

SPECIAL MEETING

September 19, 1952

Supervisor's Office

8:30 P.M.

Present: Mr. Fibble

Mr. Welchman

Mr. Burleigh

Mr. Dillon

Absent: Mr. Schmeßsahl

Mr. Dillon called the meeting to order.

Mr. Dillon informed the Board that the Petitioners of the West Nyack Supply District had contacted him in regard to having the hydrants installed before the first of the year so that service could be started immediately on the first. He said that he had contacted the Nyack Water Company and they were agreeable to installing the hydrants, and beginning service on the 1st of January, 1953.

Mr. Burleigh moved the following resolution:-

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Irvin F. Dillon be authorized to order the necessary hydrants for the West Nyack Water Supply District and request the Nyack Water Company to install same.

Seconded by Mr. Welchman.

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

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

NOES: None.

Mr. Burleigh moved the following resolution:-

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Irvin F. Dillon be authorized to appropriate the sum of Nineteen Hundred (\$1,900) Dollars for the West Nyack Water Supply District and include all amounts listed in the petition, such as Attorney's and Engineer's fees, as charges against such District.

Seconded by Mr. Welchman.

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

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

NOES: None.

Mr. Dillon informed the Board that many errors existed on the Special Assessment Roll for Strawberry Hill Lane. He said that some of the properties had been assessed for too much front footage and some for too little. He said that one property owner listed did not own property on the road. Mr. Dillon said also that no interest had been added on the assessments for the Bond Anticipation Notes which the Town had sold some months ago. He said that he would contact the Department of Taxation and Finance and ask for an opinion on the matter.

Town Attorney Edward G. Roepe, after checking the Town Law said that all corrections would have to be made by the Board of Supervisors before the tax is levied and each property owner assessed erroneously would receive notice.

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Mr. Roepe said that the Board of Supervisors must give at least five days advance notice to each property owner whose assessment was to be corrected.

The Town Clerk informed the Board that a number of record books on file in his office are in very bad condition and they should be rebound before they deteriorate any further. He requested permission to the the books in the worst condition taken care of immediately.

Mr. Burleigh moved the following resolution:-

RESOLVED, that Town Clerk August Hansen be authorized to have rebound those record books on file in his office that have deteriorated sufficiently to require it.

Seconded by Mr. Welchman.

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

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

NOES: None.

Mr. Dillon informed the Board that the Regional Planning Association was holding a session at New York on September 30, 1952, and Town Officials were invited to attend.

Mr. Welchman moved the following resolution:-

RESOLVED, that Town Officials be authorized to attend the 7th Regional Planning Conference to be held at the Roosevelt Hotel, New York City, on the 30th of September, 1952, at the expense of the Town.

Seconded by Mr. Burleigh.

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

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

NOES: None.

Mr. Roepe informed the Board that a situation was developing in the Town which was becoming very serious. He said that many traffic offenders were retaining attorneys and requesting jury trials in Justice's Court. He said that the Police Department does not have the legal knowledge to cope with the situation and it is developing into a very serious problem. Mr. Roepe suggested that the proper way to handle the matter would be to assign the cases to an Assistant District Attorney since the District Attorney did not have the time and had indicated that he would not become involved in anything less than a drunken driving case. He also said that the Justices are not lawyers and cannot compete with experienced attorneys in court. Mr. Roepe said that if the District Attorney did not provide for an assistant, then the only other course would be for the Town to retain special counsel.

Mr. Dillon said that the Town would hardly be justified in retaining special counsel to handle such matters. He said that he would speak to the District Attorney in regard to appointing an assistant.

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Councilman Burleigh submitted a recommendation to the Board in regard to the Tax Map and Re-assessment. He suggested that the Board arrange a meeting with the lowest bidder to discuss the Tax Map and Re-assessment and also request the bidder to submit a list of towns comparable in size to Clarkstown for which they have made a Tax Map and done Re-assessment work.

The Board discussed Mr. Burleigh's suggestion and decided it would be to their advantage to hold such a meeting. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the lowest bidder and request that a meeting with one of their representatives be arranged.

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

Seconded by Mr. Fibble.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

August W. Hansen
Town Clerk of Clarkstown

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