

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

Jan. 11, 1946

Town Clerk's Office

2:30 P.M.

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

Mr. Dillon called the meeting to order and requested the reading of the minutes.

Miss Martling, Town Clerk, read the minutes for the regular meeting held December 14th, 1945 and the Annual Meeting held December 28th, 1945.

Mr. McIntyre moved the minutes be accepted as read.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman

Carried

Mr. Dillon then informed the Board that resignations have been filed by the following persons with the Town Clerk, as required by law, and that vacancies now exist in these offices.

Kate Buchonau	-	Registrar of Vital Statistics
Cora M. Martling	-	Dep. Registrar of Vital Statistics
Cora M. Martling	-	Senior Account Clerk in the Town Clerk's Office
Cora M. Martling	-	Deputy Town Clerk
Irvin F. Dillon	-	Jus tice of the Peace

Mr. Dillon then read the report of the Town Clerk, advising that bonds have been filed by all town officials required by law to do so, and that the proper oaths of office have been filed with the County Clerk by all elected officials.

Mr. Dillon told the Board that several appointments were to be made, and that the first one to be considered was that of Town Attorney.

Mr. Eberling nominated Jerome Trachtenberg for the position of Town Attorney for a term of two years.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman

Mr. Dickenman moved the nominations be closed.

Seconded by Mr. Eberling

Carried

VOTE:	Mr. Schmersahl	Yes
	Mr. McIntyre	Not Voting
	Mr. Eberling	Yes
	Mr. Dickenman	Yes
	Mr. Dillon	Yes

Mr. Dillon then declared Mr. Trachtenberg appointed Town Attorney.

Mr. Eberling nominated Frank Cook, William Blanch and Alphonse Schroeder for the positions of Assessors for a term of two years.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman

Mr. Eberling moved the nominations be closed.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman                      Carried

VOTE:	Mr. Schmersahl	Yes
	Mr. McIntyre	Not Voting
	Mr. Eberling	Yes
	Mr. Dickenman	Yes
	Mr. Dillon	Yes

Mr. Dillon then declared Frank Cook, William Blanch and Alphonse Schroeder appointed Assessors.

Mr. Eberling nominated Stephen G. Doig, Jr. for the position of Justice of the Peace for a term of one year.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman

Mr. Dickenman moved the nominations be closed.

Seconded by Mr. Eberling                      Carried

VOTE:	Mr. Schmersahl	Yes
	Mr. McIntyre	Not Voting
	Mr. Eberling	Yes
	Mr. Dickenman	Yes
	Mr. Dillon	Yes

Mr. Dillon then told the Board that Mr. Doig is in the armed services, and that he cannot assume his duties as Justice of the Peace until he is released. He then asked the Board how they felt about Mr. Doig receiving his salary under these circumstances.



Mr. Eberling moved that Cora M. Martling be appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term of two years.

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



Mr. Eberling moved that Charles A. Adams, Jr. be appointed Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term of two years.

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

Mr. Eberling then moved that the appointment of an Attendance Officer be laid on the table.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl                      Carried

Mr. Eberling moved that Elsie Haerle be appointed Deputy Rec. of Taxes for a term of four years.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman	Vote:	Mr. Schmersahl	Yes
		Mr. McIntyre	Not Voting
		Mr. Eberling	Yes
		Mr. Dickenman	Yes
		Mr. Dillon	Yes

Mr. Dillon then presented to the Board a Certified List from the Dept. of Civil Service for the position of Welfare Officer, showing George M. Kleckner to be the only name on the list eligible for appointment. Mr. Dillon then presented a telegram which he had received from the Dept. of Civil Service, advising that all certifications of eligible lists submitted prior to Jan. 1st, 1946 are withdrawn, and that only appointments made from certifications effective during the month of December will be approved. Mr. Dillon told the Board that since there is no list that they will have to wait for a new list which will be submitted after a new examination has been held. In connection with the list, Mr. Dillon pointed out to the Board that they have the right to appoint anyone of the three

highest on the eligible list. He said that according to information received from the Dept. of Civil Service, Mr. Kleckner's provisional appointment expired on Jan. 15th, 1946.

Mr. McIntyre nominated George Kleckner for the position of Town Welfare Officer under a provisional appointment for a period of thirty days, effective Jan. 15th, 1946 and terminating Feb. 15, 1946.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl

Mr. Schmersahl moved nominations be closed.

Seconded by Mr. McIntyre                      Carried

VOTE:	Mr. Schmersahl	Yes
	Mr. McIntyre	Yes
	Mr. Eberling	Yes
	Mr. Dickenman	Yes
	Mr. Dillon	Yes

Mr. Dillon then read a letter from Joseph Leo in which he submitted his resignation as Janitor for the office of Receiver of Taxes, effective Dec. 31, 1945.

It was decided to hold the appointment of a new Janitor over until the next meeting.

Mr. Dillon then read to the Board the payroll of the Town, showing the salaries of the various town officials and clerks and the highway employees.

Mr. Dillon then read a letter from George M. Kleckner, Welfare Officer, recommending that the salary of Mrs. Margaret Reilly, Chief Account Clerk in his office, be increased from \$1400. to \$1560. - an increase of \$160. Mr. Kleckner also recommended that mileage be granted to Miss Anna Babcock, a Welfare Investigator, because she must now travel to Suffern and Nyack hospitals in her personal automobile in order to make proper investigations under the new hospitalization plan.

Mr. Eberling moved that the salary of Mrs. Margaret Reilly, Chief Account Clerk in the Welfare Officer, be increased from \$1400. to \$1560.

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

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Mr. Eberling moved that the salaries of all Town officials and employees be fixed as follows:-

<u>ANNUAL SALARY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE OF POSITION</u>
288.	Letitia Johnson	Janitress
144.	Dollie Stiles	"
120		Janitor
1725.	Irvin F. Dillon	Supervisor
2100.	Florence Blauvelt	Supv. Clerk
1200.	Frederick K. Engels	Justice of the Peace
1200.	Stephen G. Doig, Jr.	"
480.	John Dickenman	Councilman
480.	Charles Eberling	"
480.	Charles McIntyre	"
480.	Fred Schmersahl	"
2400.	Cora M. Martling	Town Clerk
2000.	Charles R. Adams, Jr.	Sr. Account Clerk
1100.	Frank Cook	Assessor
1100.	William Blanch	"
1300.	Alphonse Schroeder	"
3000.	Charles Haerle	Rec. of Taxes
1150.	C. Elsie Haerle	Sr. Account Clerk
1200.	Jerome Trachtenberg	Attorney
3200.	Walter N. Liebert	Police Chief
2550.	Ernest Wiebicke	Sergeant
2250.	Frank Hochreiter	Patrolman
2250.	John Jackomin	"
2250.	John J. Kearney	"
2250.	Raymond Lindemann	"
2250.	William Zielich	"
1200.	Ruth Liebert	Police Clerk
1200.	Marjorie Hopper	Health Officer
Fee Basis	Joseph Mutinsky	Bldg. Inspector
1700.	George M. Kleckner	Welfare Officer
600.	John J. Harrison	Veterans Welfare Officer
1800.	Anna Babcock	Case Worker
1560.	Margaret Reilly	Clerk
Per Hr.	Selden Stiles	Motor Equipment Operator
.95		
.95	William J. Volino	"
1.00	Herbert Miller	"

<u>ANNUAL SALARY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE OF POSITION</u>
Per Hr.		
1.05	Charles L. Campbell	Motor Equipment Operator
.85	Henry Fajen	Road Maintainer
.85	Benedict Matero	"
.85	Frank Conklin	"
.85	Paul Stepbach	"
.75	Thomas Marsico	"
.75	Vincenzo Moreno	"
.75	Peter Dorn	"
.75	Russell Schaeffer	"
.75	George Roscoe	"
.75	Robert Conklin	"
5.00	5 Ton Truck & 2 men	"
60.00 Per Month	Florence Blauvelt	Clerk
4300.00 Per Year	Emil Klein	Supt. of Highways

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

Mr. Schmersahl moved that mileage not to exceed 6¢ per mile be paid to the following Town Officers and employees:-

Welfare Officer  
Receiver of Taxes  
Veterans Welfare Officer  
Building Inspector  
Health Officer  
Welfare Investigator - Anna Babcock

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

Mr. Eberling moved that the Town Board Meetings be held on the second Friday of each month at 3:00 P.M. in the Town Clerk's office at New City.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman	Vote: Mr. Schmersahl	Yes
	Mr. McIntyre	Yes
	Mr. Eberling	Yes
	Mr. Dickerman	Yes
	Mr. Dillon	Yes

Mr. Dickenman moved that the Journal-News be designated as the official newspaper of the Town.

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

Mr. Dickenman moved that the Nanuet National Bank be designated as the depository for the funds of the Supervisor, Rec. of Taxes, Justices, Building Inspector and Town Clerk.

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

Mr. Dillon then reported that the Nanuet National Bank has in escrow \$230,000. under an Escrow Agreement to secure the deposits of the Town. The Town Board decided this was satisfactory.

Mr. Dillon then read the report of the Town Clerk to the Town Board regarding street lighting contracts and water contracts and also the report of property rented or leased by the Town.

Mr. Eberling 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. Schmersahl seconded by Mr. Dickenman and carried, the Board reconvened into regular Town Board meeting.

Mr. Dillon then read a letter from the Association of Towns, advising that the Annual Meeting will be held in Albany on Feb. 20, 21st and 22nd.

Mr. Dickenman moved that Charles McIntyre be appointed as Delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns to represent the Town of Clarkstown, and that Charles Eberling be appointed Alternate.

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

Mr. Eberling moved that any Town Officer who wishes to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns be granted permission to do so.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman                      Carried

Mr. Dillon read a letter from Geo. M. Edsall, in which he advised that if the Town elected to pay the premium on Mr. Haerle's bond for his full term of office a 15% discount would be allowed, and the Town would save approximately \$70.86.

The Board decided that it would be impossible to do this, since no provisions has been made for it in the Budget.

Mr. Dillon read a letter from E.C. DeFlaun, Secretary Central Nyack Welfare Association in which a request is made that the snow be removed from the sidewalk along Route 59 in Central Nyack.

The Board decided to refer the letter to Mr. Klein, Supt. of Highways.

Mr. Dillon read a letter from the Rockland Light & Power Company regarding the installation of a street light on Freemont Avenue in Nanuet, and also advising that the order will be carried out as soon as possible. The Light Company also asked for additional information as to where the street lights are to be installed on First Ave., Nanuet.

After discussing the matter at length, the Board decided the lights were to be installed on the East side of Main Street to College Ave. and the Town Clerk was instructed to so advise the Rockland Light & Power Co.

Mr. Dillon read a letter from George D. James of Congers with further reference to the smoke nuisance from the New York Central trains. Mr. James enclosed with his letter a brief article on suggested ways to control the smoke nuisance.

The Board then pointed out that the New York Central Railroad Company had advised them that they were working on the problem of smoke from their engines and were trying to find a way to eliminate it.

Mr. Meeks of Congers then told the Board that he had complained to the railroad about the bad condition of the crossing and also the smoke nuisance, and that in response to his complaint Mr. Harris came to his home. He said that inspectors of the railroad are checking on the smoke nuisance, and that they intend to fix the railroad crossing, but unfortunately they do not have sufficient material. They have, however, painted the Station at Congers, and the railroad officials are trying to stop some of the "monkey business" going on in the Station.

Chief Liebert then told Mr. Meeks that he has had a man in plain clothes from his police department watching in the Congers Station.

Mr. Dillon then read a letter from N. F. Ronan, County Assistant Engineer, in which he recommends that Scratch-Up Road be closed and abandoned by the Town. He further pointed out that this would materially help in the design for the reconstruction of the New City-Haverstraw section of S.H. 9005.

Mr. Klein, Supt. of Highways, told the Board that it would be a good idea to eliminate the Scratch-Up Road. He said that in the last July rainstorm, the road had to be shut off for ten days. Mr. Klein told the Board that he believed it would be to the advantage of the Town and a benefit to the New York Trap Rock Company to turn it off. Mr. Klein then told the Board that he would communicate with Mr. Duley, a representative of the New York Trap Rock Co. regarding this matter.

Mr. Klein then reported to the Board that Englewood Ave. did not meet the requirements necessary for Town roads. He told the Board that there is not sufficient material on the road, and that he was stuck there when he went to make his investigation.

The Town Clerk was requested to contact Mr. Gunn, Attorney for Mrs. Forni, and advise that the road does not meet the requirements of the Town.

Mr. Dillon then read a letter from Mr. Roepe in which he advised that the time limit on the court action with the Tolstoy Foundation had been extended to January 30th.

Mr. Eberling moved that the letter be turned over to the new Town Attorney.

Seconded by Mr. Dickenman Carried

Mr. Dillon read a letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals in which they quoted a resolution adopted by them regarding Mr. John Elliott, Building Inspector.

Mr. Eberling moved the letter be accepted.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl Carried

Mr. Dillon presented the following reports for the month of December, 1945.

Supervisor's Report and Trial Balance

Welfare Officer's Report

Building Inspector's Report

Mr. Dillon advised the Board that according to a statement received from the Department of Audit and Control \$425.00 has been paid for Justices fines and fees from June to Nov. 1945.

Mr. Dickenman moved that the monthly reports be accepted as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Eberling Carried

Mr. Eberling moved that the Annual Report submitted by Mr. Roepe be turned over to the new Town Attorney.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl Carried

Mr. Dillon then told the Board that he would like to have a resolution authorizing a transfer of \$1605.48 from Current Surplus to Welfare Estimated Revenues.

Mr. Eberling moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that \$1605.48 be transferred from Current Surplus to Welfare Estimated Revenue in order to maintain the credit balances in the Welfare account as the Town did not receive the Welfare revenues as estimated for 1945.

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

Mr. Eberling moved that the Assessors be authorized to procure bids for the 1946 Assessment Rolls and Field Books.

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

Mr. Eberling moved that the Supervisor be authorized to get bids for the printing of the Town Ordinances in booklet form, and that he proceed with the printing of said booklets.

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

Mr. Dickenman then told the Board that he felt Clarkstown was paying more than it should towards the cost of County Government, and that the rates were not fairly equalized. He presented figures showing that the Towns in the County pay the following rates:-

Orangetown	34%
Ramapo	26%
Clarkstown	25%
Haverstraw	10%
Stony Point	05%

He said he felt that something should be done to see if Clarkstown cannot get a lower rate.

In commenting on the matter, Mr. Dillon pointed out that our rate might be lower if we had higher tax rates and lower assessments. He said that he would do everything possible to get a lower rate for Clarkstown when the matter comes up this year.

Mr. Dickenman then told the Board that he would like to recommend the establishment of a Planning Board for Clarkstown, the members of the Board to serve without compensation. He said he felt that something should be done along these lines, and he hoped the Board would give it careful consideration.

The Board agreed that the idea of a Planning Board was a good one and that consideration should be given to it.

Mr. Dickenman then inquired when the time limit would expire in order to purchase property for a new Town Hall. He pointed out that the Board has contemplated the purchase of a piece of property in New City. He told the Board that if a government loan can be secured, it would help a great deal in the construction of the new Town Hall.

Mr. Dillon then appointed the Town Board as a whole a committee on the new Town Hall, and it was agreed they should meet very soon to go into this matter.

Mr. Dillon then informed the Board that he would check the law relative to the Planning Board.

Mr. Alphonse Schroeder then suggested to the Board the extension by the Spring Valley Water Works & Supply Co. of its services up to Oakbrook, Nanuet.

Mr. Eberling told the Board that he understood the district ended at Ludvig's and that no one would sign up for the water.

Mr. Dillon appointed Mr. Schmersahl and Mr. Dickenman on the Insurance Committee.

Bills Nos. 1 to 71 on Warrant #1 amounting to \$5,978.03 were audited and ordered paid.

There being no further business, Mr. Dickenman moved the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Mr. Eberling

Carried

Meeting adjourned until Feb. 8th, 1946 at 3:00 P.M.

*Gene M. Martin*

Town Clerk of Clarkstown