

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014**
Meeting was held at Town Hall, 420 Route 209, Huguenot, NY 12746

Invocation by Arthur Trovei

Attendance

Supervisor: Karl Brabenec

Councilmembers: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith

Absent: Gary Spears

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Call to Order at 7:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by Ken Smith

Roll Call/Attendance

Additions or Changes to Agenda

Motion to Move Michael Conklin Presentation from Public Comments to Presentations/Communications On Agenda

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to move Michael Conklin Presentation from Public Comments to Presentations and Communications on Agenda.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Add Consideration of Bonacic Grant Under New Business on Agenda

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to add Consideration of Bonacic Grant under New Business on the Agenda.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations/Communications

Matthew Conklin – He introduced himself as a student of Hamilton Bicentennial Elementary School having just completed 5th grade and the D.A.R.E. program. He thanked Officer McGrath for teaching him and his class on how to avoid the bad drugs and how to use appropriately the good drugs prescribed by doctors. He commended Officer McGrath for making a difference in his life and those of all the students who went through the program and thanked the Town of Deerpark for supporting this program. Officer McGrath thanked him and stated he had worked as a NYC Police Officer for 22 years and ran the D.A.R.E. Program for two years. Supervisor Brabenec added that the City of Port Jervis used to offer the program, but now the town does as well and Officer McGrath has done a great job and will continue to do so.

Floyd Babcock – Veteran's Committee Chair introduced Harry Muller as a new member on the Veteran's Committee. He was raised in Sparrowbush. Mr. Muller came up with a great idea and after a lengthy discussion, they agreed on a design for their monument. He also announced a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 6th from 1 to 5 p.m. The cost will be \$12 and \$10 for Seniors. He asked the Board to help them out by all being there. They also want a Veteran's Memorial sign and discussed making it a Tri State Memorial to include more vets. They will also want a ground breaking ceremony. Supervisor Brabenec will ask Al Fusco to contact Floyd re: drawing for the memorial.

Motion to Approve Veteran's Board Chicken BBQ September 6 at Sparrowbush Fire House

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Ken Smith to approve Veteran's Board Chicken BBQ on Saturday, September 6th at the Sparrowbush Fire House.

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Amended motion to add the Chicken BBQ will be a fund raiser for the Veteran's Memorial.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Michael Conklin – He introduced himself as a student of the Port Jervis High School and thanked Town Clerk Florence Santini, stating he has gained support from her in his efforts to help the Honor Flight Veteran's. She is thoughtful and in all she has done, along with Theresa (Tippy) Creggan to help the Honor Flight Veteran's and the Recreation Committee, and the Seniors with the Thanksgiving Dinner, decorating and serving. He and his brother were pleased to work together with her and presented a book and Picture Frame as a memento of those events. Supervisor Brabenec thanked both the boys for all they do.

Motion to Approve Previous Town Board Minutes - June 16, 2014

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Ken Smith to approve previous Town Board Minutes from June 16, 2014.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment Period - None

New Business

Ed Hughson, Highway Superintendent asked for approval to put out two bids for a used sweeper and used bucket truck. Councilman Dean asked what the cost would be and he said it could be as much as \$45,000. Superintendent Brabenec said that they are at the 2% of the budget for equipment. There was \$125,000 budgeted, and he had only spent about \$2,900 so far. Mr. Hughson said they would see what the bids come in as. He said the bucket truck is just not safe anymore. Discussion continued. He will give copies to Flo and she will put the bids in the paper. They will open the bids the day of the next meeting. Councilman Dean asked how much was left in their budget and Supervisor Brabenec said there was approximately \$122,000.

Motion to Approve Highway Superintendent's Request for Bids for Used Sweeper and Used Bucket Truck

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to approve the Highway Superintendent's Bids for Used Sweeper and Used Bucket Truck.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Hughson then said there was communication that FEMA was issuing grants for sweepers and stuff like that. He said the supervisor had a copy of it as well. They could present it to Al Fusco to review and get a cost of what submitting a grant for a sweeper would be. The cost to submit a grant could be costly and they would not know if FEMA would approve the grant. The Supervisor will give it to their Engineer, Al Fusco to look over and advise.

Mr. Hughson mentioned that Mike Galligan, a local business man deals with blue stone and could maybe help the Veteran's with their Memorial. He will give both Floyd and Mr. Galligan a call about it.

Councilman Dean said he has heard a lot of good comments on the good job the Highway Department did on Wilson Road.

Mr. Hughson said it was a three mile road and they tried a different process and the price of oil went up in July, so their costs were more than they anticipated. They had been approved to do Whitehead and Hartwood Club roads, but he may not be able to do Hartwood Club. They have had a lot of calls about pot holes on the Old Greenville Turnpike. More discussion followed.

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Supervisor Brabenec gets phone calls asking for lower speed limits on certain roads and asked the Highway Superintendent for recommendations on how this would be handled. *Mr. Hughson* said that the state would need to be involved and the town would have to pass new resolutions. Supervisor Brabenec would begin with the Resolutions. The state could take years to make a change. He offered to look into it. Discussion followed. Councilman Dean asked about the new Highway Garage and *Mr. Hughson* said it is looking like August 15th may be the opening date. He needs to call Al Schock and get the septic in place.

Supervisor Brabenec read a letter regarding a dangerous building at 1045 Route 209 (SBL 22-1-43) from Al Fusco III (Building Inspector) and Code Enforcement Officer Robert Emerson, recommending demolition or removal of the structure and a copy of the Notice of Violation letter was delivered to the homeowner on May 27, 2014 was attached. The Supervisor said there was no response from the owner(s) and he asked the Town Attorney if the next step would be to schedule a public hearing. Town Attorney Glen Plotsky answered yes, the Town Board schedules a public hearing, the Code Enforcement Officer and Town Engineer report to you what steps are recommended to be taken, the property owner has the right to argue against what is being asked, the Town Board then directs action within a certain amount of time. If the homeowner doesn't comply, the Building Department arranges for the demolition/removal and the next tax bill will have the costs assessed on that property. The Supervisor added that they are made whole on that, if they are not paid. The Town Clerk and the Tax Collector submit paperwork for payment at the end of the year. Town Clerk Flo Santini stated the process is handled at the end of the year. She also said that they don't get a check from the county, but the county takes the amount owed back to the town off the overall taxes the town should pay the county.

Motion to Set Public Hearing on Potential Dangerous Building at 1045 Route 209, Cuddebackville, NY (SBL 22-1-43)

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Ken Smith to set a public hearing on potential dangerous building at 1045 Route 209, Cuddebackville, NY (SBL 22-1-43) on August 4, 2014 at Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Brabenec reported on a letter regarding another dangerous building, next door to the one just discussed. The property is at 1049 Route 209, Cuddebackville, NY (SBL 22-1-44). There have been several code violations.

Motion to Set Public Hearing on Potential Dangerous Building at 1049 Route 209, Cuddebackville, NY (SBL 22-1-44)

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to set a public hearing on a potential dangerous building at 1049 Route 209, Cuddebackville, NY (SBL 22-1-44) on August 4, 2014 at Town Hall 7:45 p.m.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve New Members at Huguenot Fire Company

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Ken Smith, based upon the recommendation of the Membership Committee of the Huguenot Fire Company; approve Shea Walters as a member of the Huguenot Fire Company effective immediately.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Remove Members from Huguenot Fire Company

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by David Dean, to remove from membership of the Huguenot Fire Company, Jeff Lewis, Stephanie Lewis, and Douglas Hilderbrant as per recommendation of the Membership Committee of the Huguenot Fire Company.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

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Motion to Reconfirm Veteran's Board Members

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Arthur Trovei for the remainder of 2014, to appoint the following members of the Veteran's Board effective immediately: Floyd Babcock, Colin Tunney, George Keller, Wilbur Wessilus, Harry Muller, Steve Weiner, Karl Brabenec as Liaison, Flo Santini as Liaison, Christian Farrell as Orange County Veterans' Service Director, Dennis Simmons as Ad Hoc.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Brabenec reported having received \$50,000 as a facilities grant from last year from Senator Bonacic. He explained there is a new round of grants and would like permission to apply for more grants for expansion of Town Hall to move the Police Department there, which is looking like \$400,000.

Motion to Approve Supervisor Applying for Additional \$100,000 Grant Money

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to approve the Supervisor applying for an additional \$100,000 grant money.

Discussion: Councilman Dean asked if we lost the \$50,000 and Supervisor Brabenec said they would not lose the \$50,000 from last year. Whatever money they get will knock off the town's cost.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Appropriations, Budget, and Payment of Bills

Motion to Pay Bills

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to pay bills that have been signed by three council members and may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office.

General Fund Abstract #12 of 2014 in the amount of \$163,895.71
Highway Fund Abstract #12 of 2014 in the amount of \$303,800.12
Fusco Engineering Fund Abstract #10 of 2014 in the amount of \$247.68
Capital Projects Fund Abstract #8 of 2014 in the amount of \$111,804.55 (Running Total \$467,601.27)
Special Revenue Fund Abstract #8 of 2014 in the amount of \$2,575.00

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve Budget Officer's Report for June 2014

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to approve Budget Officer's Report for June 2014.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Trovei – none.

Councilman Dean congratulated both Matthew and Michael Conklin as they both did a good job. Flo did a great job and that is no surprise. He congratulated her and Officer McGrath on their awards.

Councilman Smith - none.

Supervisor Brabenec - none.

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Motion to Enter Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for the Purpose of Discussing Various Contracts

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Ken Smith to Enter Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing various contracts and invite in Attorney Glen Plotsky

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Recess Until 8:45 p.m.

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Ken Smith to recess until 8:45 p.m.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Re-Enter Regular Session at 9:58 p.m.

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to re-enter Regular Session at 9:58 p.m.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 9:59 p.m.

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to adjourn at 9:59 p.m.

VOTE 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSENT: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini, Town Clerk

