

TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 8, 1943

Town Clerk's Office

2:00 P.M.

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

Mr. Blauvelt called the meeting to order and requested the reading of the minutes.

Mrs. Buchenau read the minutes of the regular meeting held December 11th, 1942 and a Special Meeting held December 31st, 1942.

Mr. Goebel moved that the minutes be approved and accepted with a correction in the minutes of December 11th meeting regarding bills received from various civilian defense centers as follows:-

Statement of Expense from North Clarkstown and not a bill

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest

Carried

Mr. Blauvelt then told the Board that the appointment of Dog Warden would have to be made.

Mr. Goebel moved that Laura Hard Meyer be appointed Dog Warden for Clarkstown at the same salary as last year for a period of one year.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman

Vote:	Mr. Schmersahl	Yes
	Dr. Gilchrest	Yes
	Mr. Goebel	Yes
	Mr. Dickenman	Yes
	Mr. Blauvelt	Yes

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Mrs. Florence Jensen, Chairman Clarkstown Republican Committee, recommending the appointment of Samuel Handley for the position of Welfare Officer and John Elliott for the position of Building Inspector.

Mr. Goebel moved that John Elliott be appointed to the position of Building Inspector.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl

Vote:	Mr. Schmersahl	Yes
	Dr. Gilchrest	Yes
	Mr. Goebel	Yes
	Mr. Dickenman	Yes
	Mr. Blauvelt	Yes

With regard to the appointment of the Welfare Officer, Mr. Dickenman told the Board that as far as he knew this office came under Civil Service, and that any appointment would have to come from a Civil Service List. He said he did not feel the Board could make the appointment at this time, as they must abide by Civil Service.

Mr. Wexler, Town Attorney, said that he had had no occasion to check on the law regarding the Welfare Officer, so therefore was not prepared to render an opinion. He pointed out that since the State has something to do with this office, they may have something to say about the appointment.

Mr. Blauvelt said he understood that Civil Service had no jurisdiction as to appointment and salary.

Mr. Blauvelt told the Board that when Civil Service was blanketed in October 1st, 1942, that Mr. Blanch had not been employed for a period of one year, and therefore was not covered.

Mr. Wexler told the Board that there may be some question that he is included in Section 24 of the Law, but he said he was not prepared to render an opinion.

Mr. Schmersahl moved that Samuel Handley be appointed Welfare Officer.

Seconded by Mr. Goebel	Vote: Mr. Schmersahl	Yes
	Dr. Gilchrest	Not Voting
	Mr. Goebel	Yes
	Mr. Dickenman	Not Voting
	Mr. Blauvelt	Yes

It was explained that any person taking the position of Welfare Officer would have to take an examination, and that even Mr. Blanch would have been required to take the examination had he continued in this office, since he had not held his position for a year.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Mrs. Florence Jensen, Chairman Clarkstown Republican Committee, recommending that the Classification under Civil Service of the Supervisor's Clerk be changed to Senior Account Clerk, competitive.

Dr. Gilchrest moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Clerk to the Supervisor performs difficult but routine clerical tasks in keeping financial accounts and records which require standardized application of account keeping practices and does related work as required, and

WHEREAS, the position is strictly a clerical administrative one similar to the Clerk to the Receiver of Taxes and Clerk to the Town Clerk, it should be classified similarly, that is:

CLASS TITLE	Senior Account Clerk
JURISDICTIONAL CLASS	Competitive

be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the classification of the Supervisor's Clerk be changed to Senior Account Clerk, Competitive, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Board of Supervisors.

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

Mr. Dickenman moved that the salary of the Town Clerk's Clerk be increased to equal that of the Clerk to the Supervisor, and that an amount sufficient to cover said increase be transferred from Current Surplus to Town Clerk's account.

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

Mr. Dickenman moved the Board adjourn to go into Executive Session.

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest	Carried
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After discussing matters in Executive Session, the Board reconvened into regular town board meeting.

Mr. Liebert informed the Board that one of his men had entered military service and another expects to go, and that he wants to try to get along without putting anyone in their places, so that their positions will be open to them when they come back. He then asked the Board to increase wages according to the list he submitted.

Mr. Goebel moved that the Pay Roll of employees of the Town be approved with the several changes as follows:-

<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
\$ 144.00	Letitia Johnson	Janitress
144.00	Dollie Stiles	"
120.00	Joseph Leo	Janitor
1,500.00	Roswell P. Blauvelt	Supervisor
1,800.00	Florence Blauvelt	Supv. Clerk
1,200.00	Irvin F. Dillon	Justice of Peace
1,200.00	Fred Engels	"
480.00	John Dickenman	Councilman
480.00	John T. Gilchrest	"
480.00	Arthur Goebel	"
480.00	Fred Schmersahl	"
2,200.00	Kate Buchenau	Town Clerk
1,800.00	Cora Martling	Senior Account Clerk
1,000.00	Frank Cook	Town Assessor
1,000.00	Walter Jacobsen	"
1,200.00	Alphonse J. Schroeder	"
3,000.00	Charles Haerle	Receiver of Taxes
1,000.00	C. Elsie Haerle	Senior Acct. Clerk
1,200.00	Jacob K. Wexler	Town Attorney
2,800.00	Walter Liebert	Town Police Chief
1,800.00	Frank Hochreiter	Police Patrolman
1,800.00	John Jackomin	"
1,900.00	Raymond Lindemann	"
1,900.00	Lawrence Sormani	"
2,100.00	Ernest Wiebicke	Police Sergeant
1,800.00	William Zielich	Police Patrolman
900.00	Laura Hard Meyer	Dog Warden
1,200.00	Marjorie Hopper	Town Health Officer
1,500.00	Welfare Officer	Town Welfare Officer
1,600.00	Anna Babcock	Case Worker
1,200.00	Emilie Davidson	Senior Stenographer
1,200.00	Margaret Reilly	Junior Clerk
600.00	John J. Harrison	Veterans' Welfare Officer
3,900.00	Emil Klein, Jr.	Supt. of Highways

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

Dr. Gilchrest moved that the Board adjourn and go into Board of Health Meeting.

After discussing matters pertaining to health in Board of Health meeting, the Board reconvened into regular Town Board meeting.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that mileage not to exceed 6¢ per mile be paid to the following town officers for the use of their automobile in the performance of official duties:

Welfare Officer
Receiver of Taxes
Veterans Welfare Officer
Building Inspector
Health Officer

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

It was decided that the Board would hold its regular meetings on the second Friday in each month at 2:00 P.M.

Mr. Dickenman moved that the Journal-News be designated as the official newspaper of the Town.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl	Carried
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Mr. Blauvelt appointed Mr. Goebel and Mr. Dickenman on the Insurance Committee.

Mr. Blauvelt then read the report of the Town Clerk regarding lighting district contracts and water contracts.

Mr. Goebel moved that the contract with the Spring Valley Water Works & Supply Co. be continued.

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

Mr. Blauvelt said that all offices, excepting the police headquarters are on a monthly basis, and that the town has a 3-year lease on the police headquarters.

Mr. Dickenman moved that rentals be continued as at present.

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

Dr. Gilchrest moved that the Assessors be authorized to get bids for assessment rolls and field books.

Seconded by Mr. Goebel	Carried
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Mr. Blauvelt told the Board that he had received a copy of the Temporary Permit granted to the Rockland Transit Corporation to operate a motor bus line over various routes to the Orangeburg Staging Area at Orangeburg.

Mr. Wexler then told the Board that in connection with the Rockland Transit Corporation, Ramapo and the Village of Spring Valley have passed resolutions requesting the Commissioner to permit the bus company to open the doors to take on and let off passengers south of Route 4 and the Bridge.

A letter was then read from Rockland Coaches, Inc. enclosing resolutions requesting the right to open doors to passengers below Route 4 in New Jersey.

The resolutions were then read to the Board.

Mr. Dickenman moved the following resolutions, which were seconded by Mr. Goebel.

WHEREAS, Rockland Coaches, Inc., and/or Spring Valley Motor Coach Company, Inc., have recently been authorized by the Interstate

Commerce Commission to operate through the Lincoln Tunnel, via Queen Anne Road, Teaneck Road and Grand Avenue, south of New Jersey State Route No. 4; and

WHEREAS, by the order of said Commission, the buses of said companies are not permitted to take on or discharge passengers south of New Jersey State Route No. 4; and

WHEREAS, a very large number of people residing in the Town of Clarkstown, Rockland County, New York, desire to avail themselves of this new service south of Route No. 4, provided they can leave the buses of said companies south of Route No. 4, and, conversely, a large number of people now residing south of Route No. 4 desire to board the buses of these companies south of Route No. 4 and be transported to various places in the Town of Clarkstown, Rockland County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the people desirous of using these lines include the ordinary commuter going to and from his home and place of business and large numbers of people now employed at various defense plants in the area south of Route No. 4 to be served by the buses of said companies, and also include, from spring to fall, thousands of people going in both directions to the resort areas and hotels, boarding houses and playgrounds located in and adjacent to the Town of Clarkstown; and

WHEREAS, no reason exists, as far as this Board is able to determine, for preventing these buses from doing business within an area which they are entitled to traverse; and

WHEREAS, time would be saved by traveling on a direct uninterrupted route in the buses of the said companies and the transfer as suggested by the report of the Commission would unnecessarily waste the time of the traveling public and would produce unnecessary confusion and hardship and a constant danger of personal injury or death to the passengers attempting transfer at the transfer points in question; and

WHEREAS, the convenience of the people residing in the Town of Clarkstown, in the State of New York, as well as the people living south of Route No. 4, in the State of New Jersey, will be greatly facilitated, promoted and increased by lifting the restrictions now imposed upon the buses of Rockland Coaches, Inc., and/or Spring Valley Motor Coach Company, Inc., on Queen Anne Road, Teaneck Road and Grand Avenue south of New Jersey State Route No. 4;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Councilman JOHN DICKENMAN, seconded by Councilman ARTHUR C. GOEBEL, it is

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clarkstown hereby protests to the Interstate Commerce Commission against the limitations and restrictions contained in the report and recommended order of the Commission, served December 5th, 1942, in the following captioned matters: "Rockland Coaches, Inc., No. MC 29890 (Sub. No. 3), Spring Valley Motor Coach Company, Inc., MC 1709 (Sub. No. 1)".

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the opinion of the Town Board of the Town of Clarkstown, the public convenience and necessity of the people residing in the Town of Clarkstown, Rockland County, New York, will be greatly promoted by lifting the restrictions contained in the above captioned orders and permitting the said operating companies to pick up passengers in the County of Rockland, New York, north of the New Jersey State line and to discharge said passengers anywhere along the route of said companies in the State of New Jersey south of New Jersey State Route No. 4.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Town Board of the Town of Clarkstown is also of the opinion, for the reasons above set forth, that public convenience and necessity require that said restrictions be also lifted so as to permit people living in the State of New Jersey, south of New Jersey State Route No. 4, to board any of the buses of said companies and be transported to and discharged anywhere within the County of Rockland, New York, north of the New Jersey State line.

The foregoing preambles and resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	FRED M. SCHMERSAHL
	J. T. GILCHREST
	ARTHUR C. GOEBEL
	JOHN DICKENMAN
	ROSWELL P. BLAUVELT
NOES:	None

Mr. Blauvelt then reported his Receipts for the month of Dec., 1942 were \$5,623.39, and Disbursements were \$13,063.17 in the office of Supervisor.

Mr. Blauvelt read the Report of Kate Buchenau, Town Clerk, showing fees and licenses for the month of Dec., 1942 in the amount of \$48.35.

Mr. Blauvelt read the report of Fred R. Engels, Justice of the Peace, showing moneys for fees received by him in November to be \$4.45 and in December \$3.25.

Mr. Blauvelt read the report of Irvin F. Dillon, Justice of the Peace, showing fees and moneys collected in December in the amount of \$66.80.

Mr. Blauvelt read the report of the Welfare Officer for December, showing total disbursements in the amount of \$1,017.23. The case load was 31, and 64 individuals shared the relief.

Mr. Blauvelt announced the trial balance as of December 31st, 1942 was \$65,543.09.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Irvin F. Dillon, Co-Ordinator of Civilian Protection for Clarkstown, regarding the number of centers in the Town.

The Board then reviewed the bills of the various centers.

Mr. Goebel asked if the Board could pay for money expended prior to the resolution appropriating money.

Mr. Wexler said that the War Act says the Board may pass a resolution to borrow money for emergency measures. For the future, he pointed out, the Board is permitted to provide in the budget up to \$1000., and they should either authorize in advance or ratify any expenses after they have indicated what they should be.

Mr. Goebel moved that the Civilian Defense Centers be paid for the bills incurred after the resolution adopted by the Town Board on Oct. 22, 1942.

Mr. Blauvelt suggested that the Board pay bills from the 1st of Nov. and for Dec. 1942 and as far in this year as the funds allotted will go, and that the principal bills would be telephone, electric and heat.

Mr. Goebel moved that the Town Clerk write the head of each

Defense Center and advise that our attorney has ruled the Town Board can only pay bills from Oct. 22nd, 1942, the date the appropriation was made, and that these bills will be for telephone, electric and heat, and further that since \$100.00 is allotted to each unit, it will be necessary for each defense center to keep within this item or pay for the bills out of private funds.

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

Mr. Goebel moved that an account be set up in the amount of \$100.00 for each Defense Center and that \$100.00 be kept in reserve for the payment of bills authorized by the Town Council.

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

Mr. Blauvelt then told the Board that he would have to open a new bank account for the Victory Tax, and would like the Board's authority to do so.

Mr. Goebel moved the Supervisor open a new bank account for the Victory Tax deductions.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl	Carried
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Mr. Goebel moved that the Nanuet National Bank be designated as the depository for the Victory Tax account.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman	Carried
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Mr. Goebel moved the Nanuet National Bank and the Nyack Bank & Trust Company be named as depositories for Town funds.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman	Carried
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Mr. Blauvelt announced that the Tax Books are completed, and the book will be delivered to Mr. Haerle tomorrow.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Wm. G. Renz, enclosing a description of his property in Bardonia, which he desires changed from Residential to Business zone.

Mr. Goebel moved that the matter be referred to our attorney, Mr. Wexler, and that Mr. Renz be notified that everything is in order, and that the matter will be taken up at once.

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest Carried

Mr. Goebel suggested that a letter be sent to each Defense Center, together with the bills which the Board cannot pay, and an explanation why the bills are not payable.

Mr. Wexler told the Board that he had been unable to prepare the resolutions on the trailer camp, as his secretary has been away from his office because of death in her family.

Bills No.s 1 to 61 on Warrant #1 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>
1	John C. Fajen	Rental	Town Board -Town Hall & Offices	\$30.00
2	"	"	"	40.00
3	"	"	"	40.00
4	Mrs. Rose M. Leo	"	"	40.00
5	Nanuet National Bank	Rental \$30.00 Water <u>3.75</u>	"	33.75
6	Coyle & Coyle	Rental	"	25.00
7	"	"	"	15.00
8	West Nyack Fire Engine Co.	"	"	20.00
9	"	"	"	80.00
10	Joseph Leo	Comp. of Employees	"	10.00
11	Rockland Lt. & Power Co.	Light	"	3.45
12	"	"	"	6.36
13	"	"	"	1.10
14	"	"	"	2.25
15	E. B. Shuart	Heat	"	2.00
16	Rockland Gas Co.	"	"	9.32
17	New York Telephone Co.	Telephone	"	5.60
18	Association of Towns of the State of N.Y.	Office Expense	"	32.00
19	Nyack Window Cleaning Co.	Repairs	"	3.00
20	Coyle & Coyle	Official bonds & undertakings	Town Board - Insurance	5.00
21	"	"	"	200.00
22	"	"	"	200.00

<u>CLAIM NO.</u>	<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>NATURE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>FUND AND/OR APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT ALLOWED</u>
23	Coyle & Coyle	Official bonds & undertakings	Town Board - Insurance	56.00
24	"	"	"	5.00
25	"	"	"	5.00
26	"	"	"	5.00
27	Geo. M. Edsall	"	"	5.00
28	"	"	"	10.00
29	"	"	"	310.00
30	"	Fire & Liability	"	16.64
31	August Fischer, Jr.	Official bonds & undertakings	"	5.00
32	Faber L. Carey	Zoning Inspector & Exp. Exp. 91¢; Fees \$19.00	Town Board	19.91
33	Roswell P. Blauvelt	Expense	Supervisor	10.00
34	Walter A. Ryckman	Comp. of Employees	"	104.25
35	Kate Buchenau	Office & Other Exp.	Town Clerk	10.00
36	Excelsior Press	"	Rec. of Taxes	25.00
37	Carl Grando	Compensation	Police	35.00
38	Nyack Carburetor Sales & Service	Other Expense	"	9.13
39	C. R. Jones, Jr., Inc.	Purchase of Equipment	"	500.00
40	Philip Rieber Co.	Other Expense	"	6.50
41	Excelsior Press	"	"	10.50
42	Town of Clarkstown, Highway Fund	Purchase of Equipment	"	96.12
43	C. R. Jones, Jr., Inc.	"	"	8.20
44	Super Service Station	"	"	2.65
45	Walter Bovee	Pur. of Equip. \$10.70 Other Exp. <u>2.50</u>	"	13.20
46	Rockland Lt. & Power Co.	Signals	Traffic	5.00
47	New York Tel. Co.	Congers	War Emergency Fur.	25.38
48	"	Rockland Lake	"	11.40
49	William Blanch	Office & Other Exp.	Welfare Officer	10.41
50	Nyack Typewriter Exchange	"	"	4.00
51	George J. Overmeyer	"	"	9.00
52	Slavin's Pharmacy	Home Relief	"	.50
53	Gibson Hague	"	"	.80
54	Keyrouse Pharmacy	"	"	1.68
55	John J. Harrison	Veterans Relief	Veterans Relief	50.00

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56	John J. Harrison	Veterans Relief	Town Welfare Officer	5.64
57	M. R. Hopper	Other Exp.	Board of Health	137.61
58	Dr. E. Winifred Pitkin	"	"	20.00
59	Lederle Labs., Inc.	"	"	5.00
60	M. R. Hopper, M.D.	"	"	28.00
61	Harold H. Abrams, M.D.	"	"	7.00
62	Letitia Johnson	Comp. of Employees	Town Board	12.00
		Total		\$ 2,411.05

Mr. Dickenman moved the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Kate Buchanan

Town Clerk of Clarkstown