

TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 13, 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 of the last regular meeting.

Mrs. Buchenau then read the minutes of the last regular meeting held July 9th, 1943.

Mr. Dickenman moved the minutes be adopted as read.

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest

Carried

Mr. Jens Tellefsen appeared before the Board relative to the appointment of an Inspector of Elections for Dist. #1, New City, in place of Pauline DeNoyelles, who has moved to Nyack. He told the Board that the Democratic Committee has recommended Cora A. Martling of Maple Ave., New City, for this position. The Democratic Committee has also recommended the appointment of Jens Tellefsen as Custodian of Elections in Dist. #1, New City, in place of Frank Zwerlein, Jr. who is unable to serve.

Mr. Dickenman moved that Cora A. Martling be appointed Inspector of Elections in place of Pauline DeNoyelles, and Jens Tellefsen be appointed Custodian of Elections in place of Frank Zwerlein, Jr. for the remainder of the year 1943 in Dist. #1, New City.

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest

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

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from the New City Business Men's Association, requesting the Board to communicate with the Rockland Light & Power Company and ask them to trim the trees throughout the New City Lighting District, as the trees have overgrown the lights, so that the benefit from the lights is greatly diminished. A request is also made

that the Board have the Rockland Light & Power Co. make a survey of the New City Lighting District in an effort to better the lights in the business section of the town.

Mr. Blauvelt then told the Board that the Rockland Light & Power Co. were now trimming the trees in the New City Lighting District. He then said the Rockland Light had made a survey of the lighting in the New City business district, and he read a letter which he had written to the New City Business Men's Association, advising them of this fact.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from S. Henderson, Asst. Deputy County Director for Congers regarding a coal bill of \$88.00 due Walter Hicks for coal delivered to the Congers center in 1942 and 1943. He requests that \$46.72 be paid on the 1942 balance and \$21.65 on the 1943 balance.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from the Brooklyn Trust Company, advising the Board that they have permission to enter premises in Nanuet in order to level off a pile of dirt in front of the unfinished dwelling on Demarest Avenue.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that the letter be referred to Emil Klein, Jr., Supt. of Highways for his further attention.

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

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Mr. Holden A. Evans, Jr., Executive Secretary Postwar Public Works Planning Commission, in which he requests information as to any local law which requires Clarkstown projects to be approved by a planning board, board of estimates, a council, board of trustees or any other municipal authority.

Mr. Blauvelt then read a letter from Mrs. Buchenau, Town Clerk, to Mr. Holden advising that the matter would be referred to the Town Board at their regular meeting, and also advising that it was her understanding that the Town Council would approve all projects submitted for postwar planning.

The Town Board decided to refer the matter to Mr. Wexler, Town Attorney, for his attention, with the request that he write the Postwar

Public Works Planning Commission if he deems it necessary.

Mr. Blauvelt then presented the following reports for July, 1943.

Trial Balance showing the total balance of the Town as of July 31, 1943 in the amount of \$132,407.60.

The Supervisor's report showing total receipts in the amount of \$4,554.41, and total disbursements in the amount of \$12,298.27.

Town Clerk's report, showing total receipts in the amount of \$262.00. The amount remitted to the Supervisor was \$39.75.

Report of Frederick R. Engels, Justice of the Peace, showing total receipts in the amount of \$31.35.

Building Inspector's Report showing total receipts in the amount of \$61.00.

Welfare Officer's report showing total disbursements in the amount of \$1,186.39, of which \$435.77 was for Clarkstown clients, \$577.30 for Non-Settlement, and \$173.32 for State Charges. The total case load was 21, and 67 individuals shared in the relief.

Mr. Dickenman moved the following resolution.

WHEREAS, in the absence of an eligible list for the position of Town Welfare Officer of the Town of Clarkstown, a provisional appointment was made, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed impracticable to fill the vacancy by promotion as there is no one eligible for promotion to the position, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town Board notify the Civil Service Commission in writing it is deemed impracticable to fill the vacancy of Town Welfare Officer by promotion because there is no one eligible for promotion to the position, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Civil Service Commission be requested to hold an open competitive examination limited to Clarkstown residents for the position of Town Welfare Officer of the Town of Clarkstown; in the Welfare Office, New City, N.Y.; present salary \$1500.00, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Notice of this request for such open competitive examination be publicly and conspicuously posted in the

office of the Town Clerk, in the Welfare Office and in the office of the Civil Service Commission.

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

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Automatic Voting Machine Corporation relative to the rental of a used voting machine. They suggest that the Board rent one of the used machines they now have on hand on the basis of \$125.00 per machine, plus transportation, with the understanding that within six months after the close of the war, the used machine will be exchanged for a new machine with credit for the rental paid.

In the discussion regarding this matter, Mr. Blauvelt told the Board that the Board of Elections had recommended the purchase of a voting machine to be held in reserve, in case one of the voting machines should break down. It was pointed out that in seven election districts in the town, only one voting machine is used, and if during an election any of these machines should accidentally break, there might be a serious tie-up in the voting should it be impossible to repair the machine and there was no extra machine on hand.

Dr. Goebel moved that the Town rent a used voting machine for the duration of the war.

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

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Stephen G. Doig, Jr. regarding payment to Mrs. Alice M. Stark of \$70.00 due for services of her deceased husband as Attendance Officer in Dist. #5, New City. Mr. Doig explained to the Board that pursuant to Section 103-a of the Decedent Estate Law, the Board could pay this money to Mrs. Stark, since the services do not exceed the sum of \$150.00. He said that Mrs. Stark would give the Board general releases from each of the persons interested in Mr. Stark's estate.

Mr. Blauvelt then referred this matter to Mr. Wexler, who told the Board that according to law, as outlined in Mr. Doig's letter, it would be legal to pay this claim.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Alphonse J. Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, requesting the Board to appoint two clerks to write up the School Tax Rolls.

Mr. Dickenman said he felt that persons who have had experience before should write up the books. He then told the Board that he wished to present the name of Cora A. Martling of Maple Ave., New City for this work, since she had previously worked on the tax books, and he felt she was well experienced to do the work.

Mr. Dickenman moved that Cora A. Martling of Maple Ave., New City, be appointed to write up the School Tax Rolls.

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest

Mr. Blauvelt then read a letter from Mrs. Florence Jensen, Chairman, Clarkstown Republican Committee, recommending Mrs. Wilma Baker and Mrs. Vivian Knapp for the position of writing up the School Tax Rolls.

Mr. Blauvelt said that the Assessors had recommended that the people appointed be typists.

Mr. Schmersahl moved that Wilma Baker and Vivian Knapp be appointed to write the School Tax Rolls.

Seconded by Dr. Goebel

Mr. Blauvelt told the Board that the Assessors had told him they would like to have Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Knapp write up the books.

Dr. Gilchrest then said that he would like to see the Upper Nyack School Roll typed.

The Board then discussed this matter at length.

Dr. Goebel moved that the names of Cora A. Martling, Wilma Baker and Vivian Knapp be submitted to the Board of Assessors and that they select two clerks to write up the School Tax Books.

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

Dr. Gilchrest moved that the two clerks appointed to write up the School Tax Books be paid a salary of \$100.00 each.

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

Dr. Gilchrest moved the meeting be adjourned to go into Board of Health Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman	Carried
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After discussing matters pertaining to health in Board of Health Meeting, on motion of Mr. Dickenman, seconded by Dr. Gilchrest, the Board reconvened into regular town board meeting.

Mr. Dickenman moved that the reports of all the town officers be approved.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl	Carried
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Mr. Blauvelt told the Board that there are two vacancies to be filled in Dist. #11, Bardonia, and that Florence Jensen, Chairman, Clarkstown Republican Committee has recommended that Mrs. Lorraine Mericle be appointed Inspector of Elections and Walter Stark be appointed Custodian of Elections.

Dr. Goebel moved that Mrs. Lorraine Mericle be appointed Inspector of Elections in place of Mrs. Rose Molatsch and Walter Stark be appointed Custodian of Elections in place of John Orange in Election Dist. #11, Bardonia, for the remainder of the year 1943.

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

Mr. Wexler, Town Attorney, reported on the Tolstoy Foundation, Inc. and the Reed Farm. He read a lengthy report regarding this matter which outlines in detail his opinion that this organization is an educational, charitable and religious one, and therefore deserves to have the Court Order continued.

Mr. Wexler brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. Dempsey, attorney for the Van Orden Estate relative to tax bills covering this property. He said that Mr. Dempsey in his letter had requested an adjustment on the 1942 and 1943 taxes, as the State now owns some of the property. Mr. Wexler told the Board he felt this matter should be taken up with the Board of Assessors and that he would do this and report back to the Board.

Mr. Wexler then brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. McGoldrick, developer of Oakbrook in Nanuet, in which he forwarded a deed to lots owned by him which he wished to deed to the town. He said he had taken the matter up with the Assessors, and that in his opinion the deed should be returned, since the Town cannot receive any property except for highway purposes. He pointed out to the Board that Section 32 of the Tax Law gives a remedy for taking property out of a development.

Mr. Wexler read a letter which he had written to the Town Board outlining his opinion regarding the use of Town Highway Equipment for or by school districts. It was his opinion that the Town Board has the right to instruct the Highway Superintendent to use town highway equipment for some school district purpose.

Mr. Wexler then presented to the Board a General Release which would release the Insurance Company from all claims and damages suffered by the Town as a result of the damage to the fire hydrant in Central Nyack, it being understood that the Town of Clarkstown is to receive the sum of \$63.84 for said damages. Mr. Wexler said as soon as this release was signed by the Supervisor, payment would be forthcoming from the insurance company.

Dr. Goebel moved that the Supervisor be authorized to sign a general release on the damage to the fire hydrant in Central Nyack, with the understanding that the Town is to receive \$63.84 in payment for the said damages.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman

Carried

Mr. Wexler said he was working on the matter of the trailer camps in the town, but that he is not ready to submit a report to the Board.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Ruth Morgan, President The Rockland County Conservation Association, regarding the action of the New York Trap

Mr. Blauvelt pointed out to the Board that it has been the custom of towns to use balances to reduce taxes rather than to carry over into the next year.

Dr. Gilchrest suggested that the Supervisor write to Mr. Dillon and get some of the war equipment.

Mr. Blauvelt told the Board that Mr. Fales had charge of this matter, and that any fire company in the township requiring additional fire equipment will receive it. He informed the Board that a survey has been made, and that the requirements of every district are known.

Dr. Gilchrest suggested that the Board consider the appointment of either a man or woman to do desk duty in the police office, so that it will release one of the police officers for police duty.

The matter was referred to Mr. Liebert, Chief of Police for his attention.

Bills Nos. 444 to 530 on Warrant #8 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> TOWN BOARD	<u>AMOUNT ALLOWED</u>
444	West Nyack Fire Engine Co. #1	Rent	Town Hall & Offices	40.00
445	John C. Fajen	"	"	30.00
446	Nanuet National Bank	"	"	30.00
447	John C. Fajen	"	"	40.00
448	Nanuet Fire Engine Co.	"	"	20.00
449	"	"	"	20.00
450	Mrs. Rose M. Leo	"	"	40.00
451	Coyle & Coyle	"	"	35.00
452	Nyack Window Cleaning Co.	Repairs	"	6.00
453	Rockland Lt. & Power Co.	Light	"	1.00
454	"	"	"	1.00
455	"	"	"	5.45
456	"	"	"	5.45
457	"	"	"	3.55
458	"	"	"	2.60
459	"	"	"	7.00
460	"	"	"	9.60
461	Rockland Gas Co., Inc.	Heat	"	1.00
462	New York Telephone Co.	Telephone	"	5.60

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463	New York Telephone Co.	Telephone	Town Board Town Hall & Offices	5.50
464	"	"	"	25.05
465	"	"	"	23.90
466	"	"	"	13.55
467	"	"	"	13.85
468	"	"	"	7.15
469	"	"	"	6.50
470	"	"	"	9.55
471	"	"	"	5.73
472	"	"	"	7.18
473	Nanuet National Bank	Water	"	3.75
474	Heman M. Purdy, Co. Clerk	Other Expense	"	1.50
475	Sidney D. Schimpf	Compensation	Elections	17.00
476	Walter A. Hoehn	"	"	12.00
477	Margaret V. Sucusy	"	"	12.00
478	Vietta S. Biltz	"	"	12.00
479	J. E. Vanderbilt & Co., Inc.	Other Expense	"	1.30
480	Geo. M. Edsall	Fire	Insurance	446.74
481	"	"	"	59.95
482	John Elliott	Zoning Inspector & Expense	Town Board	11.60
483	Roswell P. Blauvelt	Office & Other Exp.	Supervisor	10.00
484	Excelsior Press	"	"	3.00
485	Cunard Stationery & Printing Co., Inc.	"	"	11.76
486	Joseph B. Komonchak	"	Justice	5.00
487	Kate Buchenau	"	Town Clerk	17.30
488	Cunard Stationery & Printing Co., Inc.	"	"	11.28
489	Williamson Law Book Co.	"	Town Clerk \$4.00 Police 2.00 Supervisor 2.00	8.00
490	Alice Hopper	Comp. of Employees	Assessors	125.00
491	Wilma Baker	"	"	125.00
492	Vivian Knapp	"	"	125.00
493	George W. Miller	Expense	"	5.00
494	Excelsior Press	Office & Other Exp.	Rec. of Taxes	12.75
495	Williamson Law Book Co.	"	"	8.17
496	Florence Blauvelt	Comp. of Employees	Board of Appeals	14.50
497	Harold H. Abrams, M.D.	Other Expense	Police	5.00

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498	Harold H. Abrams, M.D.	Other Expense	Police	5.00
499	Edward Thompson Co.	"	"	4.00
500	Chas. J. Bodnar	"	"	9.00
501	Philip Rieber Co.	"	"	7.49
502	Edward C. Simmons	"	"	3.50
503	Walter Bovee	"	"	10.20
504	Federal Laboratories, Inc.	"	"	4.60
505	Wm. Paul Babcock	Office & Other Exp.	"	1.25
506	New York Telephone Co.	No. Clarkstown O.C.D.	War Emergency Purp.	15.30
507	"	"	"	17.20
508	"	"	"	16.25
509	"	"	"	16.15
510	Walter Hicks	Congers O.C.D.	"	53.35
511	New York Telephone Co.	Central Nyack O.C.D.	"	14.05
512	"	West Nyack O.C.D.	"	6.90
513	"	Nanuet O.C.D.	"	8.50
514	William A. Kreuger	Valley Cottage O.C.D.	"	43.35
515	Ernest Griffin	Compensation	Attendance Officers	70.00
516	George Morgan	"	"	100.00
517	Alice M. Stark	"	"	70.00
518	Dick Martin	"	"	70.00
519	David Edwards	Comp. of Employees	Parks	14.40
520	Samuel H. Handley	Office & Other Exp.	Town Welfare Officer	7.40
521	Nyack Typewriter Exchange	"	"	2.00
522	Excelsior Press	"	"	8.75
523	Frohling Sign Service	"	"	4.00
524	John J. Harrison	Veterans Relief	"	5.64
525	J. Gerald Gilchrest, D.D.S.	"	"	80.00
526	Edward Gailles, Jr.	Other health Exp.	Board of Health	2.00
527	Alvin Bremer	"	"	2.00
528	Paul Lefkowitz, M.D.	"	"	14.00
529	Dr. E. W. Pitkin	"	"	20.00
530	Lederle Laboratories, Inc.	"	"	<u>5.00</u>

Total

Dr. Goebel moved the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Kate P. Dickman
Town Clerk of Clarkstown