

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 24th, 1945

Town Clerk's Office

8:00 P.M.

Present: Mr. Schmersahl
 Mr. McIntyre
 Mr. Eberling
 Mr. Dickenman
 Mr. Blauvelt

Mr. Blauvelt called the meeting to order.

Mr. Blauvelt then read to the Board members a resolution, expressing the deepest and sincere regret of the Town Board because of the death of Samuel H. Handley.

Mr. Schmersahl moved the resolutions as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarkstown, in the death of Samuel H. Handley, Welfare Officer of the town, has lost a valued citizen, and

WHEREAS, during Samuel H. Handley's term of office he was deeply interested in the affairs of his home community and home township, and

WHEREAS, the last few years his was not a life free from physical pain yet in spite of this discomfort and suffering he had a ready smile and continued to play an active part for the welfare of others, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Town Board of the Town of Clarkstown feel that Samuel H. Handley was a friend to all and devoted to the interests of people as human beings, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clarkstown expresses its deepest and most sincere regrets that Samuel H. Handley has passed on, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Town Board of the Town of Clarkstown and that a copy be sent to the family of Samuel H. Handley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this meeting be adjourned in honor of him.

Seconded by Mr. McIntyre	Vote: Roswell P. Blauvelt	Supervisor
	John Dickerman	Councilman
	Charles Wm. McIntyre	Councilman
	Fred M. Schmersahl	Councilman
	Charles Eberling	Councilman

Mr. Blauvelt then read a resolution to appoint a Town Welfare Officer to fill the vacancy in the office of Town Welfare Officer of the Town of Clarkstown, created by the death of Samuel H. Handley.

Mr. Schmersahl moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in the death of Samuel H. Handley, Welfare Officer of the Town of Clarkstown, a vacancy has been created, and

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

WHEREAS, it is deemed impracticable to fill the vacancy by promotion, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and he is hereby authorized to nominate for provisional appointment in the absence of an eligible list, GEORGE M. KLECKNER of New City, New York, for the position of Town Welfare Officer of the Town of Clarkstown under the provisions of Rule VIII - 4 of the Civil Service Rule. The salary of the position is \$1700.00 per year and it is desired to have the appointment take effect September 1, 1945.

Seconded by Mr. McIntyre

Mr. Dickenman moved that William Blanch be appointed Town Welfare Officer of the Town of Clarkstown under the provisions of Rule VIII - 4 of the Civil Service Rule.

Seconded by Mr. Eberling	Vote:	Mr. Schmersahl	-	Kleckner
		Mr. McIntyre	-	Kleckner
		Mr. Eberling	-	Blanch
		Mr. Dickenman	-	Blanch
		Mr. Blauvelt	-	Kleckner

Mr. Blauvelt then declared George M. Kleckner appointed Town Welfare Officer of the Town of Clarkstown under a provisional appointment.

Mr. Blauvelt read a resolution, requesting an open competitive examination for the position of Town Welfare Officer of the Town of Clarkstown be held by the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Eberling 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

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was made, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed impracticable to fill the vacancy by promotion, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town Board notify the Civil Service Commission in writing that 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, New York; present salary \$1700.00, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Notice of this request for such open competitive examination be published in the Journal-News, the official newspaper of the Town of Clarkstown and be publicly and conspicuously posted in the Office of the Town Clerk, The Welfare Office, the Supervisor's Office and in the Office of the Civil Service Commission for a period of 15 days, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that after that period a copy of the posted notice, together with any protests that may have been received must be forwarded to the Office of the Civil Service Commission at Albany, New York.

Seconded by Mr. McIntyre

Carried

Mr. Schmersahl moved that Nanuet School Dist. #8 be designated as the Polling Place for Election Dist. #12, Nanuet.

Seconded by Mr. McIntyre

Vote:	Mr. Schmersahl	Yes
	Mr. McIntyre	Yes
	Mr. Eberling	Yes
	Mr. Dickenman	Yes
	Mr. Blauvelt	Yes

Mrs. Buchenau was then requested to advise the Trustees of Nanuet School that the Town Board has designated the School as Polling Place for Dist. #12, Nanuet.

Mr. Blauvelt read a letter from Mrs. Florence Jensen, Chairman Clarkstown Republican Committee, recommending the appointment of Republican Inspectors of Election and a Custodian of Polls.

Mr. Schmersahl moved the following Republican Inspectors of Election and Custodian of Polls be appointed pursuant to a recommendation of Mrs. Florence Jensen.

INSPECTORS OF ELECTION

Dist. #1, New City - Fred Seeger in place of Richard Cordwell

Dist. #5, Nanuet - Mrs. Grace Arwe in place of Clarence Brown

Dist. #12, Nanuet - Clarence Brown
Mrs. Gwendolyn M. Miller

CUSTODIAN OF POLLS

Dist. #12, Nanuet - Thomas S. Simpson

Seconded by Mr. McIntyre	Vote: Mr. Schmersahl	Yes
	Mr. McIntyre	Yes
	Mr. Eberling	Yes
	Mr. Dickenman	Yes
	Mr. Blauvelt	Yes

Mr. Eberling then presented the names of Democratic Inspectors of Election to be appointed.

Mr. Eberling moved that the following Democratic Inspectors of Election be appointed.

Dist. #5, Nanuet - Joseph Romano
Marie Bannen

Dist. #12, Nanuet - Helen Fee
George Fee

Seconded by Mr. McIntyre	Vote: Mr. Schmersahl	Yes
	Mr. McIntyre	Yes
	Mr. Eberling	Yes
	Mr. Dickenman	Yes
	Mr. Blauvelt	Yes

Mr. Wexler, former Town Attorney, appeared at the meeting relative to the deeds for the New City Park roads. He told the Board that he has searched his office thoroughly, and that he is unable to find the deeds. He said that a little before the end of the year 1944, he filed the deeds with the County Clerk by means of a letter. Mrs. Smith, Deputy County Clerk, got in touch with him and asked him not to file the deeds all together. He said that he took them back to his office and had them stapled

separately, and a blue backing put on each one. At the time he called for the deeds, Mr. Wexler said that Mrs. Smith gave him an adding machine total showing the cost of the filing to be approximately \$46.00. This was for the filing of the deeds and some releases of mortgages. He said that near the end of his term of office, he met with Mr. Roepe, and that he gave Mr. Roepe a number of papers and that some time later Mr. Roepe mailed the receipt for them to him. Mr. Wexler told the Board that he was under the impression that the receipt included the deeds. He said that when Mr. Roepe took the papers, it was his recollection that certain papers were to be filed either with the Town Clerk or Mrs. Pedersen. Whether he gave them to Mr. Roepe with other papers he is not certain. The receipts for the papers he gave to Mr. Roepe do not include the deeds. He said that he would keep looking among his files and see if he can find them. Mr. Wexler told the Board that he has had a number of girls in his office, and it is possible the deeds may have been mislaid. He has asked Mrs. Pedersen to check her files and also Mrs. Smith, but neither of these people seem to have them.

When the Board inquired as to the number of deeds involved, Mr. Wexler said there were about 20 deeds and six or eight mortgage releases.

Mr. Blauvelt then informed the Board and Mr. Wexler that the matter is very serious and should be cleared up as soon as possible, as recent rains have caused considerable damage in the Park, and the Town Board may possibly have to face the possibility of lawsuits.

When asked what could be done about the matter in the event the deeds to the park roads could not be found, Mr. Wexler suggested that duplicate deeds be procured.

Upon an inquiry as to who had done the work on the preparation of the deeds, Mr. Wexler told the Board that he had worked with Mrs. Pedersen in his spare time. The typing of the deeds was done by Mrs. Pedersen and his office girl.

With regard to title searches, Mr. Wexler told the Board that he assumed the title was good up to the time Mr. Hall took title, and that the title was good where mortgages were taken. No abstracts were made, but he said he took notes on yellow pads.

Mr. Blauvelt then told the Board that if the deeds were not found before Sept. 14th, the date of the next meeting, that new deeds

would have to be prepared.

When asked approximately when he filed the deeds with the County Clerk, Mr. Wexler told the Board that the deeds were not filed but left with Mrs. Smith, and he advised Mrs. Pedersen that the cost of filing the deeds would be approximately \$46.00. After taking the deeds back to his office to be separated, Mr. Wexler said he was not clear about whether he gave them to Mrs. Pedersen or whether someone was to bring them to the office of the Town Clerk for Mrs. Pedersen to pick up and file.

Mr. Wexler told the Board that he would work with them and give his complete cooperation. He said that he would know in about a week if the deeds are in his office when the balance of his files were checked. He said that he would call Mrs. Pedersen and check again with her.

Mr. Blauvelt then thanked Mr. Wexler for coming to discuss the matter with the Board.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Blauvelt told the Board a motion to adjourn was in order.

Mr. McIntyre moved the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

KATE BUCHENAU,
Town Clerk of Clarkstown

By


Deputy Town Clerk