

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017**

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

Invocation by Alan Schock (Participation is Optional)

Attendance: Gary Spears

Councilmen: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean, Arthur Trovei

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Pledge of Allegiance: David Dean

Call to Order: 7:31 p.m.

Presentations/Communications

George Ewing – Port Jervis Ambulance gave an update reporting on their six months since reopening. They no longer have a paramedic and it has been adjustment for them. They have volunteers, which is up 15% per month. Their payroll is down and will be \$200,000 this year. Part of that is not having paramedics and because of the volunteers. They ended the previous year in the negative of \$20,000 and this year with the first quarter, they have a net gain of \$20,000. They will pursue grants for three quarters of a million dollars for a new ambulance, cardiac monitors and a safer grant to help with payroll. Their call volume is down, but isn't affecting them financially. Things are looking pretty good. They are working on some fundraiser events. Their website is almost done. Supervisor Spears said that even though they are up by \$20,000, he wanted the board to know there are still remaining past bills that haven't been paid. Councilman Smith asked what their current debt was and Mr. Ewing said it was roughly about \$21,000. Councilman Smith asked how they were doing with the receivables and Mr. Ewing said they have collected \$188,000 and a lot of that money has gone back out to reconcile their old debts. They are still living paycheck to paycheck. Councilman Dean recommended they schedule their coin toss soon, as the river traffic picks up when school ends. Supervisor Spears asked him to keep coming back each month to keep them updated.

Supervisor Spears reported on a communication received in regards to the O & R Substation property, 55 Route 209 – there will be drilling and blasting done and they will be in and out of the area as quickly as possible commencing on May 15th through June 2nd during the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. There will be intermittent lane closures on Route 209 from Orchard Lane to Van Avenue during blasting operations. They expect the lane closures to be five minute maximum time with two closures per day. The school district and the neighboring community have been notified. They are taking every precaution. Councilman Schock asked about the pre-blast survey and the supervisor said they told Lock & Roll they would use seismographs on their property when they do a blast to see what kind of effect it has on them.

Supervisor Spears reported on the communication from the Orange County Department of Public Works Division of Environmental Facilities and Service regarding the Household Chemical Waste Day on June 3rd at the Port Jervis High School, 10 Route 209. There will be one for small quantity generators on June 2nd at Port Jervis Transfer Station, 86 Tow Path Road for Orange County Residents. They supplied a written plan nine pages long and basically they will be collecting from businesses on June 2 from 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Transfer Station for Orange County residents and then on June 3rd at the High School lower parking lot from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Accepted wastes: standard corrosives, flammable, poisons, household hazardous products, all farm chemicals, all standard school supplies. Unacceptable wastes: explosives or coordinates; gas cylinders; infectious or biological waste; radioactive waste.)

Supervisor Spears then reported having a very successful Crime Victims Vigil here in Deerpark on April 4th. He and Mr. Dean attended and they found it quite moving. They received a very nice letter that he read from the Orange County Probation Department that ran it. They expressed their gratitude to all who assisted them in making it a successful event. He mentioned that actually Flo, Theresa, Kathryn, Lynn, Ed and the Highway Department and Al Schock donated benches and did a good job.

Supervisor Spears then read a letter from the New York State Town Clerk's Association congratulating her on her being awarded the Associations Certification as a Registered Municipal Clerk. She has met the stringent education that is required by their association as an administrative leader. He then thanked her as well.

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Supervisor Spears announced that he heard from the New York State Agriculture & Markets and the Port Jervis/Town of Deerpark Humane Society who had inspected the dog shelter and found it satisfactory. They passed on every category. They are up to date and passed in every category.

Florence Santini, Town Clerk reported on the YMCA Summer Camp program - The total weeks signed up were 123 and the total received was \$11,067.00. Prices went up from the beginning. The first year they did 242 weeks, but more will come in the next couple of weeks up at the camp. She said they usually get up to 167 – 180.

Public Comment – None

Ed Hughson, Highway Superintendent reported on Brandt Road is going to be resurfaced this year and they have prepped that road. Lime Kiln Road has been prepared with pipes in ditches and getting prepped for resurfacing also. Shinhollow Road is being worked on here and there, but they cannot begin any resurfacing until they hear back from the county and tell him they have the money. All the stone and sand is in to make their blacktop. Depending on weather, they should be on target and the middle of next month they should start paving. He mentioned a seminar put on by Orange County for smart meters being installed and Ed couldn't go, but Gary did. Brian Crown went from the Highway Department. He said he also received a letter from the Probation Department and received a phone call from the District Attorney thanking him and he thought it was very touching. Mr. Hoover told him it was probably one of the largest they've had so far. Supervisor Spears asked him to comment about the CDBG money that was approved for Shinhollow, as they needed the money in house before they could approve it. Ed has talked with Joanne to see if they could start without having the money. Mr. Spears then said that the 2018 CDBG information has all been filed that the Board approved for Sleepy Hollow and everything is in order. Mr. Hughson said there was some money left over for federal disaster that the county got back. They may get money for a new generator system for the town barn and Senior Center, and maybe money for other stuff they applied for. He then mentioned they got money back for the truck from the Highway truck that was totaled out. They gave the m 204,685.00 for the truck and they purchased the old truck back for \$2,500.00 and got a check for \$201,685.00 that has been received and deposited. He's getting prices on Macs, Freightliners and Internationals. Kenworth is not on any bids. They would have to go directly for Kenworths. He is working with Onondaga County bids since the state hasn't put out bids on heavy trucks for 8 or 9 years. Discussion continued. He said the pre-bids came in as follows for cabin chassis: Mac @ \$134,640.26 (retail \$254,302.00) and Freightliner @ \$123,241.00 (retail would be \$201,226.00). More discussion continued. Ed informed the board there was money to order the truck for \$219,394.08 with \$201,680.00 from insurance and \$19,000 from the equipment line in budget. Supervisor Spears said that because Ed has the money already and money in his equipment line, they should pre-authorize him to order the truck. Ed said they got the truck back working again and has insurance and they do not have to get a salvage title.

Motion to Pre-authorize the Highway Superintendent to Order Truck

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to pre-authorize the Highway Superintendent to order the truck for the Highway Department.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve May 1, 2017 Board Minutes

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve May 1, 2017 Board Minutes.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears mentioned that the Public Hearing was cancelled for the annexation which is going to be rescheduled after they also reschedule a joint meeting to do that together. He talked with David Church from the Orange County Planning and he will do some research for him on other annexations and get back to him later in the week. He also talked to Glen Dignali of Barton & Loguidice in Ellenville and he will do a work study on this and he had told him they were interested in taxation and future possible tax income. He also talked about employment that might come out of this as a bonus and also what kinds of problems that could be mitigated before they move forward. He will get back to him as soon as he gets a proposal. He will also run it by the Mayor of Port Jervis. Councilman Schock asked about the increased police protection and Mr. Spears said he mentioned about 30 things and didn't want to go into them now, but they talked about sewer connections, possible costs for them; possible increase in land values per se being having sewer and water hookups; they talked about police protection and different things. He will write down everything he thinks will be pertinent, propose them, then they can add or delete as need be he said. Glen Plotsky added they are re-drafting the documentations so it will be correct. They are waiting to hear back on

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terms of petitions. He believes Mr. Fusco requested some action regarding an MS4. It was sent to Deerpark by mistake.

Councilman Dean, UDC representative reported on the Geo-Tourism for the Upper Delaware Council. He mentioned that the UDC joined the National Geographic society two years ago to have an expert come in to write a proposal for a geo-tourism program that would better advertise the beauty of the river and the attributes (the history, the critters native to the area, etc.) that the corridor has to offer. It lasted about a year. A result is they are asking for a resolution for a Delaware River Geo-tourism initiative. He passed out a proposed agreement for the board's review. He mentioned a couple concerns but thought after discussions with other members the statements were all encompassing. The other statement was rather benign so they are fairly innocuous and they should have counsel look it over. There are a lot of people who utilize the river and nobody should abuse it. Supervisor Spears said if they knew more in detail what their policies and investments were going to be, they may be wonderful and they would like to support them. As he finds out more and reports back to them ... he further said that it was obviously good for the area. Mr. Dean agreed and would get more answers. Discussion continued. Supervisor Spears offered to table this discussion and Councilman Dean offered to look into the Resolution for UDC and get back to them.

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

Motion to Pay Bills and Accept Budget Officer's Report

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

General Fund Abstract #9 of 2017 in the amount of \$69,080.31
Highway Fund Abstract #9 of 2017 in the amount of \$33,120.27
Deerpark Manor Street Lighting Fund Abstract #5 of 2017 in the amount of \$459.47
Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #5 of 2017 in the amount of \$100.00

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

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Board Comments

Supervisor Spears mentioned he should have begun the meeting with a moment of silence for the passing of a great friend of his and the Town of Deerpark and the Delaware River and that is Phil Chase. He said he was lucky enough to have him not only as a teacher, but as a coach and he was probably a great influence on his life. He will be sorely missed. His work on the Delaware River and his conservation work and he was probably the most influential person in this area over the years to maintain the water flows in the Delaware River and the killing of the Tocks Island Dam which was going to dam the river up and the work he did, he said we were all indebted to him for that. If you had the chance to know him personally, you'd be sad at his passing. He was a great gem for this area. We're all sad to see him go.

Councilman Dean wanted to add that Phil Chase was a rep for the UDC and talk about having giant shoes to follow in ... what a guy.

Supervisor Spears added that Ed Hughson has done a great job working on the truck and the grants and getting stuff done and he appreciates him and his men. He congratulated Flo again for her certification and for her work for the Crime Victim's Vigil.

Councilman Dean said he will miss Phil Chase as well and though they had some differences, his heart was pure. There was no question as to where he stood and he's in a better place now. In the end, he had a rough time. He then thanked Ed for his work on the truck. He thanked the Highway men for their work on the roads. He congratulated Flo on her award. It was very impressive. He wanted to reach out to George (Ambulance) for putting their shoulder to the wheel and they seem to be digging themselves out and they are doing a good job. He gives them credit. He offered himself if there was something he could do personally for them. He wished them well and said good job.

Councilman Trovei said they had a great and encouraging meeting and day and there is a lot of good news. He's very thankful for where these guys are coming from with the Ambulance Corps and there is a lot of effort on everybody's part. He said to Ken Smith that he did a good job coaching them right along. As he heard about them digging out from under the pile they

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didn't know about, he thanked the board, the Supervisor, the Highway Department and town workers for sacrifices to see the Town of Deerpark almost be solvent. They see some equipment building, roads getting better, better stuff for seniors, better stuff for the kids and now instead of having a negative balance, they are starting to see some fund balances coming ... he thanked everybody. He congratulated Flo on another award. He told Ed Hughson he did a tremendous job with this truck. He did a great job for the town. He appreciated Glen for his counsel. He said Phil was a dear friend and coach and the kind of guy who is great for the area. He also said the beauty in the people who live here make the area great. He loves living here.

Councilman Smith congratulated Flo and said she was a worker bee. He appreciated all her efforts. He thanked Ed Hughson for all his work on the truck. He thanked the Port Jervis Ambulance for coming in and giving their state of the union message. He called them a couple weeks ago and asked them to come over and speak to them and tried to help them with some information. Phil Chase was not only one of his teachers, but he was his next door neighbor for the past 45 years. He knows all he did for the community and the Neversink River and he was just a really good guy. When he started running for this office and he needed signatures, he said you? in politics? We'll all miss him he said. He heart goes out to the family.

Councilman Schock said everyone did a great job and he didn't know Phil Chase but he must have been a great guy.

Motion to Enter Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to Discuss Litigation RE: Corcoran, Reclaim New York, Stack-Maple River Restaurant, Strohli

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to enter Executive Session after a 10 minute recess, at 8:50 p.m. to discuss litigation regarding Corcoran – road issue; Reclaim New York; and Stack-Maple River Restaurant and Strohli-tax certioraris and invite in Town Attorney, Glen Plotsky.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears emphasized the importance of the privilege to vote and encouraged everyone to vote in the School Board/Budget vote the next day from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Residents should vote at the school.

Motion to Re-Enter Regular Session at 10:05 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to re-enter Regular Session at 10:05 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Authorize Glen Plotsky to Sign Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceeding Deerpark adv. Stack/Maple River Restaurant

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to Authorize Glen Plotsky to sign Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceeding Deerpark adv. Stack/Maple River Restaurant.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Authorize Glen Plotsky to Sign Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceeding Deerpark adv. Strohli

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to authorize Glen Plotsky to sign Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceeding Deerpark adv. Strohli.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 10:06 p.m.

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to adjourn at 10:06 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini
Town Clerk