

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 17th, 1943

Town Clerk's Office

5:00 P.M.

Present: Mr. Schmersahl

Dr. Gilchrest

Dr. Goebel

Mr. Dickenman

Mr. Blauvelt

Mr. Blauvelt called the meeting to order.

Mr. Wexler, Attorney, told the Board that he had received a letter from Mr. Dempsey, attorney for the Elmer Van Orden Estate, regarding the Van Orden property. He said that Mr. Dempsey wants a 50% reduction in the assessment of this property and a refund of taxes which the owner has paid in Clarkstown, as a search reveals part of the property is in the Town of Haverstraw. Mr. Wexler told the Board that in his opinion the Town of Haverstraw could only sue the owner - the Van Orden Estate for one years back taxes. He told the Board that Mr. Dempsey's final proposition was a refund of one years back taxes to the Van Orden Estate by the Town of Clarkstown.

In discussing the matter, the Town Board was unanimous in its opinion that nothing should be refunded to the Van Orden Estate. They pointed out that any refund for taxes paid would first have to be approved by the Board of Assessors.

Mr. Blauvelt then told the Board the meeting had been called in regard to the collection of taxes. He said that on the Tax Notices posted and published in the paper, notice is given that there won't be any sittings in various communities to collect taxes, as collections will be received only at the office of the Receiver of Taxes. He said that the Town Board feels the Receiver of Taxes should make his regular sittings because of the shortage of gasoline and tires.

Mr. Dickenman, in commenting on the matter, told the Board that he understands it is not mandatory for the Collector to go to the various communities to collect, but this has been the customary thing to do for the past decade as an accomodation to the taxpayers. He said he felt it unpatriotic and unamerican to the taxpayers for the Receiver of Taxes not to collect taxes, especially at a time like this, when there is such a shortage of gasoline and tires.

