

## SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 18th, 1942

Town Offices

7:00 P. M.

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

Mr. Blauvelt called the meeting to order.

Mr. Blauvelt explained that the Rationing Board had requested the Town Board to hold a meeting at which time they could be present and explain a few of their problems.

Mr. Herman Irion, Mr. Lankau and Mr. DeBevoise, who comprise the Rationing Board, then appeared before the Board.

Mr. Irion, Chairman of the Rationing Board, thanked the Board for holding a special meeting, so they could be present and talk over some of their problems and difficulties. He told the Board that Mr. Lankau and he had taken care of the job pretty well up to about four weeks ago, but with the sugar rationing and gas rationing, the work has increased greatly. Mr. Hague has not been able to help much, due to the fact that he is in business at Congers and has had sickness in his family. He said the Board has had clerical help, and that at present Mrs. Sitchel is acting as Clerk. Word has been received that a Clerk will be allowed at \$105.00 for full time or \$52.50 for part time. Assistant can work fifteen days in a month or she can work such other time as the Board specifies. Mr. Irion pointed out that additional rationing has created a need for filing cabinets and other office equipment, as the Board is at present working on one small table, and they have no place to put their supplies and correspondence. He added that according to Mr. Haerle, last Friday there were 72 people in the office, and there is no equipment to do the work properly. He further added that bulletins had been received from the Albany office which is being transferred to New York City, advising they may get office equipment, but if it is possible, to have the local authorities assume some of the expense. He said that up to the present time he and Mr. Lankau had paid for such supplies as carbon paper and second sheets, but that the State will now pay for this. Mr. Irion then asked the Town Board just how much of the equipment the Town will be willing to stand before he takes the matter up with the State.

Mr. Blauvelt asked Mr. Irion just what equipment the Board feels it would need.

Mr. Irion then read a list of the things they would require, such as desks, filing cabinets, etc.

Mr. Blauvelt told Mr. Irion that no appropriation had been made for this in the budget, and that there were no funds to purchase the equipment.

Mr. Irion said he felt the cost of the equipment would be about \$100.00, but Mr. Goebel said he felt it would run around \$300.00.

Mr. Goebel further added that the Rationing Board make an effort to get this equipment from the State, as the Town is trying to keep its tax rate as low as possible.

The Board agreed that the matter should be taken up with the State by the Rationing Board, as long as they have indicated they will provide the necessary office equipment.

Mrs. Buchenau reminded the Board that some of the old setees were stored when the old courthouse was torn down, and that it might be possible to get some of these.

Mr. Blauvelt said he would look into the matter.

The question of office space was then brought up by Mr. Irion, who said that when the Board first started in the beginning of January, they had space in the Receiver of Taxes office. This was all right at first, but about six weeks ago things began to happen, and applications are coming in very fast now. He said the space is inadequate now, and certainly annoying to Mr. Haerle, as it interferes with his work to some extent. Mr. Irion further added that Mr. Lankau had obtained space in a building to the north of the Red Rail in Nanuet which the owner is willing to let the Board have rent free. However, Mr. Irion pointed out that he felt the office should be located at the County Seat, New City, rather than at Nanuet. He said he had spoken to Mr. Blauvelt about getting space in New City, and that the Town Board had offered the back room of the Town Clerk's office, but this also is inadequate. It had then been suggested in further conversations with Mr. Blauvelt, that the Rationing Board use the front office of the Town Clerk's office, but upon talking the matter over with Mrs. Buchenau, she had felt it would be impossible to carry out her work with the public without this space being used as a part of her office. Later in conversation with Mr. DeBevoise, Mr. Irion said

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it had been suggested that the Alcoholic Board be moved from upstairs to the Court House, and the Town Clerk take their office.

Mrs. Buchenau told Mr. Irion that she wanted to cooperate in every way, but felt that it would not prove satisfactory for the Rationing Board to take the front office, as she and her clerk would have to meet the public in the back part of the office and this would cause confusion. She added that it was her opinion that the front office was needed to carry on her work.

Mr. Blauvelt then told Mr. Irion that he did not know of any place in New City that anyone would offer free.

Mr. Lankau said he felt that lack of transportation was a major problem, and that because of this he believed Nanuet was the best place for the office. They have police protection there, and the police have been very nice to the Rationing Board. Also it is necessary to get the supplies from Mr. Wallace, and it is easier to get them from Nanuet than from New City.

Mr. Irion pointed out that he is at present paying about \$12.50 per month transportation to and from Nanuet. He said that he is not entitled to tires or extra gas, and must pay this out of his own pocket. He said that both Mr. DeBevoise and Mr. Lankau have the same problem, especially if Mr. Lankau had to come to New City.

Mr. Dickenman suggested that the police department take Mr. Irion and Mr. DeBevoise to and from Nanuet each day.

Chief Liebert said he would be glad to make provision to take Mr. Irion and Mr. DeBevoise to Nanuet.

Mr. Lankau said that if the office is moved to New City, he would not be able to put in all the time that he is doing now. He has worked every day, excepting two, from 8:00 A. M. until sometimes 1:30 P.M.

The question of a clerk was then discussed by Mr. Irion, who said that Mrs. Sitchel is at present working as their secretary. They only need her for a half day, and she will be there from 1 to 5 P.M. each day. She will take it on half time at \$52.50, which is 22 hours a week. If they can arrange it with the Civil Service Authorities, they will employ her. Mr. Irion said they had found Mrs. Sitchel very competent and thoroughly satisfactory, as she is a good stenographer and typist.

Mr. DeBevoise said he felt there was a need for a card system, and said he felt it was much better to have a paid assistant than volunteer workers, as experience has proved that you cannot always depend on volunteer workers.

Mr. Lankau said he knew of several others who are willing to give their services, and that it was mostly routine work.

Mr. DeBevoise said he felt they should have one paid assistant and have other volunteer workers.

The Board told Mr. Irion to see Howard P. Jones, who is head of the Civil Service for the State, as he can give them all the necessary information.

Mr. Dickenman moved the Supervisor be authorized to employ sufficient help to remove the weeds and clean up the cemeteries for Memorial Day at 55¢ per hour.

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest	Vote: Mr. Eberling	Yes
	Dr. Gilchrest	Yes
	Mr. Coebel	Yes
	Mr. Dickenman	Yes
	Mr. Blauvelt	Yes

Mr. Eberling moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarkstown was served with Court Order of Gerald Nolan, Justice of Supreme Court, dated December 17, 1941, reducing Western Union assessment \$2,000.00 and

WHEREAS, at that time rates were set, taxes computed and entered in the 1941 Tax Roll making it impossible to change district valuations and rates, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haerle, Receiver of Taxes, did not receive the amount of taxes as set forth on the Warrant in the 1941 Clarkstown Tax Roll, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to pay to the County Treasurer the sum of \$18.77 and debit the Special Districts thereby affected as follows:

Highway	\$11.80
Board of Health	.40
Nanuet Fire	.06
Congers Fire	2.21
Valley Cottage Fire	.78

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E. Spring Valley Fire	.02
West Nyack Fire	1.41
E. Spring Valley Light	.02
Nanuet Light	.10
Congers Light	1.97

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

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from the State Dept. of Health regarding the appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics, and advising that the term is now only for two years.

Mr. Eberling moved that Kate Buchenau be appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term of two years, effective January 1st, 1942 and ending Dec. 31, 1943.

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

Mr. Eberling moved that Cora M. Martling be appointed Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term of two years, effective January 1st, 1942 and ending Dec. 31st, 1943.

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

Mr. Goebel moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Mr. Eberling	Carried
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Meeting adjourned.

*Kate Buchenau*  
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 Town Clerk of Clarkstown