

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

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

Invocation by Alan Schock (Participation is Optional)

Attendance

Supervisor: Gary Spears

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

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Engineer: Al Fusco, Jr.

Call to Order at 7:33 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by Ken Smith

Addition or Changes to the Agenda

Motion to Add Legislator Tom Faggione, Highway Superintendent Ed Hughson and Town Clerk Florence Santini to the Agenda

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to add Legislator Tom Faggione, Highway Superintendent Ed Hughson and Town Clerk Florence Santini to the agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Presentation/Communications

Tom Faggione, Legislator reported there wasn't much going on in terms of county interaction with the town on any pressing matters. One matter is the Canal Project, partly owned by the county. The Department Heads at the county government are working on their 2017 budgets and he had a conversation with Parks Commissioner Richard Rose, who is well aware of circumstances in terms of the D & H Canal, and the old part that is in need of water. He said Mr. Rose is recommending adding \$25,000 to his budget line to do some engineering studies on what happened and what they can do to bring water back and what that might cost. He doesn't see any problem with that being passed. He updated on a couple county meetings he attended earlier that day. One meeting had to do with the lowering (county) budget costs with offering retirement buyouts. He wanted to report the county's efforts being mindful of the taxpayers' money. He is always looking out for the taxpayers in Deerpark and Port Jervis and is always available by email and cell phone.

Florence Santini, Town Clerk thanked the Board for hosting the 9/11 Ceremony each year. She thought it was heart-warming to see almost 200 people from around the area here to honor those who lost their lives. This has affected every one of us and she thanked all who made it so special. The Senior Council will provide the free Thanksgiving Dinner for the seniors again on Saturday, November 19th at 3:00 p.m. Kathy Shortell will take care of the Port Jervis groups around 1:00 p.m. This year BRIM Recyclers will donate the 12-14 turkeys. (The first year it was Cuddeback Auto and the second year it was Tenke's Garage.) There will be a free Rabies Clinic on Sunday, October 16th at the Cuddebackville Fire House, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.. Orange County sent out flyers to all the towns, cities and villages in Orange County and it is on the website. The dog enumeration will go out in the mail and she and Theresa (Tippy) will be there to register dogs who are not currently registered. Currently and legally, they are up to 1,706 dogs that are registered in the Town of Deerpark.

Public comment period – None

Department Head Report – *Ed Hughson, Highway Superintendent* reported extensively on the road servicing of just over 5 miles of road they did over the summer. They started with Plank Road (1.43 miles long) which cost \$82,450.91; Hartwood Club Road (.86 miles) which cost \$53,677; Big Pond Road (1.51 miles long) was \$104,779.00; and Franke Road (1.55 miles long) came out to \$96,844.21 with the cold pave and surface treatment. The Hartwood project was paved with the CHIPS Pave New York money they got extra in CHIPS this year. Franke Road (\$75,000 out of the \$96,000 was paid for by the Bonacic Grant they had to use up by this year. The rest of that money came out of general repairs (5110). Plank Road was paid for by CHIPS on the cold pave and so was Big Pond. Joe Gottlieb allowed them to use his property for a staging area for which they were thankful. They repaired a 40 foot long, 24" culvert that was collapsing on Cemetery Road; a 50 foot 15" culvert was

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replaced on Godeffroy Road; and on Big Pond Road another 40 foot 15” had to be replaced there. They have cleaned out ditches of leaves, cut brush, etc. The parks are in good shape and ready for football to start soon. He hopes that in the next couple years, they could get some grants for playground equipment. The Route 42 Bridge should be opening this weekend. Big Pond Bridge will start in October and will be closed down until the end of October, first of November. People will need to follow a seven mile detour. He received information from Metro North about the Shinhollow Bridge and will look at putting a new deck on that.

Town Engineer Al Fusco, Jr. reported also on Big Pond Road. He said they are close to being able to order the precast material for the repair. Once they have an estimated time of arrival for the precast, the contractor will put out detour signs. They got approval from NYS DOT to put up detour signs on Route 209 for alternate routes. They met with Orange & Rockland’s electric and gas divisions and they have coordinated with them. They hope they don’t get a lot of heavy rains. FEMA has fronted them 38% and as they pay money out, they can apply for more funding. They are on budget. He and Ed got together and put in 3 culverts under Bridge New York for 100% grants for Guymaer, Upper Big Pond and Shinhollow. They hope to hear on that soon.

Motion to Approve both August 15, 2016 and September 5, 2016 Board Minutes

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to approve both August 15, 2016 and September 6, 2016 Board Minutes as written.
VOTE: 5 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

Town Attorney Glen Plotsky reported on the Frontier Franchise Agreement about the comments submitted in writing to the Charter, the Time Warner Cable folks. It appears that Frontier made changes where necessary to make their agreement parallel charter, which is required by the law. Supervisor Spears reiterated that Frontier is expanding into cable in the area. By all written understanding they will match whatever Charter Time Warner, within reason has offered and as Glen says is the law. He doesn’t perceive a problem. Councilman Dean thought they covered everything well at the last meeting.

Motion to Approve the Frontier Franchise Agreement

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to approve the Frontier Franchise Agreement subject to a review and agreement with regard to the insurance and indemnification provision.

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

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Motion to Approve Hiring Melanie Baker as a Clerk

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve hiring Melanie Baker as a clerk.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Amended Motion to Approve Hourly Wage of \$12.75 per hour

Amended motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve the hourly wage for Melanie Baker of \$12.75 per hour.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve New Member Victor Valentin of Huguenot Fire Company

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve new member Victor Valentin of the Huguenot Fire Company as recommended by the Huguenot Membership Committee.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

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Motion to Pay Bills and Accept Budget Officer's Report

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by Ken Smith 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 #17 of 2016 in the amount of \$164,712.07
Highway Fund Abstract #17 of 2016 in the amount of \$104,586.52
Fusco Engineering Fund Abstract #12 of 2016 in the amount of \$1,419.00
Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #11 of 2016 in the amount of \$590.50

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

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Schock thanked Flo for the 9/11 Ceremony saying it was very good. The sound system wasn't very good.

Councilman Smith thanked Tom Faggione for his service...he sees him everywhere and commented he is young and energetic. He thanked Flo for the great job the other day, she did a great job. He thought they needed a better sound system because more than half the people couldn't hear. Supervisor Spears said they are putting money for one in the new budget.

Councilman Dean announced that on Tuesday, October 25th, at the Elks Lodge, there will be a blood drive for Bob Emerson, the Building Inspector. He'll have more details in the future. He asked that everyone roll up their sleeves and participate. He was glad Time Warner was going to have a little competition when it comes to Cable TV. It's good for them and very good for the residents. He realizes it will be a process and take some time. He thinks they'll do quite well. He then told Flo she really knows how to run a ceremony when it comes to 9/11. It is so rewarding to be in a community like this where people come ... he has no idea where they come from. People are moved by what happened, but they are very moved when they come here because the ceremony is great. He knows the supervisor and the legislator had to go to other ceremonies ... he thanked Flo.

Councilman Trovei wasn't able to be here, but he said that when you watch some of the programs they have on and you think about the firemen and policemen running towards those buildings ... God bless them for their efforts and their bravery. It's amazing. He thanked Flo and asked her to tell her crew great job.

Supervisor Spears thanked Flo and thanked her for the honor to host it. She did a great job, the ceremony and the camaraderie afterwards ... and feeding those 200 people at the Senior Center. Everything was donated and her volunteers were there ... everyone did a great job. He then thanked Tom and said it is nice to hear what is going on in the county. He welcomed Frontier and welcomed the competition and wished them well. He asked Ed to thank his men. He said it was another good year and they have gotten more paving done in the past couple years than they have done in a long, long time. It is good for the residents and he appreciates it.

Legislator Faggione asked to comment on one more thing. He said that one of the volunteers who lives in the Town of Deepark, Michael Conklin, broke his leg at the football game that weekend, and asked to keep him in their thoughts.

Motion to Enter Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Tax Certioraris at 8:30

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing tax certioraris after a 10 minute recess, and invite in the Town Engineer, Al Fusco and Town Attorney, Glen Plotsky at 8:30 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Re-enter Regular Session at 9:20 p.m.

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to re-enter regular session at 9:20 p.m.

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

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Motion to Adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by Ken Smith to adjourn at 9:20 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