

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014**

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

Invocation by Councilman Trovei

Attendance

Supervisor: Karl Brabenec

Councilmembers: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Engineer: Al Fusco, Jr.

Call to Order at 7:36 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Smith

Additions or Changes to Agenda

Motion to Allstate Benefit Proposal for Consideration to the Agenda

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears to add Allstate Benefit Proposal for consideration to the Agenda.

VOTE 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations/Communications – None

Approval of Previous Minutes – None

Public Comment – None

New Business

Supervisor Brabenec announced that the grand opening for the *Senior Center/Highway Garage* would be Friday morning at 11:30. They won't have the new sign yet. They are hoping to have the paving done in the next day or two. They have run into a slight problem with the DOT and the curb cut and an electrical pole that needs to be moved.

Updates on Dangerous Buildings Proceedings and Action on Dangerous Buildings (if necessary)

Supervisor Brabenec read a letter from Al Fusco, Jr. dated September 23rd regarding 29 Upper Brook Road, 46-1-51 regarding the need to comply by October 20th to the order of compliance or the Board will consider demolition of the structure in accordance with the town and state law. All costs incurred will be billed to the property and will constitute alien if not paid. He then read a letter from Al Fusco, III of the Building Department that day about a demolition permit dated September 19th and since then, there has been no activity. They recommend the Town Board consider demolishing the structure as they see fit. Councilman Spears asked if they weren't going to wait until November to decide on this. Attorney Glen Plotsky referred to his note saying on September 22nd that they would extend it an additional 30 days. He has not received the letters that were just read. The property owners were given until October 20th to totally demolish or getting a building repair permit and if not go forward, they conducted the public hearing. He suggested they be given another notice. Councilman Dean suggested two weeks.

Motion by David Dean, to give property owners of 29 Upperbrook Road, SBL 46-1-51 a two week notice starting October 21, 2014 to demolish the structure, from which the Town Board could solicit bids.

Attorney Glen Plotsky offered to send a letter in the morning saying that based upon the lack of response, the Board will demolish or will be taking action on November 3rd unless they hear otherwise. Then they could solicit bids for demolition.

Councilman Spears asked if they could change the date to October 31st, so they would have all day Monday, November 3rd.

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Motion to Give Notice of Demolition to Property Owners of 29 Upperbrook Road, SBL 46-1-51

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Gary Spears to give a two-week notice to the Property Owners of 29 Upperbrook Road, SBL 46-1-51 from October 21st to October 31st of demolition or other action of the structure. On November 3rd, the Board will take action if no response is received and solicit bids for demolition.

VOTE 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Brabenec stated that he has received nothing else on the other properties and one was deferred to sometime in November, so probably most of the meetings in November will be dealing with these properties.

Allstate Benefit Proposal was received today. It offered supplemental insurance policies for employees to sign up for and they can be offered it through payroll deduction. Information was read. They need permission from the board to offer to the employees. It will cost nothing to the town.

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears to offer the Allstate Benefit Plan as an option to all Town of Deerpark employees.

Discussion: Councilman Spears thought it should be stated this is offered from a private provider to the employees and the total cost would be borne by the employees, whether the town charges for the bookwork or not is immaterial. The town does not contribute to any of this financially, but would allow it. Supervisor Brabenec offered to amend his motion as did Councilman Spears.

Motion to Offer Allstate Benefit Plan as Option to Town of Deerpark Employees

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears to offer the Allstate Benefit Plan as an option to all Town of Deerpark employees no cost is provided by the town for any of these programs and the cost is borne by the employees.

Discussion: Councilman Dean asked that it be clear the cost is on the employees.

VOTE 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Appropriations, Budget, and Payment of Bills

Supervisor Brabenec gave an update to the 2015 Preliminary Budget stating the comptrollers had been there the past two weeks or so. He should be having a final meeting with them in the next week and he will let them all know the results. So far, so good. He has heard no complaints or issues and doesn't see any major changes to the budget according to them. They will do a Public Hearing on the 2015 Budget on Thursday, November 6, 2014. Discussion continued about whether to have two meetings that week, or just one. They left the meetings as scheduled.

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 #19 of 2014 in the amount of \$161,608.28

Highway Fund Abstract #19 of 2014 in the amount of \$93,231.11

Engineering Fund Abstract #14 of 2014 in the amount of \$15,485.89

Deerpark Manor Street Lighting Abstract #10 in the amount of \$500.89

Capital Projects Fund Abstract #13 of 2014 in the amount of \$32,028.66 (Running Total \$880,253.54)

VOTE 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Board Comments – None

Florence Santini, Town Clerk mentioned she had been to a funeral service for Jan Braham, Town Clerk in Town of Callicoon and a retirement party for Betty Ann Riley, Town Clerk from the Town of Chester in the last two weeks. They were very dear to her heart. She had seen Steve and knew about the resolution and will give the board a copy when she gets it. She also said that he explained to the Town Clerk's at a meeting regarding the Board of Elections how he wants the clerks and explained the

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charge backs and how he wants to phase it in one third each year for the next three years. He wants them to go after the legislators in their districts. He also wants the Town Clerks to go before the Legislators, and he wanted Flo to go and she said no, because she did that in 2005. He wants them to go before them again. Every October the Town Clerks have a meeting with Board of Election Commissioners, Sue Bahren and David Green. Steve Neuhaus wants the county to take it over again, but the Legislators are not willing.

Glen Plotsky, Attorney said it was important to have an executive session regarding dangerous buildings.

Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Dangerous Building Matters at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by David Dean to enter Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss dangerous building matters and invite in Attorney Glen Plotsky.

VOTE 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Recess Until 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by David Dean to recess until 8:00 p.m.

VOTE 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Re-Enter Regular Session at 9:28 p.m.

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Karl Brabenec to re-enter regular session at 9:28 p.m.

VOTE 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Karl Brabenec to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

VOTE 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini
Town Clerk