

**TOWN OF DEERPARK  
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

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

**Invocation** by Arthur Trovei (Participation is Optional)

**Attendance:**

**Supervisor:** Gary Spears

**Councilmen:** David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith

**Absent:** Alan Schock

**Attorney (Absent):** Glen Plotsky

**Engineer:** Al Fusco, Jr.

**Also in Attendance:** Highway Superintendent Ed Hughson

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Ken Smith

**Call to Order:** 7:31 p.m.

Additions/Deletions

Supervisor Spears deleted the Approval of Minutes for November 4<sup>th</sup> as they are not available yet. He'll put it on the next agenda.

**Motion to Delete Approval of November 4, 2019 Board Minutes from the Agenda**

Motion by David Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arthur Trovei to delete approval of November 4, 2019 Board Minutes from the agenda.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Ken Smith, David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**

**ABSENT: Alan Schock**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Presentations/Communications

*Town Clerk Florence Santini* congratulated everyone who won their election. She thought overall everything went smooth. She mentioned next year there will be three elections and three times of early voting. The Senior Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday was very nice. Bill and Vicky Harris put on a very good spread with plenty of food. They had 114 seniors, not including the volunteers from the school. The seniors love interacting with the school students. Karl Brabenec and Mike Martucci worked serving and chatting with everyone. The extra food was sent to the two police departments (TOD/Port Jervis). Mike Martucci said his foundation would help them again next year. Councilman Dean asked her if the state was tracking the voting turnout in regards to the availability of early voting—whether more came out and then what the extra cost was. Flo said there wasn't a precedent to compare it to. She thought Newburgh and perhaps Monroe had better turnouts, but they had more population. She thinks Board of Elections will start. They staff polling sites nine days before the election for early voting. The county pays for it. The hours differed daily and they didn't use all the polling places. They should have all the statistics after the affidavits are counted. She also mentioned the Holiday Lighting Contest in December. She asked for permission to advertise the contest to put on the website.

Supervisor Spears announced that Thanksgiving Day the Town Hall will be closed both Thursday and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Department Head Report

*Highway Superintendent Ed Hughson* said they've been hauling in sand and they are finishing up some patching of blacktop they had to do. They are grading the Reservoir Road and Box Baum, Peenpack Trail to Academy Avenue due to the ruts in the road. The trucks are all ready to go. They ordered the two Mason Dump Trucks for next year. They hope they'll get there by the end of winter. They are still waiting on the pickup that was supposed to arrive a couple weeks ago. The park is closed up.

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Old Business

Supervisor Spears said he would go through the 2020 Budget and he wrote the changes down for them and gave them an updated copy of what the changes are. He read through the changes and took questions and they voted at the end. They will have a 1/4 % decrease in taxes, thankful to the economy and increase in sales tax. They'll try to stay frugal.

General Fund

Page 2 – A1355 – P/T Clerk in Assessor's Office – The amount changed from 28,000 and was reduced to the actual number to 25,400.

Page 3 – A1420.4 – Attorney Contractual – The contract with a 2 % increase, so he changed the 50,000 to 60,000. They may not reach that, but sometimes there are extras he bills for like court cases, so he feels that cushion is needed.

Page 4 – A1670.4 – Central Printing & Mailing – He reduced the 10,000 to 8,000 because they are using electronic mail more.

Page 4 – A1680.4 – Data/Payroll Processing – He increased for the added work they're doing from 9,000 to 11,000.

Page 4 – A1940.4 – Purchase of Land – This is a new item they will discuss later about a piece of land next to the Senior Center/Highway Garage, Space Drive is on that land, and they've been given permission to use that land for a long time. The landowner now wants to sell it and they think it is a reasonable price. He added \$75,000 into the budget for that purchase.

Page 6 – A3510.1 – Dog Control Officer – has been at 9,500 and changed to 8,500 since it never goes as high as 9,500.

Page 7 – A5050.1 – Park Maintenance Supervisor – accidentally was not given an increase from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Page 9 – A8020.1 – Planning & Zoning Clerk – Raised from 5,800 to 6,600 – it is a combination of Planning Board and the ZBA Board.

Page 11 – A1081 – Payments in Lieu of Tax They needed to increase by 11,000 from 42,000 to 53,000.

Page 11 – 1170 – Cable Franchise – Decreasing from 120,000 to 110,000.

Page 11 – A1560 – Safety Insurance – They had the two big solar projects coming on line, so he raised it to 95,000.

Page 11 – A2401 – Interest & Earnings – They did some banking negotiations and raised it from 16,000 to 25,000.

Page 11 – A2610 – Fines and Forfeited Bail – The Courts have been doing much better – raised it 130,000 to 135,000. That is the money they keep and don't pass on to the state. That is the local share. It is conservative.

Page 11 – A2410 – Rent of Real Property – They signed up with another carrier for the cell tower and that gives the town another 12,000, but the town doesn't receive that money until they are on line. Decreasing 60,000 to 48,000.

Page 12 – A3005 – Mortgage Tax – Economy is good and they want to increase 80,000 to 90,000.

Page 12 – Appropriated Fund Balance at the bottom – Raise from 225,000 to 250,000.

Highway Fund

Page 1 – DA5140.42 – Fuel – Raising it from 45,000 to 50,000.

Page 2 – DA1120 – Sales Tax – Raising it from 350,000 to 360,000.

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Page 3 – Appropriated Fund Balance changed from 155,000 to 185,000 to make sure everything works out well. It is still lower than last year.

**Motion to Adopt 2020 Town of Deerpark Budget**

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to Adopt the 2020 Town of Deerpark Budget.

Discussion: Arthur Trovei liked what the Supervisor was doing and appreciated being conservative and they have something to give back next year. Supervisor Spears said that if they ever do take too much or they do something really good, they'll just give it back next year. David Dean said like home budgets, this is what we have, this is what we should spend and not spend as much as you could. He said you spend money on what you don't need. If you have enough money you spend money on what you do need. He appreciated the work here. Supervisor Spears said there was good cooperation with the Department Heads and it made it easier for him to do his job. He said they do have \$50,000 in contingency in case there is an emergency. It could be used for almost anything.

**VOTE: 4 AYES (Roll Call): Ken Smith, David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**

**ABSENT: Alan Schock**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve Resolution 9 of 2019 – Certificate of Insurance for the Tax Collector**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean to approve Resolution 9 of 2019 – Certificate of Insurance for the Tax Collector required by the State and Orange County.

**VOTE: 4 AYES (Roll Call): Ken Smith, David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**

**ABSENT: Alan Schock**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor Spears announced that he has begun negotiations for the availability of two and half acres now offered for \$75,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Space, that has a town road on it and is located next to the Highway Garage and Senior Center Building. It makes sense to begin the effort to purchase it and it will probably be on the agenda next meeting and give the citizens the opportunity if they don't think it is a good idea to file for a permissive referendum. They'll have a vote. He thought it was a very good deal for the town. They have been using it. It would be valuable if they ever expand. That's his opinion.

**Motion to Approve the Holiday Lighting Contest**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arthur Trovei to approve the Holiday Lighting Contest.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Ken Smith, David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**

**ABSENT: Alan Schock**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

**Motion to Pay Bills**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arthur Trovei to pay bills that have been signed by three council members and accept the Budget Officer's Report and all may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office.

General Fund Abstract #22 of 2019 in the amount of \$68,701.86  
Highway Fund Abstract #22 of 2019 in the amount of \$38,278.55  
Deerpark Street Lighting Fund Abstract #11 of 2019 in the amount of \$315.51  
Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #13 of 2019 in the amount of \$223.64

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Ken Smith, David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**

**ABSENT: Alan Schock**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Closing Board Comments

Councilman Trovei said “great job” on the budget again ... It was good to give the taxpayers a break while building things. He thanked all the people who worked here, the employees and other elected people willing to make that happen. It’s a team effort. He thanked Al too. He wished everybody a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Dean said he appreciated Gary’s work and once again he thinks they are on track here and they need to keep at it.

Councilman Smith said great job ... not having taxes go up while other are. He thought they were doing a pretty good job keeping things steady and on course. He appreciated all the work the town employees do. It’s a team effort and it’s great. He also said Happy Thanksgiving.

Supervisor Spears thanked the board for all their help during the year and he singled out Flo for doing so many things. He congratulated her on another successful Senior Dinner. He thanked her for her efforts. He also thanked her for the Holiday Decorations. It’s a good time for everybody. He thanked Ed and said he hoped it didn’t snow and ice too much. He thanked Al.

**Motion to Adjourn at 8:03 p.m.**

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Ken Smith, David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**

**ABSENT: Alan Schock**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini  
Town Clerk