

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

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

Invocation by Alan Schock (Participation is Optional)

Attendance

Supervisor: Gary Spears

Councilmember's: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean

Absent: Arthur Trovei

Call to Order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by David Dean

Presentations/Communications

Supervisor Spears reported a communication from the County was received for all local county businesses. They will have a class on Active Shooter Response Training on how to respond Wednesday, February 24th at the Emergency Services Center and registration could be beforehand or that day. For more information, go to orangenyork.com for more information. It is to prepare in case of an emergency such as that.

Addition or Deletion to Agenda – None

Public Comment – None

Motion to Approve February 1, 2016 Town Board Minutes

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to approve the February 1, 2016 Town Board Minutes.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Motion to Adopt Resolution 3 of 2016 - Name Change of Troll Lane to Boulder Way

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to adopt Resolution 3 of 2016 – Name Change of Troll Lane to Boulder Way.

VOTE: 4 AYES (Roll Call): Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears summarized the next proposed Resolution as being a formality for the town to allow the state to use Bolton Basin Road as a detour as they repair two bridges in Sparrowbush on Route 42 and Route 97 crossing the Shinglekill Brook. These are state highways maintained by the state and they bear all costs to that. They will repair the bridges one at a time; the one over the Shinglekill on Route 42 is set to be replaced this spring and the road will be closed, detouring traffic to the Bolton Basin Road. The Shinglekill on Route 97 will be done next year in the spring. There was a stipulation that no work would be done between July 2nd and September 4th, due to river traffic.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 4 of 2016 – Bolton Basin Detour for Bridge Repairs on Routes 42 & 97

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to adopt Resolution 4 of 2016 allowing the state to use Bolton Basin as a detour for the bridge repairs on Routes 42 & 97 over the Shinglekill.

Discussion: Councilman Smith said this is regarding the meeting they attended a couple weeks ago that was explained and he looked through the plans and these guys know what they're doing. Supervisor Spears said for the public's knowledge that they will schedule between the town, state and contractor on the job, and all the residents. In early March there will be a meeting with the residents for any questions people may have. They will have limited truck traffic on both repairs and provide signage.

VOTE: 4 AYES (Roll Call): Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

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Motion to Adopt Resolution 5 of 2016 – Amendment to Stop DWI Contract for 2016

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to adopt Resolution 5 of 2016 – Amendment to Stop DWI Contract for 2016 giving authority to the Supervisor, Police Commissioner or Police Chief to sign and to accept additional grant monies.

VOTE: 4 AYES (Roll Call): Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears asked Councilman Dean to report on the UDC (Upper Delaware Council) and the grant money they could possibly get from them. Councilman Dean reported that at their last month UDC meeting, the federal government is granting additional monies for patrols on the Hawk's Nest for local police for traffic and complaints from residents in Mill Rift and the motorcycle noise. He seriously doubts they'll solve the problem, but it is in response to complaints and the National Park Service was going to allot this money to the Town of Deepark again for police enforcement. Supervisor Spears said the state police can do what they want on the state road, but this money goes to the town and they put extra patrols there on weekends.

Motion to Appoint James Clarke to the BAR

Motion by David Dean, 2nd Ken Smith to appoint James Clarke to the BAR (Board of Assessment Review).

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears asked Jim Clarke to see the Town Clerk, Flo Santini to be sworn in.

Motion to Appoint Cheryl Greene to the ZBA

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Alan Schock to appoint Cheryl Greene to the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals).

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears asked Cheryl Greene to see the Town Clerk, Flo Santini to be sworn in and asked how long they have to be sworn in. Ms. Santini answered they have 30 days once they are appointed, but she would appreciate it if she would come in soon so paperwork for the county could be completed.

Supervisor Spears received a request from Flo Santini on behalf of the Orange County Board of Elections and they need the board's authorization so they can hold election class at the Senior Center at 410 Route 209 on June 3, 2016.

Motion to Approve the Orange County Board of Elections use of Senior Center Building

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to approve the Orange County Board of Elections to use the Senior Center Building at 410 Route 209 on Friday, June 3, 2016 for an elections class.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reported the Orange County Executive made a campaign promise regarding the county bearing the cost for the elections, so he is now going into the third year of the county paying one third, two thirds and then all the costs. So, it doesn't have to go through their budget and be reimbursed to the county.

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

Motion to Pay Bills and Accept February 2016 Budget Officer's Report

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to pay bills that have been signed by three council members, the February 2016 Budget Officer's Report and may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office.

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General Fund Abstract #3 of 2016 in the amount of \$114,882.12
Highway Fund Abstract #3 of 2016 in the amount of \$74,002.55
Deerpark Street Lighting Fund Abstract #2 of 2016 in the amount of \$495.42
Engineering Fund Abstract #1 of 2016 in the amount of \$398.00
Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #2 of 2016 in the amount of \$836.00
Capital Projects Fund Abstract #1 of 2016 in the amount of \$110,000.00

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears asked if any in attendance had anything they needed from the Board and none did.

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Dean thanked Mr. Clarke and Ms. Greene and commented that public service is just that—public service. Some people take it lightly, but it is very important and gives you ‘skin in the game’ the way he looks at it. Not only do you live here, but you are helping out the folks that do. He congratulated them and said he appreciated them stepping up. He also appreciated the short agenda that night. He said they were in New York City at the Association of Town’s for training and spent three days at school and he said he thought it got better and better each time they went because the topics were focusing at a depth on really important things. He appreciated the opportunity to go and attend class. It was well worthwhile.

Councilman Schock commented that while at the NYC Association of Towns training, he attended some budget classes and that was the first of those classes for him and he thought they were very good. He got a better understanding. He asked for prayer for Art Trovei in the loss of his grandchild,—he didn’t make it to the Association of Town’s meetings because of that. He asked they keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

Councilman Smith thanked Mr. Clarke and Ms. Greene very much. Their input was very important and the decisions they make were long lasting, he urged them to make them carefully. He was sorry he didn’t get to the meetings in the city, but it was a very conflicting weekend and they attended the funeral and it was hard, but it was behind them now. He thanked people for coming to the meeting and said they always appreciate people coming. Their attendance was very important.

Supervisor Spears thanked both Jim and Cheryl for their stepping up and they appreciate they want to take time out of their schedule to help all the residents in town. It is greatly appreciated. He too, wanted to wish Art a speedy recovery from his illness and also condolences on the loss of his grandchild. Their hearts go out to him at this time. He also wanted to speak on the classes and the information on the town. There was a moratorium on solar farms for six months, as they try to draft a new law which would be beneficial to the new applicants, and to the residents that live here. They attended a couple classes on solar energy and they were very informative. They passed a Rooftop Solar Law in the town. They adopted the New York code and the New York general permit, a standardized permit. They are working on zoning for the solar farms and they are also working on zoning for residential ‘not on your roof’. Other top topics in town they are working on is the zoning issue on Galley Hill Road and they are taking public comments through letters, telephone calls, emails. Also, there is a proposed mine on Big Pond Road that is in the hands of the New York State DEC right now, they are the agency that will handle most of that project with the exception with the local traffic and screening, etc. They will put a separate public comment period on the next agenda if anyone wants to come and speak. If it has to do with the mine permit, this board will not be able to say anything or do anything but listen, because without a permit or action before them, they don’t want to say anything. They will listen to residents or businesses who want to give them input and the same thing with the zoning.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,
Florence Santini, Town Clerk