

TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 23, 1956

Town Clerk's Office

3:00 P.M.

Present: Mr. Renken
Mr. Jeffrey
Mr. Welchman
Mr. Schmersahl
Mr. Dillon

Mr. Dillon called the meeting to order.

Mr. Renken moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with.

Seconded by Mr. Welchman.

Carried.

Mr. Schreuer of Congers, N. Y. appeared before the Board and complained of dogs running at large in packs, molesting children and ruining shrubbery. She asked what could be done about the situation. The Board promised to prepare an article for the newspaper.

Donald Partridge, Esq. appeared before the Board in respect to an application for improvement of First Street, Nanuet, between Avenue C and new Route 59. Mr. Roepe was requested to examine the petition for street improvement and Mr. Klein was requested to contact Mr. Bixby of the New York State Department of Public Works with respect to access road to Route 59.

Morton Silberman, Esq. appeared before the Board on behalf of Mr. Ned Besso of Central Nyack, with regard to filling in his property in West Nyack, stating that the Town had benefited in that much swampland had been reclaimed and become taxable on the rolls. He stated that Mr. Besso wanted some indication of the Board's feeling on what could be done to continue filling in land, stating that Mr. Besso would cover refuse so that there would be no eyesore involved. The Board informed Mr. Silberman that the chief objection they had to Mr. Besso dumping was that he failed to cover refuse dumped promptly, and that this condition did create an eyesore, even though no garbage was dumped. The Board further advised that if dumping was done in a proper manner, they would have no objection.

Mr. Zeller of Nanuet, N. Y. appeared before the Board on behalf of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Connolly, with regard to a right-of-way on First Street, Nanuet, near Avenue C, asking when anything could be done for this street. Mr. Roepe advised that several steps would be needed, first of all publication and hearing. The Board advised that if everything was in order, two or three months time would be involved. They further advised that they would process petition submitted by Mr. Partridge and advise him of the outcome. Mr. Zeller also inquired about installation of a hydrant at this location, stating that the nearest hydrant was about 2000 feet distant.

Mr. Schochor, of Birchwood Homes, Inc., appeared before the Board asking when the Town would accept his deed for roads. Mr. Klein advised that Mr. Schochor had not yet installed the required catch basin and therefore he would not recommend acceptance of the deed.

Mr. Samuel Basson of Sherwood Drive, Nanuet, appeared before the Board on behalf of residents of that street asking what could be done about the condition of Sherwood Drive. Mr. Klein reviewed for the Board past meetings and correspondence in

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connection therewith. The Board suggested that the residents try and obtain satisfaction from Mr. Lesco.

Mr. Eugene Blumenthal, of Quaspeck Homes, Inc., appeared before the Board with map, certificate of title and deed to the Town of Clarkstown, covering Mary Lane, Cottage Road, Quaspeck Boulevard, Charles Boulevard and Valley Cottage, Valley Cottage, New York.

Mr. Welchman moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clarkstown accept deed conveying Mary Lane, Cottage Road, Quaspeck Boulevard, Charles Boulevard and Valley Road, Valley Cottage, New York, as shown on subdivision map of Quaspeck Homes, Inc., in Section No. 1, totaling 4600 feet, subject to the filing of a maintenance bond in the amount of \$6,900.00, as recommended by the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Clarkstown. Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl.

On Roll call, the Board voted as follows:

AYES: Messrs. Renken, Jeffrey, Welchman, Schmersahl, Dillon.

NOES: None.

Mr. Jeffrey moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Building Inspector be directed to issue a building permit to Thomas McLeod of Snedeker Avenue, Congers, provided the following recommendation of the Town Superintendent of Highways is complied with:

Foundation should be raised three feet six inches above the present roadbed. Seconded by Mr. Renken.

On rollcall, the Board voted as follows:

AYES: Messrs. Renken, Jeffrey, Welchman, Schmersahl, Dillon.

NOES: None.

Mr. Welchman moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Building Inspector be directed to issue a building permit to Joseph and Alda Hastings of Fremont Avenue, Nanuet, north of Prospect Street, provided the following recommendations of the Town Superintendent of Highways is complied with:

After the roadbed has been graded in front of the lot of Elseph and Alda Hastings, a three inch coarse of one and one-half inch crushed stone covered with stone dust, to a width of twenty feet, be applied.

Seconded by Mr. Renken.

On roll call, the Board voted as follows:

AYES: Messrs. Renken, Jeffrey, Welchman, Schmersahl, Dillon.

NOES: None.

Mr. Dillon read a letter from the Building Inspector requesting permission for the Building Department to take part in the Annual Meeting of the New York State Building Code Commission and New York State Building Officials Federation, to be held at the Hotel New Yorker on February 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1956.

Mr. Welchman moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Building Inspector be permitted to partake in the Annual Meeting of the New York State Building Code Commission and the New York State

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Building Officials Federation at the Hotel New Yorker on February 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1956, necessary expenses to be a Town charge.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl.

On roll call, the Board voted as follows:

AYES: Messrs. Renken, Jeffrey, Schmersahl, Welchman, Dillon.

NOES: None.

Mr. Dillon read letters from the Building Inspector and the Chief of the Nanuet Fire Department, reporting on their inspections of the premises of Theophile Rey of North Middletown Road, Nanuet. The Board directed the Clerk to request Dr. Hopper, Health Officer, to make an inspection of the premises and submit her report at the next meeting of the Board on March 8, 1956.

Mr. Dillon read a letter from Leonard Kohl of Whitewood Estates, South Section, New City, requesting installation of a fire hydrant on Lyncrest Avenue. Mr. Adams was requested to check the map of this development to determine if an extension of the district is needed to include this hydrant.

Letters from Mr. Everett Crosby and Mr. Daniel Wakely setting forth their qualifications and asking for consideration in the appointment to the vacancy on the Planning Board, created by the resignation of Doyle Brannon, were read to the Board.

Mr. Renken moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Daniel J. Wakely of Harrison Avenue, Congers, New York, be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Clarkstown Planning Board created by the resignation of Doyle Brannon, whose term of office expires on July 12, 1956.

Seconded by Mr. Jeffrey.

On roll call, the Board voted as follows:

AYES: Messrs. Renken, Jeffrey, Welchman, Schmersahl.

Noes. Mr. Dillon

Mr. Welchman moved the following resolution:, Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl.

RESOLVED, that the annual salary of Members of the Clarkstown Planning Board be fixed at \$500.00, payable monthly in the sum of \$41.66.

On roll call, the Board voted as follows:

AYES: Messrs. Renken, Jeffrey, Welchman, Schmersahl, Dillon.

NOES: None.

Mr. Dillon read a letter from the Valley Cottage Civic Association, Inc., requesting the widening of Lake Road, Valley Cottage, at the Valley Cottage School. Mr. Klein reported on his findings.

Mr. Welchman moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Lake Road, Valley Cottage be widened in front of the Valley Cottage Grammar School in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Clarkstown.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl.

Carried.

The matter of advertising for sealed proposals for fill for the Clarkstown Sanitary Fill was brought up by Mr. Welchman. The Board instructed Mr. Roepe, Mr. Adams and Mr. Klein to get together on bids for fill. Mr. Welchman suggested that

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Mr. Klein make a recommendation to the Board with respect to additional piping for the Clarkstown Sanitary Fill.

Mr. Welchman suggested that the Dumpmaster be ordered to submit a monthly itemized report setting forth the names of permittees and the number of loads they dump during the month, effective as of March 1st, 1956. In this connection, Mr. Welchman advised the Board that the Dumpmaster had suggested that the Board authorize a stop sign to be placed near the office at the Clarkstown Sanitary Fill.

Mr. Welchman also spoke about the various merchants' trucks from Nyack dumping refuse under the Village of Nyack permit. He pointed out that many trucks were dumping without permission and many were dumping old trees and so forth. He stated that what material is dumped should be controlled. It was felt that the Village of Nyack was acting improperly in designating different individuals to dump, inasmuch as the Village of Nyack permit covered only four trucks. Mr. Welchman stated that if a normal amount of refuse was dumped it was in order, but if not, it should be stopped. He further pointed out that garbage or refuse trucks are required to be covered and some are not. The Clerk was instructed to notify the Dumpmaster that the only ones privileged to dump at the Clarkstown Sanitary Fill under the Village of Nyack permit are the two Village of Nyack trucks, the Nyack Hospital truck and the Nyack High School truck.

Mr. Dillon read a letter addressed to Chief Wiebicke from Miss C. Winifred Pantol, expressing her appreciation for the cooperation and efficient service rendered by his department at the time her father, Angelo Pantol, was stricken with a heart attack and oxygen had been administered by an officer. She asked that thanks be given to the officer wearing Badge 107 (Russell Smith), who was instrumental in saving Mr. Pantol's life and also to the officer who later assisted him and wore Badge 110 (Norman Cawley).

It was brought out that back in 1939 the Board cited members of the Clarkstown Police Department, by resolution, for acts of bravery and it was the feeling of the Board that this practice be continued.

Mr. Schmersahl moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN that Officer Russell Smith, a member of the Town of Clarkstown Police Force, in the course of regular duty, was instrumental in saving the life of Angelo Pantol, stricken with a heart attack, by prompt response to the emergency call and by intelligent application of first aid methods and

WHEREAS his prompt and effective action is a great credit not only to himself but reflects most favorably upon the efficiency of the entire Town of Clarkstown Police Force, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Clarkstown present to Officer Russel Smith its medal for meritorious service and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Town Board and that a copy be sent to Officer Russell Smith.

Seconded by Mr. Welchman.

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AYES: Messrs. Renken, Jeffrey, Welchman, Schmersahl, Dillon.

NOES: None.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of Officer Russell Smith enclosing copy of the resolution and to order a medal for Officer Smith. She was also instructed to write a letter to Officer Norman S. Cawley, who assisted Officer Smith in administering oxygen to Mr. Pantol. The Clerk was further ordered to write a letter to Chief Wiebicke stating that Miss Pantol's letter was the first knowledge the Board had of the service rendered by Officers Smith and Cawley and that it recognized that there must have been many such outstanding acts on the part of his men on previous occasions and that the Board went on record as commending the men on his force collectively.

Mr. Dillon advised the Board that the Assessor had requested the appointment of Paul Bailey and Helen Westcott as employees in his office to assist in finishing assessment work.

Mr. Schmersahl moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the following persons, at the following fixed salaries, be appointed employees in the office of the Clarkstown Assessor for the purpose of finishing assessment work, the term of employment to expire on June 30th, 1956:

Paul Bailey - \$2.00 per hour

Helen Westcott - \$1.50 per hour.

Seconded by Mr. Welchman.

On roll call, the Board voted as follows:

AYES: Messrs. Renken, Jeffrey, Welchman, Schmersahl, Dillon.

NOES: None.

Mr. Roepe advised the Board that he had filed with the Town Clerk copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Upper Nyack, appointing the Clarkstown Building Inspector to serve as Building Code Examiner of the Village of Upper Nyack.

Mr. Schmersahl moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that a public hearing be had on the 12th day of April, 1956, at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Clarkstown, Main Street, New City, New York, at 8:15 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, to consider the decontrol of all housing accommodations in the Town of Clarkstown, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of such hearing be published in The Journal-News at least 20 days prior to such hearing and that notice thereof shall be given at or before such date of publication by registered mail to Temporary State Housing Rent Commission, at its office, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall cause such notice to be given and published, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the former Resolution of the Town Board, Town of Clarkstown, adopted February 10th, 1956, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Seconded by Mr. Renken.

On roll call, the Board voted as follows:

AYES: Messrs. Renken, Jeffrey, Welchman, Schmersahl, Dillon.

NOES: None.

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Mr. Welchman moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be directed to advertise for sealed bids for fill for Clarkstown Sanitary Fill Operation, to be opened March 8, 1956 at 8:00 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Renken.

On roll call, the Board voted as follows:

AYES: Messrs. Renken, Jeffrey, Schmersahl, Welchman, Dillon

NOES: None.

Mr. Roepe brought up the matter of a plain clothes detail for the Clarkstown Police Department.

Mr. Welchman moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED that Chief Wiebicke be empowered to detail two present members of the Clarkstown Police Department to detective duty, pursuant to Section 13 of the Laws of 1946, Chapter 941, and that they be paid \$500.00 per annum in excess of their present fixed salaries.

Seconded by Mr. Schmersahl.

On roll call, the Board voted as follows:

AYES: Messrs. Renken, Jeffrey, Welchman, Schmersahl, Dillon.

NOES: None.

Bill No. 245 in the sum of \$125.00 was presented to the Board, audited and ordered paid.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made, seconded and carried the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Mildred F. Maguire
TOWN CLERK OF CLARKSTOWN

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