

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015**

Invocation by Arthur Trovei (Participation Optional)

Attendance

Supervisor: Gary Spears

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

Engineer: Al Fusco, Jr.

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Call to Order at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by David Dean

Moment of Silence in honor of Alan Schock's mother, Barbara Schock who was a Deerpark resident.

Supervisor Spears congratulated Arthur Trovei on being a grandfather to a new granddaughter.

Presentations/Communications

Councilman Dean mentioned that Columbia Gas was removing any water from across the station up on Peenpack Trail down to this station on Route 209 and starting April 22nd. Their staff will be on site and the activity is scheduled from April 22 to the 26th. In order to complete the work, they'll have to perform some control ventilation of gas through the station and during the ventilation, some residents may smell an odor associated with that menthol gas and noise may be heard. The natural gas will be restored to normal service afterwards; it will be safe and handled by qualified employees. For pipeline or gas emergencies, contact the monitoring center at (800)835-7191. The Orange County 911 Center, all local Fire Departments, Police Departments and municipalities have been notified. If there are any questions or concerns, contact at (877)213-1944.

Supervisor Spears asked the Town Clerk to post the information from Columbia Gas on the Bulletin Boards and notify the webmaster to post on the town website.

Public Comment – None

New Business

Supervisor Spears introduced the Police Canine agreement that was tabled at the previous meeting of the Board, as they waited on the missing link on the town's liability should there be an incident. He pointed out on page 2, the town would be liable for \$2,000 for an injury to the dog. Officer Pratti is responsible to provide for the dog. It is a good deal as the dog has been trained already.

Motion to Approve Resolution 7 of 2015 – Town of Deerpark PBA Establish a K-9 Unit

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to approve Resolution 7 of 2015 – Town of Deerpark PBA Establish a K-9 Unit.

Discussion: Councilman Trovei asked about indemnify the town annually and Supervisor Spears clarified the amount of \$2,000 is on ongoing amount.

VOTE: 5 AYES (Roll Call): Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears asked Al Fusco, Town Engineer to explain the current problem with the Shinhollow Bridge. A letter from him to the board is attached to the official minutes, stating the deck is unsafe and should be closed. There is a detour to homes and road. He explained that the bridge has had issues in the past. They tried unsuccessfully to get help from the State and FEMA in 2011 from the hurricane damage. They have monitored it over the years and placed a steel plate in it, but it has now been deemed unsafe and closed. There is a reasonable detour while it is blocked. He suggested

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they create a turnaround space at the end of the road. They will apply for additional funding, but no storm money will be helpful. Their best chance at financial help would be through CDBG and perhaps some storm money is available. Discussion continued. Councilman Schock said the Grist Mill Road needs to be addressed. Supervisor Spears asked for the attorney's advice on their action as a

board, as he decided with the Highway Superintendent. Glen Plotsky thought with the ability to turn around, they should not need to close the road. Supervisor Spears thanked Al Fusco for coming.

Supervisor Spears introduced the resolution regarding the Shinhollow and Gristmill Road closure due to the need to prevent through traffic on Shinhollow Road. They need a stop sign on that road. The Highway Superintendent found out they needed a resolution to do that. Supervisor Spears

Motion to Approve Resolution 8 of 2015 – Shinhollow and Gristmill Road Closure

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to approve Resolution 8 of 2015 – Shinhollow and Gristmill Road Closure.

VOTE: 5 AYES (Roll Call): Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Schock said that when the bridge is closed, they might want to make Gristmill Road wider for the turn around. Supervisor Spears said they looked at that, but the railing on the county bridge comes too close. It was a good point though. He then said, the little triangle piece of land would help and Al Fusco will look into that.

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

Motion to Pay Bills

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

- General Fund Abstract #7 of 2015 in the amount of \$61,488.43
- Highway Fund Abstract #7 of 2015 in the amount of \$23,139.02
- Deerpark Manor Street Lighting Abstract #4 of 2015 in the amount of \$491.11
- Engineering Fund Abstract #5 in the amount of \$6,375.00
- Capital Projects Fund Abstract #5 of 2015 in the amount of \$34,859.90

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept the Monthly Budget Officer's Report

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by David Dean to accept the monthly Budget Officer's Report.

Discussion: Supervisor Spears said they were on target. It was a rough winter. When they get the final costs in they are still on budget for 2015, but may have an issue in November and December if they have an early winter. They have used quite a bit of their money. The bids have gone out on the truck bodies and they have not all come back.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Trovei commented to Councilman Schock how he hoped his mother's funeral the next day would be a good day for the family. He thanked his kids for the grandbaby. He welcomed Flo back.

Councilman Dean expressed condolences to Councilman Schock regarding his mother. He mentioned another happy dance Councilman Trovei for his grandchild. He was glad they were on budget and they need to keep watching how they spend money and save it. He thought salt did a number on them this year.

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Councilman Schock – None

Councilman Smith expressed his sincere condolences to Councilman Schock and said he was sure she would be missed. He congratulated Councilman Trovei.

Supervisor Spears offered his condolences to Councilman Schock and said he had the privilege of knowing his mother, she is in a happier place. He congratulated Councilman Trovei on having a new grandchild. He commented on how good it was to have Flo back in the office and even though she had a lot of problems, she was getting things done. He mentioned the meeting at the Senior Center that Thursday at 6:00 p.m. They have been tasked with the selection of the replacement of Legislator Dennis Simmons seat. They have two candidates, Tom Faggione from the Town of Deerpark and Dick Roberts from the City of Port Jervis. They will do interviews, then do a vote with the joint meeting of the Town of Mount Hope, City of Port Jervis and the Town of Deerpark.

Motion to Enter Executive Session for Legal Litigation Re: Academy Ave. at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by to enter Executive Session for the legal litigation regarding Academy Avenue after a recess at 8:15 p.m., and invite in Attorney Glen Plotsky and Engineer Al Fusco.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Re-Enter Regular Session at 10:25 p.m.

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to re-enter Regular Session at 10:25 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 10:26 p.m.

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Alan Schock to adjourn at 10:26 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini
Town Clerk