

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014**

Meeting was held at Town Hall, 420 Route 209, Huguenot, NY 12746

Invocation by Councilman Spears

Attendance

Supervisor: Karl Brabenec

Councilmembers: Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith

Absent: Arthur Trovei

Engineer: Al Fusco, Jr.

Call to Order at 7:43 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Spears

Additions or Changes to Agenda - None

Presentations/Communications – None

Motion to Approve September 8, 2014 and September 22, 2014 Board Minutes

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to approve September 8, 2014 and September 22, 2014 Board Minutes.

VOTE 4 AYES: Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment – None

New Business

Supervisor Brabenec reported that the Orange County Department of Planning responded to their desire to amend the Local Law No. 3 of 2014 as per NYS General Municipal Law Section 239-1, m and n, regarding the definition of public utilities by stating they found no evidence that significant inter municipal or countywide impacts would result from its approval. Their options are to pass the local law, oppose and defeat the local law, or table it until the next meeting.

Motion to Approve Local Law No. 3 of 2014

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to approved Local Law No. 3 of 2014.

VOTE 4 AYES (Roll Call): Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Brabenec read a Resolution calling for action to help stop the persecution of Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong in China also passed by the European Parliament and currently 201 US congress members co-sponsor H. Res. 281 expressing concerns over persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from large numbers of Falun Dafa practitioners. The Dragon Springs Temple of Falun Dafa practitioners is located in Cuddebackville, New York was clarified in the resolution.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 24 of 2014 – Calling for Action to Help Stop the Persecution of Falun Dafa in China

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Ken Smith to adopt Resolution 24 of 2014 Calling for Action to Help Stop the Persecution of Falun Dafa in China.

VOTE 4 AYES (Roll Call): Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Appropriations, Budget, and Payment of Bills

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Supervisor Brabenec said the major focus of tonight's meeting is the review of the 2015 Budget Officer's Tentative Budget and for the council to make any recommendations for changes before they move on to the Preliminary Budget. As in the past, they will go through the various sections and if there are no changes, they will signify by saying no changes and if there are changes, he asked they signify by stating the line item and make a motion to that affect. Once everything is down pat, they will vote for the next agenda item which will be the consideration to pass the 2015 Preliminary Budget. They must do all that tonight as the State Comptroller's Office will be here the 8th of October.

Deliberations on the 2015 Tentative Budget

Motion to Increase General Fund Line Item A1620.4 \$10,000 from \$50,000 or \$60,000

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by David Dean to increase General Fund Line A1620.4 \$10,000 from \$50,000 to \$60,000 because they may need a new roof on the Grange Building.

VOTE 4 AYES: Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Increase General Fund Line Item A3120.42 \$10,000 from \$85,000 to \$95,000

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Karl Brabenec to Increase General Fund Line A3120.4 \$10,000 from \$85,000 to \$95,000 for the State Police Contract because they know it is a fixed annual charge.

VOTE 4 AYES: Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Note: Highway Department Clerk hours increased five hours a week to 30 and a 50 cent an hour raise. The Supervisor verified that 30 hours was still considered a part-time status. This was a request from the Highway Superintendent. The clerk has been at a substantially low salary over the past few years and he needs her there to do more with the FEMA applications. She has done a fantastic job doing that and has been very helpful with the Town Engineer. Mr. Fusco added that every hour has to be accounted for according to the job done for reimbursement.

Motion to Change Highway Fund Line Item DA5112.2 from \$60,000 to \$50,000

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Ken Smith to change Highway Fund Line Item DA5112.2 from \$60,000 to \$50,000.

VOTE 4 AYES: Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Change Highway Fund Line Item DA4910 from \$60,000 to \$50,000

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears to change Highway Fund Line Item DA4910 from \$60,000 to \$50,000.

VOTE 4 AYES: Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept Schedule of Salaries for Elected Officials

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears to accept schedule of salaries for elected officials to be adopted into the Preliminary Budget as follows: Deerpark Town Supervisor \$34,730; Town Clerk \$41,996; Highway Superintendent \$53,954; Town Councilmen at \$8 or \$32,000 for four; two Town Justices at \$20,863 or \$41,726 for both; and Tax Collector \$13,985.

VOTE 4 AYES: Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Recess for Five Minutes

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Ken Smith to recess for five minutes so the supervisor could refigure the new total for the tax levy.

VOTE 4 AYES: Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

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Returned from Recess at 9:12 p.m.

Supervisor Brabenec reported that the 2014 budget -.01% and with the changes, they are at an increase of .78%. To get it back down to where it was, the board has to find \$22,000. Both Councilmen Spears and Councilman Dean said they wanted to leave it at the .78% increase and go over the numbers at home. Supervisor Brabenec said that the residents of Deerpark would see an additional \$13.66 per \$100,000 of assessed value due to an increase of .78%; residents in the Sparrowbush Fire District would see an increase of \$6.69 per \$100,000; Huguenot Fire Protection District would see an increase of \$4.83 per \$100,000; Cuddebackville Fire District and Deerpark Manor Street Lighting District would see an increase of \$13.65 per \$100,000. They are still under 1%.

Motion to Adopt the Preliminary Budget for 2015

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to adopt the Preliminary Budget for 2015 including all approved changes.

VOTE 4 AYES: Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Pay Bills

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears to pay bills that have been signed by three council members and may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office.

General Fund Abstract #18 of 2014 in the amount of \$107,319.92

Highway Fund Abstract #18 of 2014 in the amount of \$41,848.45

Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #13 of 2014 in the amount of \$393.00

Capital Projects Fund Abstract #13 of 2014 in the amount of \$209.10 (Running Total \$848,224.88)

VOTE 4 AYES: Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept September 2014 Budget Officer's Report

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to accept the September 2014 Budget Officer's Report.

VOTE 4 AYES: Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Spears congratulated everybody on the budget and to Karl for his hard work. He thought it was a fair budget for the town's people and the tax payers. They have been prudent and only went up to stay with the rising costs.

Councilman Dean thanked Karl and everybody on the board for their hard work, including himself. He thought it was prudent also.

Councilman Smith told Karl "good job" and knew it was a lot of work.

Supervisor Brabenec agreed that everybody did a good job on the Preliminary Budget and they hope it will help improve the infrastructure and they hope to add a new Police Department to Town Hall next year which will be a huge asset. He asked Mr. Fusco if he could start. *Al Fusco, Town Engineer* said the Senior Building was done and gave a brief report on it. A list was requested for what the Highway Department was paying for so they could do a line item transfer. Supervisor Brabenec said they will aim for the end of October for a Grand Opening for the Senior Center and the moving in of the Highway Garage. Councilman Spears asked they only do that after the parking lot is paved.

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Motion to Adjourn at 9:27 p.m.

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to adjourn at 9:27 p.m.

VOTE 4 AYES: Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini
Town Clerk