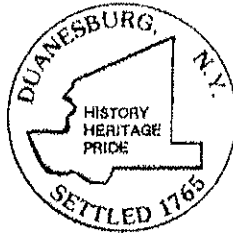


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**William Reed**, Highway Superintendent



**John D. Ganther**, Council Member  
**Francis R. Potter**, Council Member  
**Jeffrey Senecal**, Council Member  
**William Wenzel**, Council Member

**Thursday June 25, 2020**  
**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**Meeting Time: 7:00PM**

**Meeting called to order by Supervisor Tidball at 7:00PM**

**Present:** Supervisor Tidball, Council Members Potter, Ganther, Senecal and Wenzel, Deputy Town Clerk Brandy Fall. Town Attorney Terresa Bakner via Zoom.

**Absent:** Highway Superintendent Reed

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Tidball: Tonight, is Thursday June 25, 2020. Not a lot of things going on. We will be adding two quick things to the business meeting. Mostly just appointments for planning board members. Other than that, we will have no other business meeting conducted. So, with that, we'll start off with the approval of minutes please.

Council Member Potter: Make the motion to approve the minutes.

Council Member Ganther: Second the motion.

Supervisor Tidball: Any discussion? Clerk call the roll please.

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Potter

Council Member Potter: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Ganther

Council Member Ganther: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Senecal

Council Member Senecal: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Wenzel

Council Member Wenzel: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Supervisor Tidball

Supervisor Tidball: Aye

**Resolution 82-20:** Council Member Potter motioned, seconded by Council Member Ganther to approve the Town Board Meeting minutes of Thursday June 11, 2020.

Motion Carried, 5 ayes

Supervisor Tidball: Payment of claims please.

Council Member Potter: Vouchers to be paid June 25, 2020. General fund, \$57,367.55. Highway fund, \$14,228.64 Sewer District #1, \$4,413.10. Sewer District #2, \$13,865.17. Sewer District #3, \$1,238.60. Total vouchers to be paid, \$91,113.06.

Council Member Ganther: Second the motion.

Supervisor Tidball: Any other discussion? Clerk call the roll please.

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Potter

Council Member Potter: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Ganther

Council Member Ganther: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Senecal

Council Member Senecal: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Wenzel

Council Member Wenzel: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Supervisor Tidball

Supervisor Tidball: Aye

**Resolution 83-20:** Council Member Potter motioned, seconded by Council Member Ganther to pay the following claims.

Motion carried, 5 ayes

**Vouchers to be Paid  
June 25, 2020**

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>\$57,367.55</b>
<b>Highway Fund:</b>	<b>\$14,228.64</b>
<b>SD#1 Fund:</b>	<b>\$4,413.10</b>
<b>SD#2 Fund:</b>	<b>\$13,865.17</b>

**SD#3 Fund:**

**\$1,238.60**

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**Total To Be Paid:**

**\$91,113.06**

Supervisor Tidball: Committee Reports. Highway.

Council Member Potter: I don't have anything for Highway tonight.

Supervisor Tidball: Ok, Public Safety. Nothing going on. Any correspondence with anyone?

Council Member Wenzel: Nothing.

Supervisor Tidball: Ok. I would like to set up a meeting, either Zoom or something here in the near future with DVAC. First month in of what they are doing and where they are at, any missed calls and that information. So, we'll set up something there.

Council Member Wenzel: Sure.

Supervisor Tidball: Folks, what that is about is, some of you are aware, we went to with DVAC a paid service, 6 to 6 using an outside source. Me and Mr. Wenzel will set up a meeting to go over the first month or two, to see how everything is going on with that. So, we can respond back to the public. Park Committee.

Council Member Wenzel: I don't have anything, nothing new since last time.

Supervisor Tidball: I did talk with, my daily talk with Jean Frisbee. Really not much, we did talk about cancelling the Park Program, which we already announced. She is going to talk to Elaine to see if maybe they can do something in August, maybe a day event or something like that. Hopefully, everything clears up and hopefully they'll have some kind of program one way or another, at least for a day or two, just before school opens. Other than that, nothing else for Parks. Sewer Districts.

Council Member Senecal: I talked to Dale and he said that it's pretty much quiet. One issue that they needed to work out between, it's a matter of reporting and I haven't heard back from him.

Supervisor Tidball: Reporting with the state, DEC or something?

Council Member Ganther: The result of SPDES, they changed the SPDES report or something. Yeah, I haven't followed up with him since either actually and we should do that. He had said that they had kind of figured it out and that DEC was accepting it.

Council Member Senecal: He said that some staff needed help with that.

Council Member Ganther: Ok, ok.

Council Member Senecal: I suggested that they have a meeting of the minds and that if they needed to involve us, then to please let me know. Staff plus DEC.

Council Member Ganther: I'll check in with Dale tomorrow and make sure we are all tight there.

Council Member Senecal: I asked him to follow up with us but by all means.

Council Member Ganther: Yeah, I haven't heard anything either. I'll check in.

Supervisor Tidball: Is Bill Brown on?

Council Member Ganther: Yes.

Supervisor Tidball: Ok, do you guys have anything else for sewers?

Council Member Senecal: Maybe Bill can shed some light on that.

Supervisor Tidball: Bill Brown. Mr. Brown you're on.

Bill Brown of Delaware Engineering: On that testing stuff, that was related to the update on the SPDES permit at the Mariaville plant last year. Where DEC added a bunch more testing to be done and the Town, we appealed it but they for the most part added it all in anyways. They did reign it in a little bit so they did take our comments a little bit, but they added a bunch more testing. And on a monthly basis, when Andrew puts his results in, there is a column for everything he is supposed to put in. And when he put it in for the given month, there was no

column for the additional testing. So, there was no place to put it in anyways. So, DEC wasn't ready to except the results of the additional testing when they were initially due. They since kind of caught up and called Andrew and Dale and said hey where is the extra testing? Even if we had it, we couldn't have done it anyways. So, I think it has been caught up now and there is quarterly testing that has to be done, I believe for the next two years at Mariaville. It is associated with testing that DEC is doing across the Mohawk River Watershed. So, I think that we are caught up on it now but it was new stuff that just kicked in this year. But they were in contact with Jamie and the forms on DEC's end have since been updated to allow that testing database to be put in place. So, I think we are all caught up there.

Council Member Ganther: Ok, so you are saying that it is quarterly. So, they wouldn't have to put it in yet anyway a second time.

Bill Brown: Right, it's June. The first quarter would have been due in the April report for January through March and the next one will be due in July for the June data. So, the next round will be coming up.

Council Member Ganther: Ok. I'll remind them to be sensitive about the fact that if there is something that they can't get in, into it online that they reach out to DEC right away and not wait to get called out on it. I'll check in with Dale tomorrow to make sure we are square there. Thank you.

Bill Brown: I don't have anything; I'm not asking for anything tonight. I am working on various projects. I've had conference calls with the Duane Lake folks, talking about different options there. Working on the design of the Delanson plant. We have had some communication with Jamie on updates there for that project and also the Mariaville UV project. I'm just kind of moving ahead with those. We will have an invoice at the next meeting for the design work and also for the soil borings that were completed. So we'll get those in for the next meeting.

Council Member Ganther: Yeah, so we had that meeting, Roger and I and the folks from Delaware had that meeting with Duane Lake Association. Again, following up with them to see what can be done about some sort of treatment up there for the lake and we have, looks like Terresa is going to be setting up... Terresa I think that you are trying to set up a conference call, is that right?

Town Attorney Terresa Bakner: Actually, Alan is setting it up. They have thrown around a couple of dates. I think we are still waiting to hear from some people.

Council Member Ganther: Oh yes, yes, that's right. Alan was setting it up. I know you and I replied, that's what it was. Ok, so it looks like there will be some type of conference call in early July to talk to other towns that have done similar types of system that Duane Lake is asking about to see if it is going to be feasible or not. So, just ongoing with them, trying to come up with some sort of solution that will not only work technically but work financially which is more of a challenge up there because of the number of residents. It's ongoing.

Supervisor Tidball: Anything else for sewers? IT John.

Council Member Ganther: Nothing really at this point. I do have a small list of things that came out of when the auditors were here. They had recommendations, they weren't things we were doing bad, but they were ways to improve and tighten things up. So, I do have a list. So, I do want to start now with things hopefully finally loosening up soon here at Town Hall, I can start looking at that list and see what we can knock off. The one thing I am working on with Omnis right now is to get our DNS hosting away from Spectrum so that we can more betterly manage it here. Our actual domain name and all that so we will probably go with Go Daddy or something simple that we can maintain. So, that once again we can get Spectrum out of the loop, it's complicated for us to manage this through Spectrum. So that is what I am working on right now.

Supervisor Tidball: Another thing for Broadband. We do have some good news. The project on Schoharie Turnpike we've been pushing for, they broke ground, they ran the cable. They are doing the underground work, so that's great. That's really good news for that. So, hopefully they are talking in the next month or two, those residents, I believe it is in the 20 house range, will be getting service. So that's good news. That's all I got for IT. Other things, did anybody, and I did apologize to Phil, get on the comprehensive plan meeting?

Council Member Ganther: I did.

Supervisor Tidball: Was that more of just a last update?

Council Member Ganther: Yeah, it was kind of a last update and sorry I didn't bring notes. I'll share them with you, I'll send an email out to you guys. What we did was Phil led us through a couple of areas where he thought maybe a little more discussion or a little more tightening up could be done. So, I got a small list of things, I'll share an email with you guys. One thing we did talk about was, just to kind of give you an idea, this whole thing with the virus has kind of changed the way we look at business. How business is conducted and how so much more is done through the internet rather than face to face retail. We kicked around the concept of

changing the way we look right at the Hamlet but basically because of the Interstate exit there. That maybe we broaden what we would allow as far as warehouse space, size because we know we have a couple properties up there that are pretty good size properties. And we might be able to attract some sort of company that needs a warehouse to dispatch, to send trucks in and out. And it wouldn't affect the character of the town because they would just be getting on the highway and getting back on. They wouldn't be rolling through town.

Council Member Senecal: It is a commercial corridor.

Council Member Ganther: Yeah, yes. So that seemed to be a well-received idea with everyone and something we may end up going back to zoning and maybe changing our zoning.

Supervisor Tidball: I think most of that is already zoned. We updated that a few years back.

Council Member Ganther: I think it is the size of the warehouse though. I think that is what the group was saying. That just for that targeted area we would increase the size of a potential warehouse because it wouldn't affect the rest of the town.

Supervisor Tidball: You would have to target per area and probably come up with a new zone that this zone has, yeah, I know what you are saying.

Council Member Ganther: Yeah, so I think it is something worthwhile to kick around and if we are going to make a change, now would be the time to do it and put it in the comprehensive plan.

Supervisor Tidball: Absolutely

Council Member Ganther: Yeah, so I'll get an email out and we may want to have a follow up meeting to talk about that.

Supervisor Tidball: Ok. I do want to go on the record to say thank you again to Phil for all the hard work he has been putting into this. I know the other members have been joining him but Phil took it on and led it and is going to give us a real good document to review for the Town Board and I am sure we will have a few small changes for the town. So again, thank you Phil.

Council Member Ganther: Terresa, you were on that comprehensive plan meeting too. Is there anything else that you wanted to bring up right now?



Town Attorney Terresa Bakner: No, I think that was the big thing was the one you brought up. I really do. I think everything else has gone pretty smoothly and Phil has really appreciated the assistance provided by the tax assessor and by a lot of the other Planning Board members like Elizabeth Novak helping out traffic. So, it has been, it should be very updated when you guys have a chance to look at it.

Council Member Ganther: Good, thank you.

Supervisor Tidball: ok, next subject is Corona related. We talked about the courts being back open here in probably August. We are looking at live meetings, Terresa was that sometime in July?

Town Attorney Terresa Bakner: yes

Supervisor Tidball: So, we're looking at live meetings in July, I don't want to put a date out there because I am sure the Governor will change it fifteen times. So, we are looking at the overall cleaning of Town Hall. It has always been taken care of very well but with having more crowds in here, even ten people a night and especially on court nights, we want to make sure that any visitors and definitely our employees and elected officials are protected. So, I had Dale, he had two people come visit from two different companies. He got one quote, he should have another one Monday, for cleaning on like a five-day schedule. And he also interviewed one person to be an employee and we had another resume come in, so hopefully by the next Town Board meeting we can either hire someone or bring on a company to help put us where we need to be. Like I said with courts, I know I talked to the judges and they are so back logged for a long time that they are going to be busy, busy, busy. But we already talked to them and it is going to be up to them as to how they handle it. We have kind of a game plan in mind already of leaving people outside and having a security guard only allow one or two people in at a time, actually in the court room at a time due to our size. And mentioning that, when we go to live meetings with the social distancing, we'll have to see what the rules are at that time of how many people we let in to our Town Board meetings, Planning Board meetings and Zoning Board meetings. It may be by appointment; it may be by reserving a seat. You know especially if somebody has a sketch plan review, those people have to be here but anybody that is here just to visit or have something to say, they may have to reserve a spot. Because our spots might be limited because of the size of our room. So that's thoughts, we'll see where we are when we get there.

Council Member Senecal: So, we may end up doing a blend of a live meeting and Zoom meeting.

Supervisor Tidball: Yes, I think we are probably going to continue with Zoom after we go live. Maybe for X amount of meetings until we get back to, if we ever get back to normal where we can allow anybody and everybody. I'm sure some people are still going to be concerned and will want to see the Zoom meetings. So, we'll just keep playing it by ear. I love the Zoom for people who are still concerned about going out in public.

Town Attorney Terresa Bakner: I just want to say that I think for older people who may want to be here but may not want to be here physically, it would probably be a good thing to continue doing the Zoom if we can do it.

Supervisor Tidball: Yes. Yeah.

Council Member Ganther: I agree, as long as this virus is an issue and is limiting us in some way. Whether in capacity or some people who have comorbidity or age-related issues where it could really be detrimental for them to be here in person. Then I think it behooves us to continue doing the Zoom as well even though we have people in here.

Supervisor Tidball: That's all I have. Any other issues or things we want to discuss, topics, before we go into the quick business meeting. Ok. We'll start off. I'll do the two resolutions.

Supervisor Tidball: I make the motion to appoint Chris Shoemaker from alternate to full member to replace Phil Sexton on our Town Planning Board.

Council Member Potter: I second that.

Supervisor Tidball: Any discussion? Chris has been an alternate for probably the last year. He is a local resident, great person, great person to have on the board, local business owner, we look forward to working with him more in the future. Clerk call the roll please.

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Supervisor Tidball

Supervisor Tidball: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Potter

Council Member Potter: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Ganther

Council Member Ganther: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Senecal

Council Member Senecal: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Wenzel

Council Member Wenzel: Aye

**Resolution 84-20:** Supervisor Tidball motioned, seconded by Council Member Potter to appoint Chris Shoemaker from alternate to full member of the Planning Board.

Motion carried, 5 ayes

Supervisor Tidball: I make the motion to appoint Michael Santulli as an alternate to the Town Planning Board.

Council Member Ganther: Second the motion.

Supervisor Tidball: Discussion on that. Michael applied right when the Corona Virus hit so we weren't able to do an interview with him. We did a phone interview with him tonight to finish up. Most of us know him one way or another so Mike will be joining us on the Planning Board to replace Chris's spot. Any other discussion on that?

Council Member Ganther: I think Mike will be a great addition. I know him, he's a neighbor of mine. He's retired law enforcement. I think he is going to do a good job, I am very confident in that.

Supervisor Tidball: Yes. Clerk call the roll please.

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Supervisor Tidball

Supervisor Tidball: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Ganther

Council Member Ganther: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Potter

Council Member Potter: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Senecal

Council Member Senecal: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Wenzel

Council Member Wenzel: Aye

**Resolution 85-20:** Supervisor Tidball motioned, seconded by Council Member Ganther to appoint Michael Santulli as an alternate member of the Planning Board.

Motion carried, 5 ayes

Supervisor Tidball: Anything other business meeting stuff? Ok we'll move to the privilege of the floor. We only have one correspondence dated June 23, 2020. Supervisor Tidball read a correspondence from Lynne Bruning. Please see attached.

Supervisor Tidball: (In response to Ms. Bruning's letter) I did speak to Dale Warner, our Code Enforcement Officer about this and that it is the time that we should have made action on this. He has cited the property owner, the problem is, the property owner has moved to Texas months before the fire. He has been cited but also with all the legal issues and courts being closed, no action has really been taken place. One thing we can do and I think we have done in the past is, we look to and I told Dale and we both agreed and I have to talk to Terresa to make sure we do it by the law, is for the Town to clean it up and then the bill goes to the tax bill. We've done that with a few other properties under my term and boarded them up. So it does appear that the current property owner is not going to clean it up. Usually what they do, after a month or two, is they have to wait for insurance but it doesn't seem like it's going to happen. So, we'll talk to Terresa just to verify everything and maybe take action at the next Town Board meeting and make it official. Terresa do you have anything you would like to add to that?

Town Attorney Terresa Bakner: Yes. What we have to do is go through the Town Court and we have to give them a chance to be heard and if they don't show up, then you can clean it up and put it on the tax bill. So, under the town law and the property codes, we have to first take them to court.

Supervisor Tidball: I'll double check with the judges. I know that they aren't doing like public court but that they are doing criminal court. So maybe this is something we could schedule to be a small affair. That way we don't have to wait until August when they are booked. I'll reach out to the two judges and see if that is something we could schedule.

Town Attorney Terresa Bakner: Ok. Great.

Council Member Senecal: That would be great because I talked to Dale about it a couple of months ago and he was waiting for the courts to be open.

Supervisor Tidball: I just talked to the judges. I didn't know that they have the ability to do individual criminal court. So, I'll find that out. We'll talk about that Terresa going forward.

Town Attorney Terresa Bakner: Ok, alright.

Supervisor Tidball: That is the only correspondence I have for privilege of the floor, so at this moment, I'll make the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Ganther: Also, before we do...

Supervisor Tidball: I completely apologize.

Council Member Ganther: Anyone else out there have any comments, the floor is open if you enter something into chat, I can unmute your mic. I haven't seen any comments. And none are coming in, so I think we are good.

Supervisor Tidball: Alright, I'll do it again. Again, I apologize. I make the motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Privilege of the Floor Closed:**

Supervisor Tidball motioned, seconded by Council Member Wenzel to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 5 ayes

Supervisor Tidball: Any discussion? Clerk call the roll please.

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Supervisor Tidball

Supervisor Tidball: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Wenzel

Council Member Wenzel: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Potter

Council Member Potter: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Ganther

Council Member Ganther: Aye

Deputy Town Clerk Fall: Council Member Senecal

Council Member Senecal: Aye

Meeting Adjourned 7:24 p.m.

I, Brandy Fall, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Duanesburg, so hereby certify that this is a true and accurate transcript of the Regular Town Board Meeting held on Thursday June 25, 2020 at the Duanesburg Town Hall, 5853 Western Turnpike, Duanesburg, New York 12056.

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Supervisor Tidball  
Town Board  
Town of Duanesburg  
5853 Western Turnpike  
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June 23, 2020

re: 111 Darby Hill Road property maintenance violation

Dear Supervisor Tidball,

Please include my property maintenance violation for 111 Darby Hill and three photos at the June 25, 2020 Town Board meeting privilege of the floor and include in the official minutes of the meeting.

The remains of the December 29, 2019 fire at Darby Hill Road are a safety hazard for our community, eyesore for the neighbors and a blight on our town negatively impacting the adjacent neighbors property values.

After six months the weeds have grown and the site is a dangerous mess of debris blocking the recently installed sidewalk and safety crossing signal.

Why hasn't this property been demolished and the debris removed?  
When will this site be cleaned up and landscaped?

Please see attached two images.

Thank you for your assistance.

Regards,

Lynne Bruning  
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