

TOWN OF DEERPARK BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011
Meeting was held at Town Hall, 420 Route 209, Huguenot, NY 12746

Attendance

Supervisor: Karl Brabenec

Councilmember's: Gary Spears, Arthur Trovei, David Hoovler, David Dean

Attorney: William Bavoso, David Bavoso

Invocation: Arthur Trovei

Call to Order at 7:36 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by Arthur Trovei

Additions or Changes to Agenda – None

Opening Board Comments

Supervisor Brabenec announced receiving the Final Edited version of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and has a hard copy and computer copy that he promised to distribute a copy to the council members after the meeting. He asked the councilmembers to examine the plan the next two weeks before their next meeting. They would invite the engineer who did the plan along with some FEMA representatives and/or Orange County Emergency Management to talk a little about what this mitigation plan means to the Town of Deerpark residents and what the next steps are. He went on to say they would need a resolution stating they adopted the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which would be sent to FEMA for final approval.

Presentations/Communications – None

Supervisor Brabenec reported that the councilman from the Town of Mt. Hope was supposed to talk about the shared services agreement for the Dog Control Officer (DCO), but he was not there. Councilman Spears asked the supervisor if he and Mr. Yonskie had completed a report yet with the hard numbers. Supervisor Brabenec stated they did not have that report yet, but hope to have that as soon as possible.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings – None

Public Comment Period – None

Ed Hughson – Highway Department Superintendent gave a verbal report of their work since the storms. Greenville Turnpike had a culvert replaced that was damaged in Tropical Storm Lee, and that was 95% done; Black Rock Trail was about 95% completed; Upper Brook Road was about 75%-80%. A lot of work was still needed on Cahoonzie Road; Kennel Road; Peenpack Trail; Galley Hill; Prospect Hill and the biggest concern was Big Pond Road. They have received a lot of calls about the culvert. They have been waiting on FEMA for a long time to check some of these situations out and they haven't heard anything from them yet and it puts people 8 to 12 miles out of their way. He asked if there was a way to find a solution before winter. Discussion followed. He clarified that FEMA separated out the two storms (Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Lee) and typically the money is spent then reimbursed. The Town Board advised Mr. Hughson to get the pipe he needed to repair Big Pond Road before the winter season sets in. He asked everyone to be patient. More discussion happened regarding getting help for road work. Councilman Spears asked whether employees were trying to use their vacation time so they didn't lose it and Mr. Hughson offered to ask them. The council offered to work with them to keep their projects moving forward. They asked if he had a laborer and he did not. It was clearly stated they would move ahead with a plastic pipe for the road and Mr. Hughson would convey to the supervisor when it would be ready for bid. The Highway Department will provide updated information on their roadwork and put it on the website, Facebook, etc.

Old Business – None

New Business

Supervisor Brabenec mentioned the resolution for the Supervisor to sign the 2012 UDC Grant for \$4,500.00 as they heard from the Upper Delaware Council that their Technical Assistance Grant was accepted. Florence Santini, Town Clerk went to their meeting and presented their request and did a fantastic job. The Town Engineer put the grant application together and it is for an Update and Codification of the Town's Zoning Law for the amount of \$4,500.00 and needs to be done by July 24th 2012.

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Motion to Approve Resolution 38 of 2012 – Authorizing Supervisor to Sign 2012 UDC Grant for \$4,500.00

Motion by David Hoovler, 2nd by Gary Spears to adopt Resolution 38 of 2012 – Authorizing Supervisor to Sign 2012 UDC Grant for \$4,500.00.

VOTE: 5 AYES (Roll Call): Gary Spears, Arthur Trovei, David Hoovler, David Dean, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Set Public Hearing on 2012 Preliminary Budget for Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by David Hoovler to set a Public Hearing on the 2012 Preliminary Budget for Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., which is typically the Thursday following Election Day.

VOTE: 5 AYES: Gary Spears, Arthur Trovei, David Hoovler, David Dean, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Brabenec mentioned that longtime representative Phil Chase and Alternate Mel Decker have retired as of September 1st on the UDC. They received a letter of interest from Councilman Dave Dean.

Motion to Appoint David Dean as the Representative for the Upper Delaware Council

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to appoint David Dean as the Upper Delaware Council Representative for the remainder of 2011.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Gary Spears, Arthur Trovei, David Hoovler, Karl Brabenec

1 ABSTENTION: David Dean

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Brabenec mentioned another letter expressing interest in serving as an Alternate on the UDC from Virginia Dudko.

Motion to Appoint Virginia Dudko as the Alternate for the Upper Delaware Council

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by David Dean to appoint Virginia Dudko as the Alternate for the Upper Delaware Council.

VOTE: 5 AYES: Gary Spears, Arthur Trovei, David Hoovler, David Dean, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Brabenec stated that both David Dean and Virginia Dudko need to take an Oath of Office in the next 30 days. He will also notify the UDC Representatives of the new representatives.

Supervisor Brabenec received a letter from the Port Jervis Elks Lodge #645 renewing their liquor license effective October 1, 2011.

Motion to Approve Acknowledgement for Elks Lodge Liquor License Renewal

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to approve acknowledgement for Elks Lodge Liquor License Renewal.

VOTE: 5 AYES: Gary Spears, Arthur Trovei, David Hoovler, David Dean, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

Motion to pay bills:

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by David Dean, to pay bills that have been signed by three council members, and would announce the totals at the September 12 meeting. Bills may be viewed in the Town Clerk's office.

General Fund Abstract #20 of 2011 for a total of \$97,881.72

Highway Fund Abstract #20 of 2011 for a total of \$57,528.48

Deerpark Manor Lighting District Fund Abstract #10 of 2011 for a total of \$370.21

Schoolhouse Abstract #5 of 2011 for a total of \$90.00

VOTE: 5 AYES: Gary Spears, Arthur Trovei, David Hoovler, David Dean, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Spears thanked Ed Hughson and his men for their hard work and recommended he try to get some extra help. They will look into things to help them get moving along.

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Councilman Trovei acknowledged the Highway Department has a major challenge going and hoped people would be as patient as they can. They are trying to be very careful with the tax dollars that they don't spend money they might not get reimbursed for.

Councilman Dean thanked Virginia Dudko for her offer to help serve the town. This is what citizenry is supposed to do. He looked forward to working with her. To update on the pipeline, they were in the final stages of the pipeline installation. He thought about 90% of the work was done and they would be testing the lines to the river soon. They should be done by mid-November with the final restoration. He said that there is a part of the pipeline (1.5 miles) that runs through Boehlmer Park and while it is a public park, people are not allowed to run four wheelers or snowmobiles through there. They are trying to get the soil to seed. He asked for respect of the gates and fences. He reminded the sports people that bow season was open for big game and mentioned there is no hunting allowed in Boehlmer Park.

Councilman Hoover commended the members of the board about the press release regarding Deerpark being underneath the tax cap, stating right where they are in the budget process. The tentative budget went out and was under the 2% tax cap. He thought the Hazard Mitigation Plan is pretty impressive. In regards to hunter safety, he urged hunters to harness themselves to their trees. He encouraged people to attend the Preliminary Budget Hearing as they would like to hear their input, and changes can be made based on their input.

Supervisor Brabenec reminded everyone that November 7th would be the next meeting and they would be discussing the Hazard Mitigation Plan and possible considering a resolution to adopt the plan. November 10th will be the Public Hearing on the 2012 Preliminary Budget. If anyone has any questions, they should let him know. He also mentioned that Halloween was coming up and asked people to be safe.

Motion to Enter Executive Session for Humane Society/PBA Contracts and Deerpark Village at 8:24 p.m.

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears to enter Executive Session for the purpose of Humane Society Contract Negotiations, PBA contracts discussion regarding personnel and Deerpark Village potential litigation, and to invite in Town Attorneys Bill Bavoso and David Bavoso at 8:24 p.m.

VOTE: 5 AYES: Gary Spears, Arthur Trovei, David Hoover, David Dean, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Re-Enter Regular Session at 9:14 p.m.

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears to re-enter Regular Session at 9:14 p.m.

VOTE: 5 AYES: Gary Spears, Arthur Trovei, David Hoover, David Dean, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

VOTE: 5 AYES: Gary Spears, Arthur Trovei, David Hoover, David Dean, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by

Florence T. Santini
Town Clerk