

1 **REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DANUBE, OCTOBER 13, 2005**

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3 **A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Danube, County of**
4 **Herkimer and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 438 Creek Road,**
5 **Little Falls, NY on 13th day of October 2005.**
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7 **PRESENT:** Charles Welden ---- Supervisor
8 Allan G. Edmunds ---- Councilman
9 Lee Ann Stock ---- Councilwoman
10 James Lasher ---- Councilman
11 Patricia Jodway ---- Councilwoman
12 Mary Herringshaw ---- Clerk
13 Leonard Pross ---- Superintendent of Highways
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15 Supervisor Welden called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of
16 Allegiance to the Flag.
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18 **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR/PUBLIC CONCERNS**
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20 **At 7:01 p.m. Supervisor Welden opened the floor to public comment.**
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22 **The first resident to speak was Mary Ann Alosio who reported that since last month**
23 **the weeds were whacked in Finks Basin, which was the least of her complaints at the**
24 **last board meeting, and told the board that the culverts are still filled with dirt and**
25 **weeds. Alosio said that it looks awful and it would be safer if it were cleaned up.**
26 **Alosio finished by saying that she felt bad for a woman who is up there trying to sell**
27 **her house because there is no pride to clean it up by the highway department.**
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29 **7:03 Public Comment was closed.**
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31 **RESOLUTION # 106**

32 **APPROVAL OF NEW AGENDA**

33 **On a motion made by Councilman Edmunds, seconded by Councilwoman Stock, the**
34 **following resolution was**

35 **ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Edmunds, Stock, Lasher, Jodway**
36 **Nays 0**
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38 **Resolved that the agenda for the meeting be approved.**
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40 **Councilwoman Jodway asked Clerk Herringshaw why there was no mention of an**
41 **executive session in the minutes from last month. Welden said there was no**
42 **executive session last month only Welden passing on some information that was**
43 **brought to his attention a few days before that he thought the board should have.**
44 **Welden said there weren't any decisions made or a reason to go into executive**
45 **session.**
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RESOLUTION # 107

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilman Lasher, seconded by Councilwoman Stock, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Welden, Edmunds, Stock, Lasher

Nays 0

Abstain 1 Jodway

Resolved that the minutes from September 15th, 2005 be approved after changing the phone number of Councilwoman Jodway on line 200 to 823-4466.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

ASSESSOR

Supervisor Welden explained that he was up in Herkimer to see the assessor and it appears that several properties have sold for double what they are assessed for in our town, which means the equalization rate will go down.

CODES REPORT

Supervisor Welden went over the report from Codes Enforcer Steve LaCoppola.

TOWN JUSTICE

Justice Clerk Miller went over a monthly report submitted by the justice department that stated the number of tickets received 108, closed 115, and open 2960. Miller then explained to the board that she would like to purchase a small area rug for her office to go under her chair. Miller explained that there are some tiles coming up and it gets very dirty in there, and it is bitter cold. Councilman Edmunds asked her how she would clean it if they purchased one. Miller said she could sweep it or vacuum it. Miller said she would get some information and bring it back to the board. Miller then reported that she had an outstanding time at the court conference she attended in Buffalo. Miller reported that \$102,115.00 in revenue went through the court system from the Town of Danube Court last year and the Town received \$33,822.50. Miller also reported that out of the almost 1400 courts in NYS, the Town of Danube Court is ranked #430. Councilman Lasher asked her what the number was based on. Councilman Lasher then reminded Miller that a big portion of the revenue generated by the Town Court comes from tickets issued on the New York State Thruway's 7 miles that runs through the town. Lasher went on to explain that if you took all of those tickets out of the equation then you would get a more realistic vision of what the town really handles on a monthly basis. Lasher then reminded Miller that back when he was Justice the court handled as many tickets in one week as the town now handles in a month and the justice has a clerk to help him with the work load. Miller then said she was excited and proud to bring back something positive about the town and that she wished the board would just take it as that. Lasher said he does realize what she is doing but wanted to remind her, that it is because of previous justices that the town justice department is where it is today. Supervisor Welden then suggested that Miller could write up a description of how she spends her day. Miller said that

93 anyone on the board that wanted to come and spend the day with her is welcome,
94 but she didn't have time to write up a description of what she does all day.

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96 **DOG CONTROL OFFICER**

97 Dog Control Officer Hysack did provide Supervisor Welden with a report to
98 distribute at the meeting for the Month of September. Welden also stated that there
99 were significant accomplishments with the pending Dog Control Law for the town.
100 Councilwoman Jodway mentioned that the dog control officer had to pick up 7 dogs
101 up on the hill above Lovers' Leap Road and bring to the Humane Society, pointing
102 out an interesting fact that only one of the dogs were picked up from them by
103 Wendy Maine, the remaining 6 were left at the Humane Society which would be a
104 big expense for the town. Supervisor Welden then reported to the board that
105 Jodway, Herringshaw, Hysack and he all attended the conference put on by the
106 NYS Department of Ag & Mkts., for all of the Herkimer County towns and Humane
107 Society on October 6th. Welden told the board that the impound fee is supposed to
108 come back to the town from the Humane Society. Welden also told the board that
109 there were copies of the pending dog law for them all to read over. Welden said the
110 bottom line is that you have to be able to control your dog so that there isn't an out
111 of control situation.

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113 **TOWN CLERK**

114 Supervisor Welden accepted the monthly report submitted from Clerk Herringshaw
115 for the month of September 2005.

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117 **CEMETERY BOARD**

118 Rick Mosher, cemetery board president, wasn't present but did send Welden a
119 report to go over. Mosher reported that long time town resident Mrs. Hazel Austin
120 was laid to rest in the Austin Family Plot in the Garlock Cemetery on September 30.
121 Mosher also reported that work on the Houpt Cemetery was nearly complete.
122 Mosher also reported that Welden was looking into a new price for the bronze
123 plaque for the Ostrander Cemetery Expansion. Mosher also reported that Welden
124 was going to check with the town's attorney to see what the right of way procedure
125 for the township would be for access to the cemetery cleaned up this spring on the
126 property currently farmed by Robert Drummond.

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128 **PLANNING BOARD**

129 No report submitted but Welden stated that within the next 2 or 3 weeks they would
130 be meeting and then holding a public hearing for the cell tower on the Montgomery
131 County Line.

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133 **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

134 **RESOLUTION # 108**

135 **MONTHLY REPORT**

136 On a motion made by Councilman Edmunds, seconded by Councilman Lasher, the
137 following resolution was
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139 **ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Edmunds, Stock, Lasher, Jodway**
140 **Nays 0**
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142 **Resolved to accept September's Monthly Report from Supervisor Welden.**
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144 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

145 **Highway Superintendent Pross started by asking if there were any questions on his**
146 **report. Lasher asked if the scrap steel listed on the report should be taken off since**
147 **it wasn't this year. Pross said he was keeping it on there until the money was placed**
148 **back into the highway fund. Welden said he would look into it for an exact amount.**
149 **Herringshaw said she thought that there was other money that went into the**
150 **highway fund instead of the general fund and that is was close to a wash. Pross said**
151 **he had been pretty busy with the PESH Inspection. Pross then went over the items**
152 **for consideration. Pross wanted to know if the board came to a decision about**
153 **amending the highway agreements for Ucasz Road and Lovers' Leap Road or the**
154 **shared services agreements. Welden said he has been emailing the town's attorney**
155 **and they are going to have to get together with him for further instruction. Pross**
156 **then reported that Rifenburg and Hanson have both verbally said that the town**
157 **can't get any material from them. Lasher said to get that in writing. Welden said it**
158 **is going to take working with the attorney and getting his suggestion before going**
159 **forward. Pross then asked about paving Lovers' Leap Road. Pross reminded the**
160 **board that they would have to amend the agreement if they aren't going to pave it**
161 **because they had already signed an agreement to pave it. Pross again requested**
162 **setting something up to get the agreements amended. Welden said he knew how**
163 **important it is to get them done and he would set something up as soon as he could**
164 **but he had to make sure the whole board could be there also. Pross then said as a**
165 **result of the PESH notice of violation the highwaymen would have to have a**
166 **respirator test. Pross wanted to know if the board would give Pross direction as to**
167 **the next step. Pross suggested that the men be approved for a respiratory physical.**
168 **Pross then said that last month there was a misunderstanding about the tires he**
169 **needed for D2. Pross said he needed 8 new tires for D2 before the inspection next**
170 **month.**

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172 **RESOLUTION # 109**

173 **TIRES FOR D2**

174 **On a motion made by Councilman Edmunds, seconded by Councilwoman Jodway,**
175 **the following resolution was**
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177 **ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Edmunds, Stock, Lasher, Jodway**
178 **Nays 0**
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180 **Resolved to purchase 8 new tires for D2 not to exceed \$2100.**
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182 **Welden then asked Pross to look into getting some of the tires capped if they were**
183 **still in good enough shape. Pross said he would let the board know what he comes**

up with. Pross also said he would need one tire for D1 for about \$1500.00. Welden told Pross they would need a firm price by the highway workshop.

At this point Welden addressed a bill submitted from Pross for the attendance at a conference in Lake Placid. Pross said it was a good informative conference. Welden told Pross it was never approved for him to attend because they didn't have enough information from Pross about the conference. Welden reminded Pross that when he first submitted the request Pross was not at the meeting to answer any questions about the conference and at September's meeting he was already at the conference. Welden asked the board if there was any chance of getting the board to approve payment of this conference. Edmunds asked what the total of the conference was. Welden said that the hotel receipt was for \$585.00 including the conference cost. Jodway asked how much Pross had left in contractual account for the highway department. Welden said \$200 but two memberships at \$75.00 each had to be taken out of that also. Lasher asked Pross why he went without board approval, reminding Pross that the procedure for all employees (elected and appointed) is to get approval prior to the conference in compliance with NYS law. Edmunds said he is in favor of paying it but he told Pross he wished he had come to the board beforehand to give them the information. Welden said he would still like to see some information on the conference, something in hand that Pross brought back from the conference would be good or anything new that Pross learned would also be good. Welden asked Pross to bring that information to the General Fund Workshop.

Welden then said as a final topic, there was no executive session after the board meeting last month just a discussion to inform the board of a discussion that happened between himself and a highway employee just a few days before the meeting. Welden told everyone that a highway employee reported to him that there was another employee, or two that were supposed to go and work in another town and it was of concern because there is no agreement to do so. Pross then said that no one went and worked in another town, it didn't happen. Welden said he was under the impression that at least one employee did. Lasher then stated that Bernie Mosher did go and work for the Town of Warren for ½ day. Lasher asked Pross why he let it happen. Pross said he would give him an answer after he thought about it. Lasher also asked Pross if he sent him there for ½ day because there is not enough work for everyone in this town. Pross said it wasn't a ½ day it was only driving to Jordanville and back. Lasher said he charged 5 hours for that. Pross told Lasher that it wasn't 5 hours. Welden said that 5 hours was charged on his time sheet. Welden told Pross it is a concern of the town because it is a hot button issue. Stock said it bothers her because the board doesn't know the truth. Pross said it was wrong and he shouldn't have let it happen. Stock reminded Pross that himself, the town, the men could be in trouble if something happened while he was working for another town. Lasher then told Pross that if he could have attending a meeting they could have discussed it. Lasher reminded Pross that there isn't a municipal agreement in place and Pross knows that. Welden finished by stating that they would have to work on the agreements with the attorney.

230 **OLD BUSINESS**

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232 **16a. Welden said Attorney Doherty was impressed with the survey records of the**
233 **roads and gave Welden an additional name to contact that deals with this area.**
234 **Welden said they should send the George Bunk guidelines to the surveyors on the**
235 **list and also to the contact that the attorney gave them.**
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237 **16b. RESOLUTION # 110**

238 **DAVE AUGAR PAYMENT**

239 **On a motion made by Councilwoman Stock, seconded by Councilman Lasher, the**
240 **following resolution was**

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242 **ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Edmunds, Stock, Lasher, Jodway**
243 **Nays 0**
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245 **Resolved to have Supervisor Welden pay the bill submitted by Dave Augar for**
246 **\$1500 for removal of boiler from last month and list it on November's abstract.**
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248 **Councilwoman Jodway then asked about the roof and the door on the North Side of**
249 **the building. Jodway said they both have to be done if that is the handicap**
250 **assessable entrance. Lasher said he would look into getting someone to give a quote.**
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252 **16d. Welden said he would put a draft copy of the Local Leash Law for Dogs on the**
253 **website after the attorney gives them the okay.**
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255 **16g. Trash Pickup Day is set for Friday the 21st from 8 am to 4 pm and on Saturday**
256 **the 22nd from 9 am to 2 pm. Jodway reported that it has been in the paper once**
257 **already and will be in three more times.**
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259 **16h. Copy of the lease for the Cell Tower Antenna Modification has been sent to**
260 **Richard Comi, the Town's consultant and when the application is complete he will**
261 **forward it on to the planning board.**
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263 **16i. Tim Day will be coming out to the General Fund Budget Workshop to give out**
264 **information on Workers' Compensation Insurance and the town's municipal**
265 **insurance which has to be renewed on November 1st.**
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267 **NEW BUSINESS**

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269 **17b. General Budget Workshop will be scheduled for either Tuesday October 18th**
270 **at 9:00 am or Wednesday October 19th at 7:00 pm depending on what works best**
271 **for Tim Day. Welden will let everyone know as soon as possible. Highway Budget**
272 **Workshop will be Tuesday October 25th at 9:00 am.**
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274 **17d. Revaluation Considerations. Supervisor Welden reported that with the**
275 **decreasing equalization rate a revaluation needs to be done. Welden also reported**

that no one has come forward expressing an interest in being an assessor for the town.

**18. RESOLUTION # 111
OSC TELECONFERENCE**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Jodway, seconded by Councilman Lasher, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Edmunds, Stock, Lasher, Jodway
Nays 0**

Resolved to have Supervisor Welden register the town board and Clerk Herringshaw for the teleconference at Herkimer County Community College on Tuesday October 18th.

**20. Warrants
RESOLUTION # 112
PAY ABSTRACTS FOR MONTH**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Stock, seconded by Councilman Edmunds, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Edmunds, Stock, Lasher, Jodway
Nays 0**

Be it hereby resolved that the town board members audit both the general and highway warrants and abstracts for the month and approve for payment #'s 1001 through 1016 for general warrants and #'s 1001 through 1013 for highway warrants.

On a motion made by Councilman Edmunds, seconded by Supervisor Welden, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Mary Lou Herringshaw, Town Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING, TOWN OF DANUBE, OCTOBER 18, 2005

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Danube, County of Herkimer and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 438 Creek Road, Little Falls, NY on 18th day of October 2005.

PRESENT:	Charles Welden	----	Supervisor
	Allan G. Edmunds	----	Councilman
	James Lasher	----	Councilman
	Patricia Jodway	----	Councilwoman
	Mary Herringshaw	----	Clerk

322 Leonard Pross ---- Superintendent of Highways

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324 **ABSENT:** Lee Ann Stock ---- Councilwoman

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326 Supervisor Welden called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. with the Pledge of
327 Allegiance.

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329 Supervisor Welden started off the special meeting by discussing the tentative
330 general fund budget for 2006.

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332 The first department discussed was the Justice Department. Councilman Lasher
333 asked Justice Clerk Miller how many hours a year she worked. Miller said she
334 wasn't sure because it varies. Miller did state that she would like a raise this year,
335 stating she hadn't had one last year. Lasher said that with everything going up and
336 the tax increase that will be hitting the residents this year the board would be trying
337 to cut back where ever they can. Both Lasher and Jodway then stated that they
338 have a problem with the mileage expense forms that Miller turns in on a monthly
339 basis, asking Miller if there was anyway she could cut back on going to the post
340 office or bank, and charging for the mileage on a daily basis. Lasher asked if it
341 would help if they got a bigger post office box for the Justice Department. Miller
342 explained that it has nothing to do with the size of the box, explaining that she gets
343 mail at the town office building and at the post office but the mail at the post office
344 she has to sign for. Miller then said that she only started charging for the mileage
345 when she moved out of the city limits. Miller then restated that she would like a 2 or
346 3% raise for the year. Miller stated that she hadn't had a raise last year and would
347 like a minimal cost of living increase which would only average about \$200.00 per
348 year. Lasher then asked if there was anyway in which she could cut costs or
349 conserve. Miller said she would start going to the post office and bank once a week.
350 Lasher then reminded Miller that although she does work for Justice Horender, she
351 is governed by the board, and told her that everything she does should be approved
352 by the board, specifically when she needs to take time off. Lasher made reference to
353 the notes she posts at the town garage when she isn't coming in. Miller said the only
354 time she misses is when she is on vacation for two weeks in August. Jodway then
355 mentioned that just the previous day while she was there working on the newsletters
356 with Welden and Edmunds, Miller was not there for her regular office hours.
357 Miller said that was an unusual exception. Jodway said that the newsletter reports
358 that Miller is in the office every Mon. and Wed. morning from 9:00 to noon and
359 yesterday was Mon. and she wasn't there and there were people there wanting to see
360 her. Jodway also mentioned that she took offense to Miller calling the town a 'hick
361 town' at the last board meeting. Jodway finished by stating that she isn't just
362 picking on Miller it is just she is the first department on the budget and they will be
363 cutting back everywhere they can to save on tax increases for the town residents.
364 Lasher finished by stating that the board has to conserve where they can and that
365 there is nothing from stopping any part-time employees from getting an additional
366 job.

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368 **9:29 Councilwoman Stock arrived.**

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370 **9:30 Tim Day from Day & Scarafile Insurance Company presented the board with a**
371 **quotation for commercial insurance and for workers' compensation and employers**
372 **liability. Day went over both plans and answered questions for the board. Day**
373 **explained that the coverage has been with Trident for several years but with**
374 **increases in the umbrella they had decided to go with Selective this year, which**
375 **would be a savings of about \$400.00 for the year. He also told the board that there**
376 **would be a conference at HCCC on Oct. 26, 2005 informing towns about workers**
377 **compensation.**

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379 **RESOLUTION # 113**

380 **PERMA CONFERENCE**

381 **On a motion made by Supervisor Welden, seconded by Councilman Edmunds, the**
382 **following resolution was**

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384 **ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Edmunds, Stock, Lasher, Jodway**
385 **Nays 0**
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387 **Resolved to approve attendance for all board members who could make it to the**
388 **PERMA informational meeting to be held at HCCC on October 26th from 5:30 to**
389 **7:00 pm.**
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391 **10:15 The Board went over all departments in the budget looking to see where there**
392 **could be cut backs. Jodway mentioned that she would like to see a town board**
393 **representative hold office hours one night per week so that residents could come**
394 **over and talk and ask questions with out being at a public meeting. Lasher and**
395 **Welden both agreed that it would be a good idea as long as no one was to give out**
396 **information without checking with the rest of the board first. Lasher reminded**
397 **everyone present that they shouldn't be answering the telephones or talking with**
398 **residents that stop in at the office and giving their personal opinions on the behalf of**
399 **the Town Board. Jodway said she would like to see the attorney present at one**
400 **meeting per quarter and she also requested that the town get some kind of magnetic**
401 **signs for the dog control officer, so that she can be identified. Highway**
402 **Superintendent Pross told the board when they got to the Transportation—**
403 **Superintendent of Highways portion that he would like a raise. Pross reported that**
404 **his health insurance costs him \$6600 per year and he needed to find a way to**
405 **subsidize his health insurance cost. Pross said that he hadn't had a raise in 5 years.**
406 **Welden said that Pross has two options when it comes to pay \$28,580 without health**
407 **insurance and \$23,580 if the town was to pay \$5000 towards insurance. Pross then**
408 **asked if he could get insurance and Welden said he would check into it and get a**
409 **quote.**

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411 **On a motion made by Councilwoman Stock, seconded by Councilman Lasher, the**
412 **meeting was adjourned at 12:03 P.M. Carried unanimously.**

Mary Lou Herringshaw, Town Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING, TOWN OF DANUBE, OCTOBER 25, 2005

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Danube, County of Herkimer and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 438 Creek Road, Little Falls, NY on 25th day of October 2005.

PRESENT:	Charles Welden	----	Supervisor
	Allan G. Edmunds	----	Councilman
	Lee Ann Stock	----	Councilwoman
	James Lasher	----	Councilman
	Patricia Jodway	----	Councilwoman
	Mary Herringshaw	----	Clerk
	Leonard Pross	----	Superintendent of Highways

Supervisor Welden called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Welden started the special meeting by distributing and discussing information sent to Welden by Tim Day pertaining to General Municipal Insurance for the Town of Danube.

RESOLUTION # 114

GENERAL MUNICIPAL INSURANCE

On a motion made by Councilman Edmunds, seconded by Councilwoman Stock, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes 5	Welden, Edmunds, Stock, Lasher, Jodway
	Nays 0	

Resolved to approve the General Municipal Insurance Plan submitted for the next cycle, November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2006.

Next the board had a brief discussion about the Workers' Comp Insurance for 2006 and decided to hold off on any decisions until after the meeting Wednesday evening, October 26th at HCCC. Welden reminded everyone that a decision had to be made by year's ends.

The board then discussed the cemetery fund money that the town has received. Welden reported that he received an email from Cemetery Board President, Rick Mosher announcing that 12 more lots were sold over the weekend in the Ostrander Cemetery. Welden suggested depositing the \$2600.00 that the town received prior to this sale into a CD so that the funds could earn a little interest. Councilwoman

459 Stock asked if there would be a separate account for each cemetery. Welden said no
460 it would all go into one account, which would be totally separate from any other
461 town money. Councilman Edmunds asked if each cemetery would be tracked
462 separately. Welden said yes.

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464 **RESOLUTION # 115**

465 **CEMETERY PLOT SALE MONEY**

466 On a motion made by Councilwoman Stock, seconded by Councilman Lasher, the
467 following resolution was

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469 **ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Edmunds, Stock, Lasher, Jodway**
470 **Nays 0**

471
472 Resolved to have Supervisor Welden deposit money from the sale of plots in the
473 cemetery fund into a Certificate of Deposit.

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475 Welden next reported to the board that the town needed to have electrical work and
476 fixtures put into what will be the new bathroom.

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478 **RESOLUTION # 116**

479 **ELECTRICAL AND FIXTURE WORK**

480 On a motion made by Councilman Edmunds, seconded by Councilman Lasher, the
481 following resolution was

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483 **ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Edmunds, Stock, Lasher, Jodway**
484 **Nays 0**

485
486 Resolved to have Supervisor Welden hire out electrical work and fixtures installed
487 in the new bathroom area and next to the door that will become the main entrance
488 for the meeting room.

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490 **9:34** Next, the board started discussing the tentative highway fund budget for 2006.
491 Welden first pointed out the proposal that was given to them from highway
492 employee Mark Warner on behalf of himself and the other two employees. Welden
493 also pointed out that he went back and made a three-year comparison between
494 actual benefit costs to the town with prior companies used and one based on this
495 years quote. Welden also said that the effective rate per hour last year was just over
496 five dollars additional that the town paid towards the employees insurance and this
497 year it would be over \$5.50 per hour. Councilwoman Stock said she would like
498 sometime to look over all of the material before having a discussion.

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500 At this point Highway Superintendent Pross mentioned that without scaring or
501 putting anyone in a panic, he was notified that the one town owned bridge in
502 Danube would be in need of some work. Pross suggested that there could be an
503 additional Category 2 (Bridges) put into the Highway Fund. Welden said there
504 could be an initial deposit into a new category and then as needed more money

could be put in. Pross said he just wanted to make everyone aware that the bridge would eventually need some work. Resident Carolyn McPeak who lives next to the bridge asked Pross what it would take to get the bridge painted. Pross said it would first have to be stripped and a HAZMAT team would have to be brought in to do that because it possibly has lead based paint on it. Pross said it would be a considerable expense to the town. Welden then asked the other board members if it is the consensus of the board to start a Category 2 (Bridges) to the tentative budget.

RESOLUTION # 117

CATEGORY 2 (BRIDGES DA5120.4) HIGHWAY

On a motion made by Councilwoman Stock, seconded by Councilman Edmunds, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Edmunds, Stock, Lasher, Jodway
Nays 0

Resolved to have Supervisor Welden add a Category 2 (Bridges) DA5120.4 (contractual) to the highway budget with an initial appropriation of \$1000.00 in the line item.

Next Pross pointed out that D4 (the Dodge pickup) is 16 years old and the board had to consider doing something about that now at budget time. Pross said that the transmission is giving them a problem right now. Pross also said that they needed to get both diesel fuel and heating fuel again. Welden asked the board if they wanted Harold Spaulding of Suburban Energy Products (formerly Agway) to drop off heating oil for the time being. Lasher then asked what the price was right now. Pross got on the phone at this point to get quotes for Diesel Fuel. Welden asked the other board members to get prices on Heating Fuel. The board agreed for Welden to contact Spaulding and have him drop off heating fuel this week. Pross said that there would be some businesses that wouldn't be able to cover the taxes on the diesel fuel (as had been the past practice with Suburban who ended "over the road" diesel fuel sales in September, 2005) and the town would have to put up the tax money up front and then submit for reimbursement from the state. Lasher said that they would have to deal with the tax reimbursement because they needed diesel fuel today. Pross then reported that Mohawk Valley Oil will drop off fuel and will give a 10-cent per gallon discount if the bill is paid within 10 days of delivery.

RESOLUTION # 118

SUPERVISOR TO PAY DIESEL FUEL BILL WITHIN 10 DAYS OF RECEIPT

On a motion made by Councilman Edmunds, seconded by Councilwoman Jodway, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Welden, Edmunds, Stock, Lasher, Jodway
Nays 0

550 Resolved to have Supervisor Welden pay the diesel fuel bill within 10 days of receipt
551 of the oil in order to receive the 10-cent per gallon discount from Mohawk Valley
552 Oil.

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554 Pross then said he had a firm price for a new tire for D1 of \$953.50 from Dave
555 Webb of Hilltop Tire. The new tire was necessary to match the other new tire that
556 was purchased at the end of the last winter season. Pross also stated that one front
557 tire on D2 didn't pass inspection. The rim is one that requires a tube and he can't
558 find a tube-type tire. It was suggested by both Lasher and Welden that Pross buy a
559 tubeless tire and put a tube in it.

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561 **RESOLUTION # 119**
562 **NEW TIRE FOR D1**

563 On a motion made by Supervisor Welden, seconded by Councilman Edmunds, the
564 following resolution was

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566 **ADOPTED Ayes 4 Welden, Edmunds, Stock, Jodway**
567 **Nays 1 Lasher**
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569 Resolved to have Highway Superintendent Pross purchase a new tire for D1 from
570 Webb for \$953.50. The highway department will install the new tire.

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572 Pross then mentioned that he got a call from Dan Tinkler about the width of
573 Cramer Road. Tinkler said that he couldn't get the combine down the road to get to
574 his corn and if the town didn't widen the road a little he would himself. Pross said
575 he would rather Tinkler not fix the road and was looking for direction from the
576 board because there wasn't a highway agreement to do work on that road. Pross
577 explained that he would need about one day and either the backhoe or the loader
578 and he and the men would be able to get it done. The Board approved the highway
579 crew doing the work as outlined by Pross.

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581 Councilwoman Jodway then asked Pross if there was anything from the upcoming
582 Joyce Burns' Exit 29A Automotive auction that the town could use if the price was
583 good and would save the town a few bucks. Pross said he did see a few things but he
584 would need a blank check because they don't take vouchers. Pross said he really
585 could use the metal cutting band saw. Edmunds agreed with Pross on the saw.
586 Pross said it would be good to get but would need to get it that day. Pross told the
587 board members that there was going to be an open house on Sunday from 1:00 –
588 3:00 pm.

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590 On a motion made by Councilman Edmunds, seconded by Councilwoman Jodway,
591 the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M. Carried unanimously.

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Mary Lou Herringshaw, Town Clerk
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