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On motion made by Mr. Jeffrey, seconded by Mr. Welchman and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Signed,

Mildred F. Magai
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Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 20th, 1959

Town Clerk's Office

8:15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Coyle, Renken, Danko, Jeffrey, Welchman.

Supervisor Coyle called the meeting to order.

The Town Attorney discussed at length assessments on State-owned Lands in Clarkstown since original takings around 1920 as well as meetings and correspondence with the State Board of Equalization and Assessments in 1958 and 1959.

He pointed out that in a letter from Arthur L. Bergren of the State Board of Equalization and Assessment dated August 4, 1958, the last paragraph read in part "a substantial reduction would be necessary next year" and this was evidence of prejudging assessment.

Town Attorney Johns recommended that an attempt be made to review the decision of the Board of Equalization and Assessment and that application be made to the Special Term of the Third Department of the Supreme Court in Albany to institute an Article 78 Proceeding.

Mr. Jeffrey moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the State Board of Equalization and Assessments has reduced the State Lands assessment in the Town of Clarkstown from \$1,829,777.00 to \$666,901.00, and

WHEREAS the Town of Clarkstown is aggrieved by the decision of the State Board of Equalization and Assessments in approving a reduction,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Leonard H. Schwall, Assessor of the Town of Clarkstown, and John W. Coyle, Supervisor, on behalf of the Town Board of the Town of Clarkstown, be and they are hereby authorized to review the decision of the State Board of Equalization and Assessments in the reduction of State-owned lands in the Town of Clarkstown, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Attorney be directed to institute any and all necessary legal proceedings to review the decision of the State Board of Equalization and Assessments.

The Town Attorney told the Board that Mr. David Moses and Mr. Charles McGroddy were collaborating with him on the draft of a petition. He also told the Board about the time element involved.

On motion made by Mr. Welchman, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Signed,

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