

TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 14TH, 1943

Town Clerk's Office

2:00 P.M.

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

Mr. Blauvelt called the meeting to order, and requested the reading of the minutes for the last regular meeting of the Board.

Mrs. Buchenau then read the minutes for the meeting held April 7th, 1943.

Dr. Gilchrest moved the minutes be adopted as read.

Seconded by Dr. Goebel

Carried

The reading of the minutes for the Special Board Meeting held April 14th was dispensed with.

Mr. Blauvelt told the Board that the police have found out who did the damage to the water hydrant in Central Nyack. The Insurance Company have agreed to take care of this matter.

Dr. Goebel moved that all bills for civilian defense which have been audited by the Town Board be paid, providing the bills do not exceed \$200.00 and there is sufficient money in the accounts of the civilian defense centers to pay for these bills, and providing further that the bills are presented on the proper form.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl

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

Mr. Handley, Welfare Officer, appeared before the Board and read a letter, stating that the food allowance on Home Relief cases will be increased 20% to meet the increased cost of living. He also told the Board that a plan is being studied to pay relief clients on a cash basis instead of a voucher basis. This would mean a client would receive a check in the amount he is entitled to instead of a voucher. Mr. Handley told the

Board that up the State this system is being used to great advantage. He told the Board that it is believed the new plan will increase the morale of relief clients and will be a better system than the one now in use. Mr. Handley said he was heartily in favor of the new plan, as he felt it a much better system, and he asked for the approval of the Board and the adoption of said plan.

In response to a question as to whether all relief clients would be responsible in the handling of cash, Mr. Handley said that the Town of Webster had tried out the system, and out of 19,000 cases only 18 cases had to be put back on the budget system. He pointed out that wherever there are abuses of the plan, the voucher system can be resumed, as the plan permits the Welfare Officer to make a change wherever he deems it adviseable.

There was no action taken by the Board on this matter, as they indicated they would like to consider it further.

Mr. Blauvelt informed the Board that he had received a letter from the Department of Audit and Control, advising that under Section 22-b of the Town Law, the Town Board has authority to establish the office of Chairman of the Board of Assessors and designate one of the Assessors holding office to this position.

Mr. Blauvelt told the Board that the Board of Assessors now has a Chairman namely, Alphonse J. Schroeder.

Mr. Blauvelt reported that he had written to the Postmaster General, but that he has not as yet received any reply on the matter of new post offices in Clarkstown as post war projects.

Dr. Goebel moved that \$100.00 be transferred from the account of Current Surplus to the account of Receiver of Taxes.

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

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Daniel J. Kroenung, Recording Secretary, New City Fire Engine Co. No. 1, asking the Board to grant permission to the fire company to accept as new members men in the 16 and 17 year old bracket, due to the shortage of manpower.

The Board then discussed this matter at length and referred the letter to the Town Attorney, Mr. Wexler.

Mr. Wexler said he felt there was something in the law regarding insurance coverage of men in this age bracket. He said he understands a similar resolution had been requested in Spring Valley and passed, subject to the fire company getting a clause protecting these people. He pointed out that this could be done by putting a rider on the insurance policy.

Mr. Blauvelt then appointed Dr. Gilchrest as a Committee of one to look into this matter and report back at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Blauvelt presented an application for a tax refund to James G. Channing for Mae E. Channing in the amount of \$8.96, because of an assessment for a non-existent house.

Mr. Dickenman moved a tax refund of \$8.96 be granted to James G. Channing for Mae E. Channing because of taxes erroneously assessed.

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

Mr. Blauvelt presented a tax refund petition from Sewell E. Moody, Sr. in the amount of \$10.58, as the property is not located within the boundaries of the Nanuet Light or Water Districts.

Dr. Goebel moved that a tax refund in the amount of \$10.58 be granted to Sewell E. Moody, Sr.

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

Mr. Blauvelt reported the balance of the Town as of April 30th was \$176,656.91. Total receipts in the office of Supervisor was \$8,096.57, and total disbursements was \$25,764.72.

Mr. Blauvelt presented the report of Kate Buchenau, Town Clerk, showing total receipts for April in the amount of \$1296.95. The amount remitted to the Supervisor was \$125.95.

Mr. Blauvelt presented Judge Dillon's report showing total receipts for April amounting to \$139.10.

The report of Samuel Handley, Welfare Officer, for April was presented showing total expenditures in the amount of \$997.90. The case load was 27, and 76 individuals shared in the relief.

The report of John Elliott, Building Inspector, was presented covering April fees in the amount of \$80.00.

Mr. Blauvelt informed the Board that he had not received the report of Judge Engels.

Dr. Gilchrest moved the reports of the various town officers be accepted as presented.

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

Mr. Dickerman moved that the Supervisor be authorized to employ assistance to clean up the abandoned cemeteries at a compensation of 60¢ per hour.

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

Mr. Blauvelt told the Board that the Assessors have requested that something be done about writing up the 1943 Tax Rolls and that the necessary appointments be made as soon as possible.

Dr. Goebel moved that Wilma Baker, Alice Hopper and Vivian Knapp be appointed to write up the 1943 Tax Books, the salary in each case to be \$125.00.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl

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

Dr. Gilchrest moved that the Curfew Law be extended to 9:30 P.M. in view of the fact that the spring and summer is the baseball season, and the children can play ball later in the evening.

After discussing the matter at length, and conferring with Sergeant Wiebicke, there was no second to this motion, and the resolution was therefore not adopted.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that Mr. Klein, Supt. of Highways, investigate further into the construction of Murdock Lane, and if he approves, to submit it as a post war project.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman

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

Dr. Goebel moved that Church Street be continued into Rose Rd. in Nanuet, and that the matter be referred to Emil Klein, Supt. of Highways, and if he approves of the said construction to submit it as a post war project.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl

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

Dr. Gilchrest brought to the attention of the Board the matter of the Tolstoy Foundation, Inc. in Valley Cottage, which is exempt from any taxation, but is at the present time selling chickens, vegetables, and taking in boarders. He told the Board that although this corporation pays no school taxes, yet several of the children living at the place it operates attend the Valley Cottage School.

The matter was referred to Mr. Wexler, Town Attorney, who told the Board that in his opinion the Tolstoy Foundation, Inc. is allowed to sell

chickens and vegetables and have boarders, providing it has no profit left over to divide. The law permits a corporation to raise money to assist itself.

Mr. Welxer then told the Board that he would be glad to write the Chairman of the Valley Cottage School Dist. and explain this matter to him.

Mr. Wexler then reported to the Board that he had sent the bill for the damages to the water hydrant to the insurance company, and that he expected a reply within a few days. He said he had instructed them to send the check either to the Supervisor or to him.

Mr. Wexler then told the Board that Mr. Renz, who sometime ago requested a change in the zoning of his property in Bardonia, had conferred with him. He said he had written Mr. Renz a letter, advising that he must comply with the zoning ordinance and submit the papers in proper form before anything further can be done.

Bills Nos. 263 to 327 on Warrant No. 5 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>
263	John C. Fajen	Rent	TOWN BOARD Town Hall & Offices	40.00
264	"	"	"	30.00
265	Mrs. Rose M. Leo	"	"	40.00
266	Nanuet National Bank	"	"	30.00
267	Coyle & Coyle	"	"	25.00
268	"	"	"	15.00
269	Nanuet Fire Engine Co.	"	"	20.00
270	West Nyack Fire Engine Co. #1	"	"	20.00
271	Rockland Lt. & Power Co.	Light	"	2.75
272	"	"	"	8.60
273	"	"	"	1.00
274	"	"	"	6.12
275	"	"	"	2.05
276	E. B. Stuart	Heat	"	2.63
277	Rockland Gas Co., Inc.	"	"	9.96
278	New York Telephone Co.	Telephone	"	10.45
x 279	"	"	"	10.45

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280	New York Telephone Co.	Telephone	TOWN BOARD Town Hall & Offices	24.20
281	"	"	"	4.65
282	"	"	"	12.05
283	"	"	"	5.50
284	Excelsior Press	Expense - Other	"	10.00
285	Heman M. Purdy, Co. Clerk	"	"	6.75
286	Geo. M. Edsall	Fire & Liab.	Insurance	113.03
287	Excelsior Press	Zoning Exp.	Zoning Expense	10.25
288	John Elliott	"	"	9.72
289	Roswell P. Blauvelt	Office Expense	Supervisor	10.00
290	Frohling Sign Service	"	"	20.00
291	Williamson Law Book Co.	Expense	"	7.50
292	Irvin F. Dillon	"	Justice	10.00
293	Edward Thompson Co.	Office & Other Exp.	"	20.00
294	Kate Buchenau	Expense	Town Clerk	13.00
295	Cunard Stationery & Printing Co.	"	"	2.87
296	Excelsior Press	"	"	11.50
297	"	"	"	1.00
298	"	Office & other exp.	Assessors	6.00
299	Florence Engelhardt	"	"	10.00
300	Excelsior Press	"	Rec. of Taxes	14.00
301	Dorothy J. McElroy	Comp. of Employees	"	100.00
302	Florence Blauvelt	Compensation	Board of Appeals	5.00
303	Wagschals	Other Expense	Police	4.45
304	C. R. Jones, Jr., Inc.	"	"	7.95
305	Wm. Paul Babcock	"	"	4.00
306	Walter Bovee	"	"	58.71
307	Philip Rieber Co.	"	"	6.60
308	Hutton-Johnson Co., Inc.	Purchase of equip- ment	"	4.70
309	Eastman Kodak Stores, Inc.	"	"	14.39
310	New York Telephone Co.	Congers O.C.D.	War Emergency Pur.	18.35
311	Rockland Lt. & Power Co.	"	"	2.45
312	"	"	"	2.65
313	"	"	"	2.35
314	New York Telephone Co.	West Nyack O.C.D.	"	7.20
315	"	Nanuet O.C.D.	"	8.50
316	"	"	"	8.50
317	"	Central Nyack O.C.D.	"	10.00

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318	William A. Kreuger	Valley Cottage O.C.D.	War Emergency Pur.	81.70
319	R. D. Southward	Comp. of Employees	Parks	15.90
320	Schultz's Moving Service	Expense	Town Welfare Officer	17.79
321	Nyack Typewriter Exchange	"	"	2.00
322	Edward Pieper	"	"	7.00
323	Samuel H. Handley	"	"	18.44
324	John J. Harrison	Veterans Relief	"	5.76
325	C. R. Laing	Other health expense	Board of Health	4.00
326	John J. Rooney, Jr.	"	"	98.00
327	Chas. E. Houghtaling	Other Expense	Registrar of Vital Statistics	2.18
			Total	\$ 1,111.05

Dr. Goebel moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Kate Buchanan

Town Clerk of Clarkstown