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**“The Supervisor’s Corner: News from Deer Park”**

**February 2010 Monthly Report**

Our team continued to be very busy in the month of February. We are happy to report that we have reappointed Bavoso, Plotsky, and Onofry as the town’s attorney firm, Fusco Engineering as engineering firm, and Robert Schultz as accountant. In addition, Gary Amerbach was appointed as the new part time Code Enforcement Officer. He is a certified as a NYS code enforcement official and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our community. He will be working in the next few months to make sure town codes are properly enforced and adhered to by all residents and businesses. If you have a complaint or need to get a hold of him, he can be reached at 856-2210, ext. 4.

Thirteen officials attended municipal training at the annual NYS Association of Towns Conference in New York City. The town hasn’t sent anyone to this training in over two years. Many topics were covered which included proper budgeting techniques, ways to save taxpayers money while preserving services, planning and zoning board issues, ethics reform, and labor negotiations. Many of the classes provided mandatory credits for our planning and zoning board of appeals members. Going forward, the town board wants to make sure that town officials are properly trained to produce a more professional, efficient and effective government for our residents. This training is simply worth every dollar spent and has given us greater knowledge on how to be effective leaders.

During the last week of February, I had to declare a town-wide state of emergency due to the major snow storm. We are currently applying to New York State through the Orange County Emergency Management Office for reimbursement of over \$130,000 in overtime and equipment usage costs. I want to publicly thank all of our emergency management, highway department personnel, police, and town fire department volunteers for the long hours that they all put in to ensure the safety of all of our residents.

The town board passed Local Law 1 of 2010 which gave the board the ability to appoint Alternate Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals members in cases of absence or conflict of interest. We are currently looking for residents interested in serving on those boards as alternate members. If interested, please send your letter of interest and resume to Town Clerk Florence Santini at [fsantini@townofdeerpark.org](mailto:fsantini@townofdeerpark.org) or to 420 US Route 209, Huguenot, New York 12746. We are also still looking for interested volunteers to serve on the Recreation Committee, Museum Committee, Cable Commission, and Police Commission.

In our first two months in office, this new town board has applied for approximately \$15,000,000 worth of grants and member items. I have recently signed a grant application to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation to seek \$12,000,000 to build a water and sewer facility on the US Route 6/Interstate Rte 84 Corridor. This area of our town is prime real estate to attract commercial ratables, which will stabilize our tax base. Business will not come unless we have serious plans to bring in some type of water and sewer to our town. This is one of the most progressive proposals that our town has seen in over 20 years. We have also applied to Congressman John Hall’s office for \$2,000,000 to construct a new highway garage/police station. The current facilities are in terrible shape and have outlived their usefulness. A new facility will enhance these present services while creating a safer environment for these employees to work in. I encourage all town residents to contact Congressman Hall’s office to encourage him to select and fight for our application. He can be reached at 845-291-4100

or visiting <http://johnhall.house.gov/emailjohn.asp>. Finally, the board applied for \$1,000,000 in ARRA II Federal Stimulus Funds to finishing paving of Peenpack Trail.

The Recreation Committee is hosting the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27th starting at 11:00 am at Harriet Space Memorial Park on Route 209 in Huguenot. The event is free for all children ages 10 and under and will include a visit from the Easter Bunny, arts and crafts, and other fun activities. In addition, live music will be performed by Alyssa from the band September Dogs. For more information, please contact Dan Morse at 845-672-3829.

Residents are also encouraged to attend the Deerpark Lions Club's Bunny Breakfast on the same morning starting at 8:00 AM at the Cornucopia Restaurant on Route 209. Cost of the breakfast is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages 10 and under, and free for ages 2 and under. For more information about the breakfast, please contact Joanne Vicaretti at 845-856-4065.

Until next month, I wish you and your family health and happiness.