

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Sept. 10, 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.

Mrs. Buchenau then read the minutes of the last regular meeting held August 13th, 1943.

Mr. Blauvelt requested that the portion of the minutes which reads that the Assessors had told him they would like to have Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Knapp write up the books be stricken out.

Mr. Dickenman moved that the minutes be approved with the correction requested by Mr. Blauvelt.

Seconded by Dr. Gilchrest

Carried

Mr. Handley, Welfare Officer, appeared before the Board relative to a welfare case. He informed the Board that this case is a property owner, but has not yet reached the age to be eligible for an old age pension. He asked that the Board give their permission to draw up a bond and mortgage, so that the Town will be reimbursed for the money that is being expended for this particular case.

The Board then consulted with the Town Attorney on this matter.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that Mr. Handley, Welfare Officer, be authorized to accept a bond and mortgage on the property of Elizabeth Scharman to reimburse the Town for payments made in the past and payments to be made in the future until said party receives aid under the Old Age Pension Law, and in the alternative should said party refuse to deliver a bond and mortgage to Mr. Handley, that Mr. Handley be authorized to sue to have a lien placed upon the property and assets of said Elizabeth Scharman to the end that the Town shall be reimbursed for all of the above.

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

Mr. Alphonse Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, appeared before the Board and reported that all of the school books have been completed with the exception of one, and the reason why this has not been finished is that the book has not yet been received from the school dist.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Russell F. Griffen, Vice President of the Automatic Voting Machine Corporation, regarding the contract for a used voting machine and advising the present price of a new voting machine.

Mr. Blauvelt reported to the Board that the contract has been executed and a copy returned for our files.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Holden A. Evans, Jr., Executive Secretary of Postwar Public Works Planning Commission, advising the amount allocated to the Town of Clarkstown for the Town Hall Project, namely \$150.00 for Plans and \$150.00 for Test Borings.

Mr. Wexler, Town Attorney, reported to the Board that he had examined the projects submitted for post-war planning, and that no other approval is necessary for these projects except that of the Town Board. He said that he would answer to that effect.

Mr. Blauvelt read two letters from W. Kavanagh enclosing petitions relative to the defense of the action brought against the Town by the New York Trap Rock Co.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Gustave Winko relative to the enforcement of the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Dickenman moved that the letter of Mr. Winko be referred to Mr. Elliott, Building Inspector, for his attention.

Seconded by Dr. Goebel	Carried
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Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Paul A. McGolrick relative to the installation of street signs in Oakbrook.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that the Supt. of Highways be authorized to put up wooden signs in Oakbrook 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. Schroeder told the Board that he had met Mr. McGolrick, and that he had suggested to him that he revert a portion of his property in Oakbrook back to acreage rather than leave it as lots. He said this was possible pursuant to Section 32 of the Tax Law.

Mr. Wexler then said that he had informed Mr. McGolrick relative to Section 32 of the Tax Law.

Mr. Blauvelt read a Notice from the Interstate Commerce Commission advising that a further hearing will be held on Oct. 15, 1943 at the Hotel St. George in Brooklyn on the application of Spring Valley Motor Coach Co., Inc. and Rockland Coaches, Inc.

Mr. Blauvelt told the Board that the dates have been set, at which time the various steps in the preparations of the budget for 1944 will be taken.

Mr. Blauvelt read a notice from Gilbert M. Banker, Supt. of Schools, inviting the Board to meet Professor Coates of the University of North Carolina on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 3:30 P.M. in Nanuet School.

Mrs. Palen appeared before the Board relative to the dangerous condition of Break-Neck Hill. She told the Board that there is a bump in the road at the foot of the hill which has been patched from time to time. She said that because of the unevenness in the road, she feared the children would be seriously injured while riding their bicycles over this spot. She requested the Board to take some action towards correcting this condition.

Dr. Gilchrest suggested that the matter be referred to Mr. Klein, Supt. of Highways, for his investigation and further report.

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 and unan-

imously carried, the Board reconvened into regular Town Board Meeting.

Mr. Blauvelt told the Board that he would like to have Mr. Walter Ryckman appointed to calculate the Tax Roll.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that Walter Ryckman be appointed to calculate the Tax Roll at the same salary as last year.

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

Mr. Blauvelt then presented the following reports for the month of August, 1943.

Trial Balance of the Town showing balance as of August 31st, 1943 to be \$111,597.49.

Mr. Blauvelt told the Board that the fees and revenues anticipated are rather low since no welfare revenue has been received since last October. However, he said it was his understanding that the welfare checks will be coming through very shortly.

Supervisor's report showing total receipts for the month in the amount of \$48.75, and disbursements in the amount of \$20,809.11.

Town Clerk's report showing total receipts in the amount of \$174.25. The total amount remitted to the Supervisor was \$27.75.

Report of Irvin F. Dillon, showing July receipts in the amount of \$151.25.

Report of John Elliott, Building Inspector, showing total receipts for August in the amount of \$62.00.

Report of Welfare Officer, showing total disbursements amounting to \$834.51. The total case load was 21, and 70 individuals shared in the relief.

Mr. Dickenman moved the reports be accepted as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl	Carried
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Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from New City Fire Engine Co. #1, requesting the approval of certain fire police in the New City Fire Dist.

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Mr. Blauvelt then said he had received a request that James Connolly be appointed as a Fire Policeman for the West Nyack Fire Dist.

Mr. Dickenman moved that the following persons be appointed as Fire Police pursuant to recommendations received by the Town Board.

New City Fire District - Joseph Eberling, Jr.
 John C. Meyer
 John Erhardt
 Victor Smith
 Wilmer Dulmer
 Henry Steinmann

West Nyack Fire Dist. - James Connolly

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl Carried

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter which he had addressed to Mr. Schroeder, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, relative to the collection of taxes after January 1st, 1944 and the fees on the same.

Mr. Blauvelt informed the Board that Chief Liebert had placed Mrs. Liebert in his office for desk duty in accordance with a suggestion made at the last meeting of the Board. Mr. Blauvelt said that Mrs. Liebert is well qualified for this position, since she has been answering calls for a long time.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that Mrs. Ruth Liebert be appointed as an Assistant in the police department as of August 16, 1943 at a salary of \$100.00 per month.

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

Mr. Blauvelt asked Mr. Wexler if the resolution had been straightened out on the civil service appointment of a Welfare Officer.

Mr. Wexler told the Board that he had found nothing further in the law that would prevent the town from limiting the examination to Clarkstown residents.

It was decided that the Civil Service Commission be notified pursuant to the resolution adopted on August 13th, 1943, and that the notice be posted.

Dr. Gilchrest moved that a letter of sympathy be written to Lawrence Sormani on the death of his father and aunt.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl

Carried

Mr. Wexler reported on the fire hydrant. He said that the release has been delivered to the Insurance Company and that the money has been delivered to the Supervisor.

Mr. Wexler reported that he had had a conference with Mr. Stickles on the New York Trap Rock matter, and that the necessary files in the Town Clerk's office have been delivered to Mr. Stickles and signed receipts given to the Town Clerk's office.

Mr. Blauvelt told the Board that he had met with Mr. Stickles, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Deming and Mr. Wexler, and that Mr. Stickles is agreeable to proceeding with the matter pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board.

Mr. Wexler then read a letter which he had written to Mr. Stickles to which he has not as yet received a reply. He informed the Board that Mr. Stickles had told him he was working on the answer in this matter.

Mr. Dickenman told the Board that Mrs. Boyce in Rockland Lake had approached him relative to repairing Smith St. in Rockland Lake. It seems that this road, although not a town road, has in the past been repaired by the Supt. of Highways, the cost of the repairs amounting to the highway taxes paid.

It was decided to hold the matter over until the next meeting when it can be referred to Mr. Klein.

Mr. Blauvelt then discussed with the Board Section 452 of the Laws of 1943 which gives a town the right to create a surplus or reserve fund. He then outlined the various manners in which these funds can be invested.

Dr. Gilchrest then told the Board that he was working with Mr. Fales on getting further aid for fire fighting purposes.

Dr. Gilchrest said that he would like to have permission from the Board to get three people to write a history of the part Clarkstown has

played in this war.

Mr. Schmersahl moved that Dr. Gilchrest be appointed to investigate the possibility of a record outlining the activities of the Town of Clarkstown in the war effort and to report back to the Board the approximate cost of such a project.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman

Carried

Dr. Gilchrest then suggested that the Board plant the little point to the west of the West Nyack viaduct with evergreens to beautify Clarkstown.

In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that Route 59 is a State Highway, and that this point might be State property.

Dr. Gilchrest was appointed a committee of one to look into this matter and see if Mr. Ronan is agreeable to the planting of this little park.

Bills Nos. 531 to 575 on Warrant No. 9 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>
531	John C. Fajen	Rent	TOWN BOARD Town Hall & Offices	30.00
532	"	"	"	40.00
533	Nanuet Fire Engine Co.	"	"	20.00
534	Nanuet National Bank	"	"	30.00
535	Coyle & Coyle	"	"	35.00
536	Mrs. Rose M. Leo	"	"	40.00
537	Nyack Window Cleaning Co.	Repairs	"	6.00
538	New York Telephone Co.	Telephone	"	13.20
539	"	"	"	26.20
540	"	"	"	7.25
541	"	"	"	3.84
542	"	"	"	9.40
543	Ira Heath	Compensation	Elections	12.00
544	James J. Shortal	"	"	17.00
545	The Journal-News	Printing & Advertising	Printing & Advertising	23.40
546	John Elliott	Zoning Inspector & Fees	Zoning Inspector & Fees	11.54
547	Roswell P. Blauvelt	Office & Other Exp.	Supervisor	10.00
548	Dennis & Co., Inc.	Expense	"	5.25
549	Kate Buchenau	Office & Other Exp.	Town Clerk	5.00

<u>CLAIM NO.</u>	<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>NATURE OF CLAIM</u>	<u>FUND AND/OR APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT ALLOWED</u>
550	New City Hardware Store	Office & Other Exp.	Town Clerk	3.85
551	Alphonse J. Schroeder	"	Assessors	3.00
552	George W. Miller	"	"	5.00
553	Cora M. Martling	"	"	18.00
554	Florence Blauvelt	"	"	18.00
555	Philip Rieber Co.	Other Expense	Police	6.60
556	C. R. Jones, Jr., Inc.	"	"	40.20
557	"	"	"	10.50
558	Eastman Kodak Stores, Inc.	Purchase of equipment	"	4.44
559	Walter Bovee	Other Expense	"	52.40
560	Eastman Kodak Stores, Inc.	Purchase of equipment	"	1.70
561	New City Hardware Store	Other Expense	"	4.97
562	New York Telephone Co.	Bardonia O.C.D.	War Emergency Pur.	8.50
563	"	"	"	8.50
564	"	"	"	8.50
565	"	"	"	8.50
566	"	West Nyack O.C.D.	"	7.00
567	"	Valley Cottage O.C.D.	"	8.60
568	"	Nanuet O.C.D.	"	8.50
569	Jacob Scherrer, Jr.	Compensation	Attendance Officer	140.00
570	David Edwards	Comp. of Employees	Parks	13.20
571	Samurl H. Handley	Office & Other Exp.	Welfare Officer	5.21
572	John J. Harrison	Veterans Relief	"	5.76
573	Victor Dailey	Other health exp.	Board of Health	2.00
574	"	"	"	2.00
575	Chas. E. Houghtaling	Other Exp.	Registrar of Vital Statistics	<u>1.48</u>
			Total	741.49

Mr. Dickenman moved the meetinb be adjourned.

Seconded by Dr. Goebel

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

Kate Puckerman

Town Clerk of Clarkstown