

TOWN BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 26, 1940

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

The meeting was called pursuant to adjournment of February 14th, 1940.

Mr. Jacobsen offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in view of the fact that Mrs. Beatrice Hujus was appointed Temporary Veterans Welfare Officer of the Town of Clarkstown awaiting the further advice from the Naurashank Post #794, the American Legion, and Lt. Raymond B. Jauss Post #2607, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and

WHEREAS, the two posts have now agreed on one person and recommended John J. Harrison for the position, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Mrs. Hujus' appointment cease as of March 1st, 1940, and the recommendation of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars be accepted as of that date, and that John J. Harrison be appointed Veterans Welfare Officer of the Town of Clarkstown as of March 1st, 1940.

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

Mr. Jacobsen reported to the Board his findings on the insurance now carried by the Town and presented a written report. The matter was discussed at length by the Board.

Mr. Goebel moved that Mr. Jacobsen and Mr. Eberling be appointed as a Permanent Committee on insurance.

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest Carried

Mr. Goebel moved that the action of the Insurance Committee in placing liability insurance on Judge Engels' residence in Central Nyack be approved and confirmed.

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

Dr. Gilchrest moved that Mr. Eberling be appointed a Committee of one to investigate the request of Mr. Theodore Warner of Nanuet to extend a water main to his home on Nyack Turnpike.

Seconded by Mr. Jacobsen Carried

Mr. Jacobsen moved that the Nyack Journal-News be designated as official newspaper for the Town of Clarkstown for the year 1940.

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

Mr. Jacobsen spoke to the Board about damage done to an automobile owned by Mr. Behrens at West Nyack. Believing the road to be a Town road, Mr. Jacobsen and Mr. Klein, Supt. of Highways, made an investigation, and found the road to be a private one, owned by the railroad. Mr. Behrens had then asked if the Town Board or Mr. Klein would address a letter to the railroad asking them to remedy the dangerous conditions of the road, since he did not feel able to do so.

It was decided that Mr. Klein, Supt. of Highways, would address a letter to the railroad explaining how the road could be repaired to remedy the dangerous conditions, and that Mr. Behrens would sign it.

Mr. Sittinger appeared before the Town Board regarding a zoning change request.

After a thorough discussion of his request, Mr. Sittinger was advised that he would have to get a map before any further action could be taken in the matter.

Mr. Stebbins appeared as attorney for the West Nyack Trap Rock Company and Mr. Al Bryant, as attorney for the New York Trap Rock Company in regard to a change in the present zoning ordinance and map as it affects the trap rock companies.

Mr. Bryant read a letter which he had received from Mr. Lexow, Town Attorney, relative to this matter.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that Mr. Lexow, Town Attorney, draw up the Notice of Public Hearing on the Zoning change request of the New York Trap Rock Company and the West Nyack Trap Rock Company, and that the public hearing be held on March 25th, 1940 at 7:30 P. M.

Seconded by Mr. Jacobsen

Carried

Mr. Jacobsen moved that the Chairman of the Board of Assessors be notified that the Town Board desires to be advised if the Assessors make any changes in the assessment of property in the Town of Clarkstown, either by increasing or decreasing, in the amount of \$1000. or over.

Seconded by Mr. Goebel

Carried

Mr. Jacobsen offered the compliments of the taxpayers of West Nyack for the splendid manner in which the snow was removed by the Supt. of Highways during the last severe snow storm.

Mr. Jacobsen offered his report of the meeting of the Association of Towns as follows:-

The Association of Towns was started eight years ago to preserve local government. There was a trend on the part of the government at Albany to centralize government and take power away from the towns, townships and villages of the State, and a few of the upstate democratic and republican members started this association. It has now grown until it takes in every county, and there are 931 Towns.

Last year and this year the colleges and universities of the State of New York have thought so well of the lecture course, the explanation of Senators and Assemblyman of laws on the calendar that 180 students attended the Association of Towns convention and were given counts for their attendance.

There are any number of lectures given, and possibly the general assembly lectures to all departments are the most interesting and the most constructive. This year, they took up such things as the

possibility of the appropriation of \$300,000. for an Assessors state-controlled bureau to set up a standard that is the same in all counties and cities for the assessors to use. It was the feeling and recommendation to the assembly that this amount be cut down to \$100,000., and that the assessors of a county be county appointed and possibly state controlled. This is one sample of the work that was attempted to be accomplished. There was another effort and special hearing held on the State's buying of rights of way as well as construction of state highways. There were lengthy discussions on welfare work and new laws, civil service and as it applies to welfare departments, and a general going over of all the new laws that have been passed.

The Governor spoke to the Association of Towns and wanted it distinctly understood that he, as Governor, always conferred with the Association on any changes in the laws or vetoes to be made.

Albert Moffitt spoke on the Budget, and it is unfortunate that copies can not be given, but it was very instructive and enlightening.

In the spirit of reporting to the Town Board, it would be funny if it were not quite so serious that at the opening of the convention the Secretary read an editorial from a Rockland County paper that had been sent to the Association by their own clipping bureau in which the paper, although it meant to criticize just the local town officials, unfortunately included the Association of Towns which numbers 931 towns, so that is one of the reasons why I am making this report, because we were evidently making a report on the good times and not on what we got out of it. Most people can not attend all of the lectures, but most people I have seen have attended most of them.

I think the Nyack Journal was right, and that we should report on what we got out of it. I was supposed to call attention to one mistake when I got back. The association of Towns was not an association set up where unlimited expense accounts could be given. This law had passed the Assembly at least 5 years before the Association was formed.

I feel I am reasonably moral and honest, and I do not want to criticize anyone, but I think some of the people who write editorials should be very careful in mentioning visiting Veterans and Firemen, as both groups were among the delegates to the convention, and it was very embarrassing to the Rockland County group, as we were the butt of jokes and remarks. I see no reason why if, like the Veterans and Firemen,

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we do our work and play afterwards, that it is not our own business.

Mr. Jacobsen then reported on the conditions at the West Nyack Station. He reported that the railroad officials seemed to be willing to do all they could to assist, especially since they realize that the commuting has reached such a point that something must be done about increasing the train service.

In regard to the parking situation at the station, Mr. Jacobsen advised the Board that he had taken the matter up with both Mr. Klein, Supt. of Highways, and Chief of Police Walter Liebert. He finds that there is a small piece of land south of the Station about 125' x 160' which could be bought for about \$200. or \$300. He told the Board that if the property were purchased, Mr. Klein had suggested he would clear it, and the West Nyack Trap Rock Company had offered to furnish the gravel to grade it with. Mr. Jacobsen also offered the suggestion that the Becker property in West Nyack be purchased with the idea of making it into a Station.

Mr. Lexow discussed with the Town Board a proposed Ordinance to License Peddlers in the township.

Mr. Jacobsen moved that the matter of the Peddlers License be rererred back to the Nanuet Board of Trade, the New City Business Mens Association and the Civic Board of Congers, with the request that these organizations confer together and advise the Town Board just what occupations they desire licensed, and that they be advised that the Town Board will try to give them all the protection the law will allow.

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest

Carried

Mr. Jacobsen moved that the new water contracts with the Spring Valley Water Works and Supply Co. and the Village of Nyack, N.Y., which have been presented to the Board and checked by our attorneys, be approved and accepted.

Seconded by Mr. Eberling

Vote:	Mr. Eberling	Yes
	Dr. Gilchrest	Yes
	Mr. Goebel	Yes
	Mr. Jacobsen	Yes
	Mr. Blauvelt	Yes

Mr. Jacobsen moved that the Town Clerk write a letter to Mrs. Beatrice Hujus thanking her for the splendid service she has rendered as Veterans Welfare Officer, and advising her that after giving every consideration to the law, it has been found that the Board is required to accept the recommendation of the local Veterans organizations, and further that the Board regrets the law does not permit her continuance as Veterans Welfare Officer.

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest Carried

Dr. Gilchrest moved the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Mr. Goebel Carried

Meeting adjourned.



Town Clerk