

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 2nd, 1939

Present: Dr. Gilchrest

Mr. Jacobsen

Mr. Baker

Mr. Blauvelt

Also: Mrs. Florence Jensen, Chairman Republican Committee

Mr. Fred Horn, Chairman Democratic Committee

Mr. Blauvelt called the meeting to order and explained that it had been called for the purpose of discussing a proposed town hall.

Dr. Gilchrest in discussing the matter indicated that he felt it should be put to a referendum of the people. He expressed himself as heartily in favor of the proposal, but felt the people should have a voice in it.

Mrs. Jensen reported that the Republican Committee was in favor of a town hall, providing the Town Board is unanimously in favor of it, and that the amount to be expended does not exceed \$25,000.00.

Mr. Horn expressed himself as favoring a plan whereby the people would be informed regarding the place where the proposed town hall would be put, the plans for the same, and the amount to be expended, before any referendum is held.

Mr. Jacobsen informally reported on the steps taken by the Board in this matter. He related how a committee had been appointed to look at an old house and make recommendations with regard to remodeling it at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. He told how he had personally inspected a property in New City near the Dutch Gardens. The anticipated cost of this property together with improvements would not, he pointed out, exceed \$25,000.00, and it would make possible the opening of the Dutch Gardens. He indicated he was very much in favor of a new Town Hall, since it was sorely needed, and pointed out that the cost would be greatly reduced by taking a house and remodeling it.

Mr. Baker expressed himself as favoring the town hall project, but felt that more time might be required to properly enlighten the people regarding it before a referendum could be held.

Both Mrs. Jensen and Mr. Horn expressed themselves as believing that there was not sufficient time in which to bring this matter to the attention of the people before the November election, at which time the proposed referendum would have to be held, and suggested that a referendum be held on this matter at a later time.

It was decided to take no further action in this matter at the present time.

Mr. Baker moved the meeting adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Jacobsen

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Kate Buchanan
Town Clerk of Clarkstown