

**TOWN OF DEERPARK**  
**TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016**  
Meeting was held at Town Hall, 420 Route 209, Huguenot, NY 12746

**Invocation by** Arthur Trovei (Participation is Optional)

**Attendance**

**Supervisor:** Gary Spears

**Councilmember's:** Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, David Dean

**Attorney:** Glen Plotsky

**Engineer:** Al Fusco, Jr.

**Call to Order** at 7:34 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** by Alan Schock

Presentations/Communications

Supervisor Spears announced that a filming company doing some filming in the Sparrowbush area and the Hawk's Nest area have generously made a donation of \$1,500 to the town. They designated \$500 each to the Deerpark Veteran's, the World Trade Center Monument and Memorial and to the D.A.R.E. program. He asked that Town Clerk Flo Santini send a thank you note to them for their donations.

Supervisor Spears mentioned also a donation to the Veteran's Fund from Orange & Rockland. They could not be there and will change that presentation until May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Spears announced that the Board of Assessment Review, better known as BAR has scheduled Grievance Day for the Town of Deerpark on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for anyone having problems with their assessment. They should come in and talk with Town Assessor Deborah Natalizio first and if there is no closure, they should come to Grievance Day to present their case.

Addition or Deletions to Agenda

Supervisor Spears mentioned he had the bid opening for fuel and vibratory roller and asked it be added under New Business.

**Motion to Add the Opening of Bids for Fuel and Vibratory Roller to the Agenda under New Business**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to add the Opening of Bids for Fuel and Vibratory Roller to the Agenda under New Business.

**VOTE: 5 AYES:** Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Gary Spears

**MOTION CARRIED**

Public comment period – None

**Motion to Approve March 7, 2016 Board Minutes**

Motion by David Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to approve the March 7, 2016 Board Minutes.

**VOTE: 4 AYES:** Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Gary Spears

**1 ABSTENTION:** Alan Schock

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve March 21, 2016 Board Minutes**

Motion by David Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to approve March 7, 2016 Board Minutes.

**VOTE: 5 AYES:** Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Gary Spears

**MOTION CARRIED**

New Business

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**Motion to Accept Resignation for P/T Police Officer Enrico Depasquale**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean to accept the resignation with regret of P/T Police Officer Enrico Depasquale.

**VOTE: 5 AYES:** Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Gary Spears

**MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor Spears said he would check with the Police Chief and Town Clerk to get a letter of thank you to him for his service.

Opening of Bids on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> Minutes were read regarding diesel fuel and gasoline.

**Motion to Accept Low Bid for Diesel Fuel/Gasoline from County Petroleum**

Motion by Alan Schock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to accept the low bid for diesel fuel and 87 octane gasoline for this year from County Petroleum.

Discussion: Councilman Dean asked about the price fluctuation as to whether it was bid on a quarterly basis and Supervisor Spears said it was daily. The rack rate is a commodities price advertised in New Jersey where most of the refineries are. The diesel comes out of Albany and the 25 cents premium would be their profit, their delivery, and all that stuff. Councilman Schock asked if it was the same as last year and the supervisor said it was the same thing.

**VOTE: 5 AYES:** Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Gary Spears

**MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor Spears said that Highway Superintendent Ed Hughson is seeking to reject all bids for the vibratory roller because the three bidders bid on completely different rollers. He will check his specs and see why that problem happened and he will have to re-bid that.

**Motion to Reject Bids for the Double Drum Vibratory Roller Received**

Motion by Alan Schock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to reject bids for the double drum vibratory roller received for the Highway Department.

**VOTE: 5 AYES:** Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Gary Spears

**MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor Spears mentioned to the Board Members they have a clean copy of the town's Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Law, the Subdivision Law and a copy of a three page email from a resident asking them to review certain sections regarding her concerns. He would like them to look over these and report back to him with any comments. He has a meeting the next morning with her to discuss it further and if any more information comes from that meeting, he will get that to them also. He added they will receive a new packet with the solar laws they have been receiving from other towns. They include the residential roof top, a ground mount residential and two copies of people who have done commercial solar farms. They are still waiting for the state through County Planning to give them the template for what they are working on to do solar farms. Town Attorney Glen Plotsky said it might be two weeks.

*County Legislator Tom Faggione* was invited to address them with county news. He mentioned that earlier that day the county historian presented a proposal to the Education and Economic Development Committee and outlaid the use of up to \$25,000. She wanted to allocate two projects: Algonquin Park on the other side of the county and the D & H Canal. She will come back to the Legislature next month with more paper work and if not this year, next year she will appropriate \$10,000 from her budget for studies and reviews to be done on the D & H Canal. He also said that as the Supervisor knows, they have also met with the County Parks Commissioner and are now scheduling a meeting with the Director of Public Works to get down to the nuts and bolts of the Canal Park. It is a process and it takes time. They are working hard on getting water back into the canal.

Supervisor Spears added that they had a meeting April 13<sup>th</sup> at the D & H Canal park with Rich Rose (Parks, Recreation & Conservation Commissioner), Cliff Robertson (Head of Trail Committee), Steven Sky who is one of the original founding members, Jane Lord. There is a push on to get water back into the section of the canal that has lost its ability to hold water after the storms of Irene, Sandy, Lee, etc. It was a very productive meeting. A lot of volunteers wanted to jump right in and get going. Since it is a county park, studies need to be done and Mr. Rose explained it would take time.

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

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**Motion to Pay Bills and Accept Budget Officer's Report**

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

General Fund Abstract #7 of 2016 in the amount of \$66,925.57

Highway Fund Abstract #7 of 2016 in the amount of \$38,932.99

Deerpark Street Lighting Fund Abstract #4 of 2016 in the amount of \$479.26

**VOTE: 5 AYES:** Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Gary Spears

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Town Attorney Glen Plotsky* had no issues for Executive Session.

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Smith had no comments but to say he was happy to be back.

Councilman Schock said he was on the Hawk's Nest and notice patrol cars and asked if that was because of the extra enforcement there. He said it was quiet there.

Councilman Dean also commented on the Hawk's Nest as being attractive to tourists and those who like to spray paint the walls, throw their garbage out, and riding motorcycles. He said they should enjoy riding their motorcycles without the risk of killing somebody else. They were able to secure additional funds from the Upper Delaware Council for extra patrols for law enforcement. It isn't enough, but it is something. He advised those traveling through there that if they see something, they should say something. They have grants on the Hawk's Nest coming for litter clean up and hopefully a little bit of sand blasting to try to keep the walls in the condition they are supposed to be in. That area is the gateway to the upper Delaware and if you have ever been there on the weekend, the traffic is unbelievable. There are tens of thousands of people heading up there. He wanted to mention litter in the town on the sides of the road. It would be great if they had money to send people out every day to clean up the litter. They never will. He asked all residents to take garbage bags on walks and clean up litter. He said "litter attracts litter".

Supervisor Spears expounded on that in his conversation with Highway Superintendent Ed Hughson in looking at their needs and the budget. They decided to add another summer helper and hopefully when they are done with the work on the parks with mowing and weed whacking and around Town Hall, they get out and do some litter clean-up. He announced that May is the Town Clean Up and all residents of Deerpark can come to the Town Clerk's Office for a permit for household trash to be taken to the Transfer Station on Canal Street. People can take up to 4 tires, construction debris and anything they don't want and information is available on that.

Councilman Trovei added that it is a beautiful area, but people should care and what they bring into the area, they should take it back home. One of the things they tried to do four years ago due to a problem at the No. 2 Beach, they instituted a very, very stiff fine for littering. It is up to a \$1,500 fine if you're caught littering in this town. Everybody today has a phone with a camera, if you see something take a picture and get it to the Police Department. If everybody works together on this they can keep the town better. He mentioned a personal situation on his property regarding graffiti and those who caused the problem were caught.

Supervisor Spears said he had received a call from Rich Rose and David Church, they are going to plan a grand opening for No. 2 Beach and he doesn't have the exact time and date yet, but it will be soon. He will notify them of that when he knows. The County and State will pay for the expanded parking lot and the NYS DEC will take care of the garbage. They will also supply signage out at the road and they need to make a management plan with the county. They are appreciative to the county for stepping up and keeping that available to Sparrowbush Fire House. He asked Tom Faggione to pass that on.

*County Legislator Tom Faggione* mentioned the annual banquet in Port Jervis for the Huguenot Fire House that had responded to a brush fire call and were not able to attend their own banquet. He drew attention to the fact they are out protecting us when we are safe at home. When the call comes, they go. He said it really brought home what they are dedicated to do.

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**Motion to Adjourn at 8:00 p.m.**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

**VOTE: 5 AYES:** Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Gary Spears

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathy Basile, Deputy Town Clerk  
for Florence T. Santini, Town Clerk