

## SPECIAL MEETING

May 27, 1952

Town Clerk's Office

8:30 P.M.

Present: Mr. Fibble

Mr. Welchman

Mr. Burleigh

Mr. Dillon

Absent: Mr. Schmersahl

Mr. Dillon called the meeting to order, explaining that it had been called to discuss the merger of the Rockland Light & Power Co. and the Rockland Gas Company, Inc.

Mr. Welchman stated that he did not see how the consumers in the County could benefit from the merger. He said that Rockland Gas has always had low rates and have never charged customers for service calls. He said that even their installation rates are very low and in most cases were the first 50 feet of pipe necessary for installation is installed at no cost to the consumer. He also said that the Gas Company also allows a discount on all bills paid within a certain date. Mr. Welchman stated that the Rockland Light & Power Co. has rates that are very high and there is always a minimum charge for service calls with no discount on bills. He asked the Board to go on record in opposition to the merger.

Mr. Dillon said that he did not think that it was within the jurisdiction of the Town Board to take any action on the matter. He stated that the adoption of a resolution opposing the merger would carry little if any weight with the Public Service Commission. He said, however, that the Board should join with the Village of Spring Valley and request that the public hearing be transferred to Rockland County.

Mr. Welchman moved the following resolution:-

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clarkstown request the Public Service Commission to transfer the public hearing in regard to the merger of the Rockland Light & Power Co, and the Rockland Gas Co., Inc. to Rockland County.

Seconded by Mr. Burleigh.

On roll call, the vote of the Board was as follows:-

AYES: Messrs. Welchman, Fibble, Burleigh, Dillon.

NOES: None.

The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Public Service Comm. and request that the hearing be transferred to Rockland County.

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Town Attorney Edward G. Roepe informed the Board that he had received another bill from the Anti-Reservior Association in the amount of \$823.50. He said that the bill was for a transcript of the hearing held on March 13 and 14. Mr. Roepe said that the bill could not be paid by the Town since the minutes of the hearing had not been ordered by the Board and it was not a legal charge against the Town.

Mr. Dillon said that the matter had been explained to the Association a number of times and that he had met with the group on more than one occasion and explained that the Town Board could not legally audit the bills.

The Town Clerk was instructed to return the bill with a letter of explanation.

Mr. Dillon informed the Board that Milton P. Hill, District Sanitary Engineer for the State Department of Health, had contacted him and asked to meet with the Board in regard to the Park Ave. and Lexow Ave. sewage conditions at Nanuet. Mr. Hill said that Dr. Degan, District Health Officer would also attend together with John Loeffler and Murray Rotwein, the developers of Park Ave. and Lexow Ave.. The purpose of the meeting would be to try to reach an agreement with Mr. Loeffler and Mr. Rotwein to correct the septic systems in the developments.

The Board set June 18, 1952, at 8:00 P.M. as the time and date of the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Fible moved that the meeting adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Burleigh.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

*August A. Hansen*  
Town Clerk of Clarkstown

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