

TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 11, 1943

Town Clerk's Office

3:00 P.M.

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

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

Mrs. Buchenau then read the minutes of the last regular Board meeting held January 8th, 1943.

Mr. Goebel moved the minutes be approved with certain corrections.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl

Carried

Dr. Gilchrest then told the Board he felt the bills for the Civilian Defense Centers should be paid. He pointed out that the men working in defense are doing a fine job and deserve to be helped, and that the Board had told them the bills would be paid. He said he felt as a patriotic duty, the Board should approve the bills and that they should be paid.

Mr. Blauvelt told the Board that he believed everyone understood that the Board would help them as much as possible.

Mr. Wexler, Attorney, pointed out to the Board that for sudden emergency measures they had the right to issue bonds. He further added that the difficulty came about because the expenses were incurred before the appropriation was made. He further reminded the Board that although approximately \$100.00 has been appropriated for each Defense Center, the bills must be submitted on proper town forms, approved by the local Coordinator and then the Town Board before payment can be made by the Supervisor.

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

Seconded by Mr. Goebel

Carried

After discussing matters pertaining to health, on motion of Mr. Goebel, seconded by Dr. Gilchrest the Board reconvened into regular Town Board meeting.

Mr. Goebel moved the bond covering Samuel Handley as Welfare Officer be approved and accepted.

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

Dr. Gilchrest moved the following resolution:

It is hereby Resolved that the fees of the Building Inspector of the Town of Clarkstown be as follows:-

For Permits and Certificates of Occupancy

Garage only - - - - -	\$2.00
House & garage or any building not to exceed the cost of \$5,000. - - - - -	3.00
Any other building costing over \$5,000. - - - - -	25¢ per \$1000. over \$5000.

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

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Robert Walmsley, Assemblyman, advising that opinion in Albany is to the effect that under the provisions of Section 59B, Tax Law, the Board of Supervisors has the power to arrange for installment payment of taxes.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that our Attorney, Mr. Wexler, go before the Board of Supervisors and ask them to provide for the payment of taxes in installments.

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

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Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Jacob Scherrer, resigning his position as Attendance Officer, covering Valley Cottage and Rockland Lake schools.

It was decided to hold the matter up until the next meeting when the proper recommendations will be made.

Mr. Blauvelt announced to the Board that at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors on February 23rd, 1943 at 2:00 P.M. Mr. Strikler will be present to talk on post-war planning. He said he felt it would be fine if all members of the Board could be present.

Mr. Handley, Welfare Officer, appeared before the Board and advised that a representative from the State has told him the personnel in his office must be reduced as the case load is low and is being reduced all the time. He told the Board it will be his painful duty to let one of the girls in his office go by March 1st.

Mr. Goebel moved the bids for printing the 1943 Clarkstown Assessment Roll be opened.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl

Carried

Mr. Blauvelt then told the Board that two bids had been received - one from Excelsior Press and one from the Rockland Co. Times,

Mr. Blauvelt opened the bids and announced that they were as follows:-

Excelsior Press	\$342.00
The Rockland Co. Times	\$391.95

Dr. Gilchrest moved that the bid for the printing of the 1943 Clarkstown Assessment Rolls be given to the lowest bidder, Excelsior Press, for the amount of \$342.00, and that the books be delivered by no later than May 1st, 1943.

Seconded by Mr. Goebel

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

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from the Interstate Commerce Commission, advising that the resolution adopted by the Town Board relative to the

Rockland Coaches, Inc., and Spring Valley Motor Coach Co., Inc. is in error in that it stated the Commission has authorized the above named companies to operate via the Lincoln Tunnel, over Queen Anne Road, Teaneck Rd., and Grand Avenue, south of New Jersey Highway 4. Mr. Blauvelt also told the Board that letters had been received from Ralph A. Gamble, Congressman, regarding the resolution adopted by the Board.

Mr. Wexler, Town Attorney, told the Board that there is nothing they can do at the present time, as it would seem the resolution which the Bus Company asked the Board to approve was not properly prepared.

Mr. Dickenman, who could not be present when the meeting opened arrived at 4:00 P.M.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from the Central Nyack War Council, requesting further information regarding the appropriation for Civilian Defense Centers.

The Board requested Mrs. Buchenau, Town Clerk to write Mr. George A. Stoll, Director of Central Nyack War Council, and advise that the Board will pay for November and Dec. of 1942 and as far in 1943 as the amount of \$100.00 allowed each center will go, and that only bills covering heat, light and telephone will be paid by the Board.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that any Town Officer legally qualified may attend the Convention of the Association of Towns in Albany on February 17th and 18th.

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

The Town Board requested Mr. Blauvelt, Supervisor, to represent them at the Association of Towns Meeting.

Mr. Blauvelt read the report of Samuel Handley, Welfare Officer, showing a total expenditure for the month of January of \$863.45, and that there was a case load of 30, with 80 individuals sharing relief.

Mr. Blauvelt then read the report of John Elliott, Building Inspector, in which he advised that no permits were issued in January, 1943.

Mr. Blauvelt read the report of Irvin F. Dillon, Justice of the Peace, showing fees and moneys received in January in the amount of \$43.35.

Mr. Blauvelt reported that Mr. Engels had not submitted his report covering the month of January, 1943.

Mr. Blauvelt then read the report of Kate Buchenau, Town Clerk, showing total receipts for January, 1943, in the amount of \$1,348.20, and amount remitted to the Supervisor, \$153.95.

Mr. Blauvelt submitted his report for January, showing total receipts of \$521.41, and total disbursements of \$11,335.21. The Town balance as of January 31, 1943 was \$253,485.21.

Chief Liebert told the Board that he had received a request from Mr. Haerle, Rec. of Taxes, to put up the Tax Notices, as taxes will be collected beginning February 20th.

Mr. Wexler, Attorney, in discussing the request of Mr. Renz for a change in the zoning of his property, asked the Board if they wished him to set up the necessary papers or have Mr. Renz employ an attorney to do the work for him. He told the Board that if he, as Town Attorney, prepares the papers, there might be a conflict of interests.

The Board decided it would be best to advise Mr. Renz to have the papers prepared by an attorney other than Mr. Wexler, who is Attorney for the Town of Clarkstown.

The question of the smoke nuisance on the property of Martin Scheu in Congers was again brought to the attention of the Town Board.

In checking over the record, it was observed that Dr. Hopper had agreed to take the matter up with Mr. Scheu and report back to the Board, but that she has not as yet made any report.

Mr. Goebel moved that Mrs. Buchenau, Town Clerk, write Dr. Hopper a letter and request her to investigate the nuisance complained of on Mr. Scheu's property and report to the Board at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Klein, Supt. of Highways, told the Board that he had been on a committee to purchase an acre of land back of the Court House to the rear of his Town barn. He said he had talked with Mr. DeBaun, attorney, for the owner and offered \$350.00 for the acre of ground. Mr. DeBaun

later advised him that that owner would not accept this amount, and Mr. Klein said he increased his offer to \$500.00. Mr. DeBaun then told him that the owner was asking \$2,000. for this acre. Mr. Klein suggested that the Board write a letter to the Board of Supervisors and ask them to purchase the property known as the Chubb property.

Mr. Blauvelt suggested that if this property is purchased, it might be possible to build a vault to store the valuable records of the Town, so that there would be no loss such as Spring Valley suffered in the recent fire, which destroyed so many of the Village records.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that the Board of Supervisors be written a letter, requesting them to purchase the Chubb property to the rear of the Court House at the best possible figure.

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

Chief Liebert told the Board that he was losing another patrolman, as Larry Sorman was leaving for service.

Bills Nos. 63 to 129 on Warrant #2 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>
63	John C. Fajen	Rent	Town Board -Town Hall	\$ 40.00
64	"	"	"	30.00
65	Mrs. Rose M. Leo	"	"	40.00
66	Nanuet National Bank	"	"	30.00
67	Coyle & Coyle	"	"	25.00
68	"	"	"	15.00
69	Nanuet Fire Engine Co.	"	"	20.00
70	West Nyack Fire Engine Co. #1	"	"	20.00
71	Nyack Window Cleaning Co.	Repairs	"	6.75
72	Rockland Lt. & Power Co.	Light	"	2.95
73	"	"	"	1.30
74	"	"	"	10.14
75	"	"	"	5.90

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76	Rockland Lt. & Power Co.	Light	Town Board -Town Hall	\$ 2.85
77	Rockland Gas Co.	Heat	"	18.48
78	Edward B. Shuart	"	"	2.20
79	New York Telephone Co.	Telephone	"	7.05
80	"	"	"	5.50
81	"	"	"	24.50
82	"	"	"	24.45
83	"	"	"	12.95
84	"	"	"	13.40
85	"	"	"	9.60
86	"	"	"	10.90
87	"	"	"	5.50
88	Geo. M. Edsall	Fire & Liability	Insurance	116.11
89	"	Liability	"	360.76
90	Joseph Maher	Services of Engineer	Services of Engineer	100.00
91	Faber L. Carey	Fees	Zoning Inspector	7.25
92	Roswell P. Blauvelt	Expense	Supervisor	10.00
93	New York Telephone Co.	Telephone	Town Board-Town Hall	6.35
94	"	"	"	6.60
95	Philip J. Klein	Office Expense	Supervisor	.25
96	A. J. Laux & Co.	"	"	3.28
97	Philip J. Klein	"	Justice of the Peace	8.60
98	A. J. Laux & Co.	"	"	2.27
99	Kate Buchenau	Expense	Town Clerk	12.98
100	Cunard Stationery & Printing Co., Inc.	Office Expense	"	4.15
101	A. J. Laux & Co.	"	"	1.34
102	New City Hardware Store	"	"	16.39
103	Excelsior Press	"	"	10.50
104	Philip J. Klein	"	"	16.10
105	Mrs. Florence Englehardt	Expense	Assessors	3.00
106	Excelsior Press	"	Receiver of Taxes	12.00
107	A. J. Laux & Co.	Office Expense	"	10.23
108	New City Hardware Store	Other Expense	Police	7.43
109	Philip Rieber Co.	Expense	"	6.60
110	Walter Bovee	"	"	6.25
111	Nyack Typewriter Exchange	"	"	18.50

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112	Wm. Paul Babcock	Purchase of Equipment	Police	3.00
113	Rockland Lt. & Power Co.	Signals	Traffic	5.00
114	Conservation Commission	Forest Fires	Forest Fires	1.25
115	New York Telephone Co.	Nanuet Defense Cen.	War Emergency Pur.	8.50
116	"	"	"	8.50
117	"	Congers Defense Cen.	"	17.50
118	William Martin, Quartermaster, Lt. Raymond B. Jauss Post, 2607, Vet. of Foreign Wars	Veterans Organizations for Rooms	Miscellaneous	180.00
119	John Mott, Treas. M.O.P.H.	"	"	180.00
120	Henry Helmcke, Treas. Naurashank Post #794, American Legion	"	"	180.00
121	Samuel H. Wandlely	Exp. Home Rel. <u>7.94</u> <u>1.17</u>	Town Welfare Off.	9.11
122	Nyack Typewriter Exchange	Office Expense	"	2.00
123	New York Telephone Co.	Telephone	Town Board -Town Hall	8.18
124	John J. Harrison	Veterans Relief	Town Welfare Off.	9.33
125	Dr. E. Winifred Pitkin	Expense	Board of Health	20.00
126	Cosmevo Surgical Supply Co.	"	"	40.00
127	John J. Rooney, Jr.	"	"	28.00
128	Victor Dailey	"	"	2.00
129	Charles E. Houghtaling	"	Reg. of Vital Statistics	1.48
Total				\$ 1,835.21

Mr. Goebel moved the meeting be adjourned.
 Seconded by Mr. Dickenman Carried
 Meeting adjourned.

Kate Buchanan
 Town Clerk of Clarkstown