

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 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

Engineer: Al Fusco, Jr.

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Pledge of Allegiance: Ken Smith

Call to Order: 7:33 p.m.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Motion to Add Presentation of Laurie Raskin of DHW Forest Consulting to the Agenda

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Gary Spears to add a presentation to the Agenda by Laurie Raskin, Forester of DHW Forest Consulting.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations/Communications

Supervisor Spears mentioned receiving a *Certificate of Completion for the Dog Control Officer* Thomas Yonskie, of the eighth Annual DCO Conference for 12 hours of training with the New York State Department of Ag and Markets. He also reported receipt of a thank you letter from the *Human Society in honor of DCO Appreciation Week* and they thanked him for the services he provides the community as well as the welfare of the animals and it was signed by about 8 or 9 people.

Laurie Raskin, Forester of DHW Forest Consulting made her presentation in regards to the potential of conducting a timber harvest on the town's land off the Peenpack Trail and Boehmler. (A copy of her handouts is attached to the official minutes.) She referred to the non-harvestable land and the economically feasible land that may have a viable harvest where competitors might bid on or sawmills might be interested in buying. Ms. Raskin then presented a service agreement briefly for the board's consideration. She mentioned the mock prospective was just to provide a sampling to give an idea of how it would read. Councilman Dean asked if she had a fee schedule and she said there is a 15% of the bid winner and that would cover her fees. The town wouldn't pay her, but it would come out of the bid. Discussion continued.

Public Comment Period – None

Department Head Report – Highway Superintendent was unable to attend.

Motion to Approve May 15, 2017 Board Minutes

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve May 15, 2017 Board Minutes as written.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business – None

New Business

Supervisor Spears presented the Highway Superintendent's request for approval to purchase equipment. He prefaced it by saying he does have \$100,000 in his 2017 budget for maintaining properly for the highway equipment. They also had a totaled truck damaged in a snow storm. But, they had an 8 year old truck that they paid about \$150,000 for and were reimbursed \$203,000 for when totaled, and they got the old truck as well. Ed Hughson and Councilman Trovei worked on this. They want to purchase a 2008 Challenger Tractor Model MT455B 4WD with a 50 inch Flail Mower. The tractor came from another

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Town so no bid is needed and the purchase price is \$38,000. This has a hydraulic arm mower that can reach over guardrails and into ditches that can save them labor costs. They are on a continual basis of replacing pickups and mason dumps that come with plows. He has a price for a 2017 Ford F350 pickup with a 9 foot Western snow plow in the amount of \$35,401.80\ and that is off state bid. They have a good quality sander from the truck they'll replace that they can put on this truck. Also, the board gave him approval at the last meeting to purchase a Tandem Axel truck after Ed and Councilman Trovei researched which truck was best for the town. They decided to purchase a Mack Tandem Axel truck with a Tenco stainless steel U-combo body and Tenco front plow for \$228,212.85. With the insurance money, they can still make these extra purchases and have money in the budget. A letter regarding these things mentions his appreciation to Art Trovei for his hard work and time. (Attached to the official minutes).

Motion to Approve Purchase Highway Department Tractor, Pickup and Dump Truck

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve the purchase by the Highway Department for the Tractor Model MT455B 4WD with a 50' Flail Mower for \$38,000; 2017 Ford F350 Pickup with 9' Western Snow Plow for \$35,401.80; and a Mack Tandem Axel Truck with Tenco stainless steel U-combo body and Tenco front plow for \$228,212.85.

Discussion: Councilman Trovei offered to be available for any information if needed.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adopt Resolution 7 of 2017 – Calling on the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, and Both Houses of the United States Congress to Support Creation of a National EMS Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to adopt Resolution 7 of 2017 – Calling on the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump and Both Houses of the United States Congress to Support Creation of a National Emergency Medical Services Memorial in Washington, D.C.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears read two letters of interest from both Ginny Schouten and William Smith for serving on the Planning Board, which has an opening as well as an alternate opening. He recommended they set up some interviews. Councilman Dean asked if they had advertised for openings and the Town Clerk said she had the beginning of the year. They agreed to advertise again since so much time had gone by. The Town Clerk will advertise in the paper, on the website and review any other openings on committees. The Zoning Board has an alternate opening. Supervisor Spears will contact Michael Hunter to find out how his health is and what his intentions are to return to the Planning Board.

Motion to Advertise Open Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals Positions

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to advertise the open Planning Board and alternate position and a Zoning Board of Appeals alternate position.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears shared they need another discussion on a joint meeting with the City of Port Jervis on annexations. At the last Port Jervis Common Council meeting, they set a date of June 19th at 7:00 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Town of Deerpark council, at the Town of Deerpark. This meeting would be for discussion and also to set a public hearing so they could announce this to the public and get the ball rolling. Mr. Spears said they had been in contact with an engineering firm that does studies. They feel they need to do a study. At the public hearing, they feel they actually need to ask what people in both towns would like to see studied. They have an extensive list, but want to hear what the general public would like to see studied and what the pros and cons might be. Originally, the list that came up when they had a brief meeting was a traffic study, tax consequences and pros and cons for both communities, employment generated and what kind of wages, water and sewer, etc. If Port Jervis takes it over, they would want to study the police part of it. Kelly Decker was in on the meeting, so he had input also. They also wanted to look at what kind of hotel tax would be generated, which would go to the city; what kind of sales tax would be generated that would go to the county, which in turn would come back to Port and Deerpark and everybody else (as much as the same as Woodbury Commons gets shared around the county). They want to look at the school and what kind of money the taxpayers would save if they didn't have to build a new sewage treatment plant. The Middle School is already on the Port Jervis Water and Sewer and the cost is minimal. The Port Jervis High School is on city water now, they learned after more investigation. He talked with Jack Farr, the head of the DPW in Port and he thought the new

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Sewer pump station on Joyland Auto Road would handle this with no problem. He thought as far as sewer treatment plant costs, which would be in the millions to build and this could be \$400,000 – \$500,000 to tap into. So, that is their list but they do want to, after the June 19th meeting they hopefully will set, the gist of it is to get to a Public Hearing so they can get everything out on the table--both from the Port Jervis Council people and from the general public. Councilman Dean said the sewer from the school versus a sewer treatment plant--if that happens, you would have two treatment plant positions on the school payroll and that is not inconsequential. Supervisor Spears said he found out that though that was the case in the past, now they are usually a professional service to provide that service to the school. So, that would come up at their joint meeting or at a public hearing to get that type of information out. There will be a proper way to do it. It won't be a fast process like they hoped it would be to get shovels in the ground, but he thinks it is the right way to do it so they stay out of court in the future. He asked the towns' counsel if he had anything to add and Town Attorney Glen Plotsky suggested that with the engineering firm doing the studies, they would also insist on a SEQRA.

Motion to Set Joint Meeting of Town of Deerpark Board and the Port Jervis Common Council on June 19, 2017 at 7:00

p.m.

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to set a joint meeting of the Town of Deerpark Board and the Port Jervis Common Council on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Deerpark Town Hall, 420 Route 209, Huguenot, NY 12746.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve the Oakland Valley Raceway

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to approve the 2017 Oakland Valley Raceway permit based on the recommendation of the Building Inspector.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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 #10 of 2017 in the amount of \$109,369.28
Highway Fund Abstract #10 of 2017 in the amount of \$274,664.77
Fusco Engineering Fund Abstract #5 of 2017 in the amount of \$86.00
Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #6 of 2017 in the amount of \$406.25

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

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Trovei mentioned the statistics regarding those injured and lost doing their jobs and the EMS Resolution was a long overdue memorial for them.

Councilman Dean thanked Laurie Raskin coming and talking about the timber harvest in Boehmler Park. Obviously there needs to be some homework and leg work before making any decisions, but anybody knows that if you don't harvest them, they rot. He thanked Art for his input on the equipment and he said Al Schock knows about this stuff and he knew they got good deals on this. He thanked both Art and Al. Councilman Trovei said Ed Hughson did a great job and they have great equipment. Supervisor Spears added that good equipment is usually safe equipment and it is showing. They haven't had many lost hours. They are taking good care of the equipment.

Councilman Smith thanked Art and Ed. He knows Art did a good job and he also talked to Ed himself. There were proper setbacks and no one will really know it's there, but they've done a good job and put some money into the town. He was thankful for their efforts. He commented on those who did not vote for the school budget ... only 300 people came out from the Town of Deerpark to vote. It is almost embarrassing. People reading this must get out to vote ... otherwise they cannot complain.

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Councilman Schock said it has all been said. He really appreciated what Art did and was very impressed.

Supervisor Spears thanked Art and Al and appreciated them doing that. He thanked Dave for dealing with the forester and he has had his land forested twice and got a little bit of money which was nice, but he got good new growth and it was good for the wildlife. He brought up the dinner he attended the night before for the Chamber of Commerce and listened to Steve and Lou Banich on their life's accomplishments and listened to Art Trovei share his family's business for 86 years. He was proud to hear his speech.

Town Clerk Florence Santini reported that 556 permits were issued for the Town Bulk Cleanup. Supervisor Spears said that was good and people are cleaning up their yards and there was money in the budget. He thanked Flo and her girls for their help with that.

Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Corcoran Litigation and Other Potential Litigation at 8:40 p.m.

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by David Dean to enter Executive Session after a 10 minute recess to discuss the Corcoran litigation and other potential litigation and invite in the Town Attorney and Town Engineer and the Highway Superintendent if he is back in time, at 8:40 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Re-Enter Regular Session at 10:15 p.m.

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to re-enter regular session at 10:15 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Alan Schock to adjourn at 10:15 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