BUCHENAU

Kate Buchenau, Town Clerk
Town of Clarkstown

Seconded by Mr. Eberling

Carried

Mr. Eberling moved that the yearly report of Walter Liebert, Chief of Police, as follows be accepted:

Nanuet, New York
December. 27th., 1938

To The Town Council,
Town of Clarkstown,
State of New York.

Gentlemen:

As Chief of the Clarkstown Police Department, I wish to Submit to you a report of the various cases and activities which have been handled by this Department from January 1st., 1938 to December. 27th, 1938, as follows:

Traffic Violations	1152	Cases
Civil Papers Served	122	"
Penal Law Violations	284	"
Juvenile Delinquencies ..(involving 52 children)	26	"
Missing Persons (18 returned by this Dept.).....	23	"
Restaurant Disturbances (Hotels Included).....	29	"
Boarding House Disturbances	24	"
Family Controversies	61	"
Persons Bitten by dogs	52	"
Dog Cases ... Killed by cars, shot, etc.	143	"
Stolen Cars	9	"
(5 cars recovered by this Dept. 4 by outside agencies)		
Public Indecency(Bathing Suit drive)	23	"
Stolen Property to the amount of\$6,902.84)		
Stolen Property recovered by this Department	5,934.30) 20 arrests and convictions.

Total number of cases handled by this Dept. 1948 Cases

Penal Law Violations, as follows;

Grand Larceny	6	Cases
Petit Larceny	53	"
Burglary	8	"
A. B. C. Law	6	"
Assault in the 2nd., degree	4	"
Assault in the 3rd., degree	7	"
Disorderly Conduct	137	"
Malicious Mischief	9	"
Fraud and Cheat	6	"
Sanitary Code	11	"
Public Intoxication	15	"
Slot Machine	1	"
Wage Law	5	"
Rape	2	"
Vagrancy	14	"

Total number of Penal Law Violations284 Cases
Total Arrests220

Further, 223 Automobile accidents handled by this Department, of which 119 persons were injured, requiring transportation to Hospitals and doctors. We have had 3 deaths by automobiles, requiring extensive investigations and reports, 7 Coroners inquests requiring extensive investigations and reports, also testimony in 30 cases before the Grand Jury, Justice, County, and City Courts by men of this Department. Calls for Police assistance, requiring officers to leave Headquarters to aid people, totaled 4,965 calls. Calls to Police Headquarters for inquiries, totaled 2,928 calls. Also we have posted 19 vacant houses inspected weekly, with no loss reported from owners.

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Penalties from fines for which supervisor received \$3,294.50
 Penalties from fines for which State received 486.00

Further information as to other activities of the Department
 will be cheerfully given at our Police Headquarters,

Yours truly,

WALTER LIEBERT

Chief of The Clarkstown Police Department

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest

Carried

Dr. Gilchrest moved that Mr. Liebert, as Chief of Police,
 and his assistants be publicly commended for the splendid work they
 have done during the year 1938.

Seconded by Mr. Jacobsen

Carried

Mr. Baker moved that the yearly report of Emil Klein, Supt. of
 Highways, be accepted, as follows:

REPORT OF EMIL KLEIN, JR., Supt. of Highways

December 28, 1938

The following are the roads in the Town of Clarkstown
 diverted from oil top to penetration and retread mix.

Casper Hill	.40 miles
Christian Herald Road	1.18
South Mt. Road	.44
Bronsall Road	1.40
Butler St.	.28
Carnochan Red Lane	.49
Grant St.	.23
Links Red Hill Road	.99
Snake Hill Road	.92
Waldberg Ave.	.15

6.48 miles

Roads changed from gravel to oil top bituminous.

Southward Ave.	.04
Cooper Drive	.16
Central Drive	.20
Hackett Place	.05
Cottage Place	.20
Second St.	.20
Third St.	.20
Colton Ave.	.04
Wells Ave.	.21
Grandview Ave.	.35
Endicott Ave.	.04
Rockland Ave.	.04
Sherman Ave.	.04

1.77 miles

The following roads are gravel:

Park Place	.08 miles
Palisade Ave.	.20
Sheridan Ave.	.28
Westview Ave.	.16
Third Street	.45

1.17 miles

Seconded by Mr. Jacobsen

Carried

Mr. Jacobsen moved that Chief Liebert, Dr. DeBaun and Mr. Eberling be appointed as a Committee to investigate an alleged nuisance on Lake St., Spring Valley in accordance with a petition requesting an investigation.

Seconded by Mr. Eberling Carried

Mr. Baker moved that a representative from the Republican and Democratic party of the Nanuet, New City and West Nyack Election Districts meet with the Town Board at their next regular meeting on January 9th, 1939 at 2:00 P. M. to discuss the creation of a new election district.

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest Carried

Mr. Jacobsen moved that Mr. Emil Klein, Supt. of Highways have eight signs made, closing the public highway for coasting.

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

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from the New York Central Railroad Company in regard to the traffic conditions at the West Nyack Station.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Assemblyman Murray in regard to proposed legislation to reduce the cost of dog licenses in Rockland County.

Mr. Baker moved that the letter of the Clarkstown Land & Home Owners' Association, Inc. be acknowledged and that they be advised that the matter is now under consideration.

Seconded by Mr. Jacobsen Carried

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Mr. Jackomin applying for a position as Police Officer.

The letter was ordered referred to Mr. Liebert.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Laura Hard Meyer applying for the position of Dog Warden for the year 1939.

Mr. Baker moved that Mrs. Laura Hard Meyer be appointed Dog Warden in the Town of Clarkstown for the year 1939, at a salary of \$75.00 per month.

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

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Mr. Eberling moved that Albert Biltz of West Nyack be appointed Dog Enumerator for the year 1939.

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 the New York State Traffic Commission in regard to traffic lights.

The Board discussed the question of the licensing of plumbers and carefully considered all comments made the public hearing held prior to the Town Board meeting.

Mr. Blauvelt then called for a vote on the licensing of plumbers in accordance with the proposed ordinance.

Vote:	Mr. Eberling	No
	Dr. Gilchrest	No
	Mr. Jacobsen	No
	Mr. Baker	No
	Mr. Blauvelt	No

Bills Nos. 1303 to 1323 on Warrant #20 were audited and ordered paid as follows:

<u>CLAIM NO.</u>	<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>NATURE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>FUND AND/OR APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT ALLOWED</u>
1303	The Journal-News	Notice Published	Publishing Notices	6.16
1304	Harry Frei	Clerk	Supervisor	64.50
1305	Roswell P. Blauvelt	Expense	"	6.89
1306	A. J. Laux Company	"	"	12.16
1307	Philip J. Klein	"	Town Clerk	4.50
1308	William Klos	Clerk	Receiver of Taxes	100.00
1309	Rockland Lt. & Power Co.	Expense	" " "	2.20
1310	John C. Fajen	Rent of Town Clerk's Office	Town Offices	40.00
1311	Philip J. Klein	Expense	" "	16.30
1312	Rockland Lt. & Power Co.	"	" "	7.00
1313	Coyle & Coyle	Fire	Insurance	7.34
1314	John A. Golden & Son	Police Car	Police	535.00
1315	Frederick Bantlin	Burying Animal	Board of Health	2.00
1316	Philip J. Klein	Expense	Welfare Officer	4.10

<u>CLAIM NO.</u>	<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>NATURE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>FUND AND/OR APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT ALLOWED</u>
1317	Joseph Kunz	Expense	Welfare Officer	2.25
1318	Letetia Johnson	"	" "	12.00
1319	Coyle & Coyle	Rent of Office	" "	25.00
1320	" " "	Rent of Commissary	" "	15.00
1321	North Jersey Paper Co., Inc.	Supplies for Comm.	" "	4.47
1322	Victor J. Shankey	Home Rel. (Not reimbursable)	Outdoor Relief	75.00
1323	Keyrouse Pharmacy	Spec. & Med. (Not reimbursable)	" "	.20
Total				\$ 942.07

Mr. Baker moved the meeting adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Eberling

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Kate Buchanan

 Town Clerk of Clarkstown