

**TOWN OF DEERPARK SPECIAL MEETING**  
**PUBLIC HEARING – 2013 BUDGET**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012**  
Meeting was held at Town Hall 420 Route 209, Huguenot, NY 12746

**Attendance:**

**Supervisor:** Karl Brabenec

**Councilmember's:** Gary Spears, David Dean, David Hoovler

**Absent:** Arthur Trovei

**Invocation:** Gary Spears

**Call to order** at 7: 47 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** David Hoovler

**Additions or Changes to Agenda - None**

**Motion to Give Permission to Police Chief to Hire 3 Part Time Police Officers**

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Spears to give permission to Police Chief to Hire 3 Part Time Police Officers - Keith P. Reynolds, Enrico J. Depasquale, Francesco Malave, under the conditions they have a satisfactory interview and also pass the required background checks.

Discussion: Councilman Spears stated they found they needed some more part time officers. A couple of the part time officers that did a lot of the work are leaving shortly to go to another job. They have one or two out on disability. It is a good thing to allow the Chief to interview them and do background check on them and if it is satisfactory they hire them. Councilman Dean added that these are part time officers being paid with no benefits. There is no pension from the Town of Deerpark.

Councilman Spears clarified that every time they work, there is money paid into the New York State Pension Fund. They will not be receiving post-employment benefits from the town, only from the state. The Town will fund those benefits for the hours that they work as required by law. Supervisor Brabenec clarified that this motion would give the Chief permission to hire before the next meeting these specific individuals and only if they have a satisfactory interview and background check.

**VOTE: 4 AYES:** Gary Spears, David Dean, David Hoovler, Karl Brabenec

**1 ABSENT:** Arthur Trovei

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Change the 2013 Preliminary Budget – Line Item 962A (Employee Benefit Accrued Liability)**

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Spears to change the 2013 Preliminary Budget: Line Item 962A (Employee Benefit Accrued Liability) - change it from the \$2,000.00 to zero dollars.

**VOTE: 4 AYES:** Gary Spears, David Dean, David Hoovler, Karl Brabenec

**1 ABSENT:** Arthur Trovei

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Change the 2013 Preliminary Budget – Highway Appropriated Fund Balance**

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Hoovler to change the 2013 Preliminary Budget - Highway Appropriated Fund Balance from \$117,500.00 to \$146,750.00.

**VOTE: 4 AYES:** Gary Spears, David Dean, David Hoovler, Karl Brabenec

**1 ABSENT:** Arthur Trovei

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Change the 2013 Preliminary Budget – Line Item 6772.4 (Seniors)**

Motion by Gary Spears, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean to change the 2013 Preliminary Budget – Line Item 6772.4 (Seniors) adding \$2,000.00 from \$2,400.00 to \$4,400.00.

**VOTE: 4 AYES:** Gary Spears, David Dean, David Hoovler, Karl Brabenec

**1 ABSENT:** Arthur Trovei

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Motion to Change the 2013 Preliminary Budget - Line Item A5010.4 (Park Maintenance Supervisor)**

Motion by David Hoovler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Spears to change the 2013 Preliminary Budget – Line A5010.4 (Park Maintenance Supervisor) from \$6,000.00 to \$7,500.00.

**VOTE: 4 AYES:** Gary Spears, David Dean, David Hoovler, Karl Brabenec

**1 ABSENT:** Arthur Trovei

**MOTION CARRIED**

Public Hearing Opened for 2013 Preliminary Budget at 7:54 p.m.

Florence T. Santini, Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing (Attached to the Official Minutes)

Public Comment – None

Councilman Spears commented on how hard the Budget Officer worked very hard to get this budget together and it is at the State Comptroller's waiting for final recommendations, but at right now it is at zero percent tax increase to the residents in the town. He also thanked Councilmen Dean, Hoovler and Trovei for the amount of time put into it to get a balanced budget that didn't include an increase to their tax payers.

Supervisor Brabenec also thanked the town board members for their hard work on the budget. He said when they look at the budget and the tax levy change; they are at a zero percent. This incorporates both the street lighting district for Deerpark Manor and also the Huguenot Fire Protection District that is included in the calculation. According to the state, they will be lower on that percentage than the zero percent—negative .3%. They have been proposing budgets that have been lowering taxes the past three years and he commended each member of the town board for working really hard and looking out for the tax payers. This wasn't the case 4 or 5 years ago. There were tax increases and upset people. Now, they should see this is fiscally responsible. They can't pass the budget tonight because they are still waiting for recommendations from the State Comptroller's Office, then they will have 10 days to review that. They do have a Special Meeting scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> specifically to pass the budget.

Councilman Hoovler added that he was with the State Comptroller's Office the other morning for an hour and a half; she had questions but not comments. They levy will be zero and the Highway and General is lower than zero. Their tightening the belt really says a lot.

Councilman Dean thanked Supervisor Brabenec for his hard work as their Budget Officer and said his leadership has shown through here. He also thanked his fellow councilmen for their hard work and they owe this to the people of the town. He hoped they appreciated it.

**Motion to Close Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.**

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Spears to close the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.

**VOTE: 4 AYES:** Gary Spears, David Dean, David Hoovler, Karl Brabenec

**1 ABSENT:** Arthur Trovei

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

Motion by Gary Spears, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**VOTE: 4 AYES:** Gary Spears, David Dean, David Hoovler, Karl Brabenec

**1 ABSENT:** Arthur Trovei

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini  
Town Clerk