

**TOWN OF DEERPARK  
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019**

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

**Invocation** by Alan Schock (Participation is Optional)

**Attendance:**

**Supervisor:** Gary Spears

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

**Attorney:** Glen Plotsky

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** David Dean

**Call to Order:** 7:33 p.m.

Additions/Deletions

Supervisor Spears wants to add the donation to the Port Jervis Annexation Project to the Agenda.

Presentations/Communications

Supervisor Spears reminded everyone that the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting has been moved from December 16<sup>th</sup> to December 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. for the yearly Close-Out Meeting.

*Florence Santini, Town Clerk* announced the Holiday Lighting Contest is set for the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>, with the winner to be announced on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. She will publicize the contest.

Supervisor Spears announced that Hanukkah will be celebrated at Town Hall at 3:45 p.m. each night the building is open.

Public Comment: None

Department Head Report

*Co-Historians Lynn Burns and Norma Schadt* reported (Report is attached to the Official Minutes). Ms. Burns said they want to develop a new general history tour bus of Deerpark instead of just Joseph Brandt. They want to include the canal, railroads, movies, cemeteries and they will spend the winter developing that. Some displays in the museum will be changed. They are hoping to get their flag mailbox painted. They are optimistic. The bulk of the inquiries they get at the museum are for genealogical records and she explains the complexities of the areas historical boundaries and promote the archives of Minisink Valley Historical Society, and the Orange County Genealogical Society in Goshen. Ms. Burns said that due to several personal reasons, she is stepping down as co-historian. She will be taking on the chairmanship of the Museum Board from 2020 to 2022 and would like to personally thank Danielle Glynn, Ed Hughson of the Highway Department and the Town Board for their continued help and support.

*Ed Hughson, Highway Superintendent* reported they had a lot of snow and they had some minor breakdowns, trees and wires down. Power is back on at the town, but Peenpack is still out. Their new pickup came in that day. They are having it checked out.

**Motion to Approve November 4, 2019 and November 18, 2019 Board Minutes**

Motion by David Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arthur Trovei to approve the November 4, 2019 and November 18, 2019 Board Minutes.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

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New Business

Supervisor Spears the Zoning Board Agenda item would be handled at the Reorganization meeting January 6<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that his office has sent out canvas letters for the new Police Department Clerk in regards to the Evidence Disclosure to the District Attorney's Office. They are looking for a 20-hour a week clerk, good with computers and sending electronic files, etc. That is a Civil Service job and they also put out another call for full time police officer.

Supervisor Spears added the Annexation to the Agenda. He spoke with Kelly Decker earlier and he has had two meetings with Port Jervis, and the only two remaining applicants in the Annexation, Paul and Keith Service from Equity Homes for land behind Easy Way Beverage. They are looking to have that annexed to Port Jervis for sewer and water. They are looking at a Hotel/Restaurant pad, possibly a movie theater and now possibly a big box store. They are in the process of ordering a study by Barton & Loguidice. Also Dicks Concrete is still involved. They are looking to get the piece off of Ryan Street in Port Jervis, so they can get water and sewer and open that up for light manufacturing. The cost of the study is somewhere around \$75,000. Port Jervis has approved \$10,000 to kick in. They asked Deerpark to kick in \$10,000 also and both the applicants will kick in \$25,000. He didn't put it in the budget for the coming year, but he can get it out of contingency.

Councilman Dean asked if there were any more details on the study. Mr. Spears said it is very detailed with the annexation law in New York. You have to do a study with a SEQR and traffic study, economic study for both towns, a study on the tax base for both towns, and a number of things. They think it is a good investment to pursue it. These are both vacant lands at this point and they are hoping to get some economic development out of them.

Councilman Trovei asked if they were still going to be 50/50 on this. Mr. Spears said they would maintain a road for both properties, but owned by the Town of Deerpark. They would share the ratables 50/50 with Port Jervis. Deerpark would get their 50% for maintenance and upkeep of the roads.

Councilman Smith asked if they would get the state aid for the roads. Mr. Spears said they would and it would be for Deerpark.

Councilman Dean asked if they would build the road. Mr. Spears said the applicants would be building the roads up to town specs.

Councilman Schock asked if it comes over \$70,000, what would they do. Mr. Spears said they talked about \$15,000 at one point and the Port Jervis Council approved \$10,000 and Deerpark won't pay anymore than they do. The applicants will pay the difference.

Councilman Trovei asked about where the water and sewage system would go and Mr. Spears said he didn't know if it would be in the road or off to the side. He asked about the town's responsibility for repairing the road if it is under the road. Discussion continued.

**Motion to Approve Spending up to \$10,000 on the Annexation Comprehension Study**

Motion by David Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to approve spending up to \$10,000 on the Annexation Comprehension Study.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

**Motion to Pay Bills**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock 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 #23 of 2019 in the amount of \$356,695.56

Highway Fund Abstract #23 of 2019 in the amount of \$136,389.90

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Supervisor Spears explained they pre-pay the pensions 2020 in December 2019. All the pensions for all the employees are paid for next year, along with health insurance.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Dean said he's excited about the agreement with Port Jervis and the shared situation. These things have the tendency to creep along and they'll probably have a lot of homework before it all happens.

Councilman Trovei said the snow is challenging—he sees the beauty of the Lord.

Councilman Smith thanked the ladies from the Museum and it was great to hear of people enjoying the area.

Councilman Schock thanked Norma and Lynn and said he loved going there.

Supervisor Spears thanked the ladies (Norma and Lynn) for such a great job. They will try to get on those things they need and appreciate their work. He thanked Ed for building them a nice ramp. He thanked Ed and the Highway guys for the good roads. He thanked Flo for the Holiday Contest and he thanked Glen.

**Motion to Enter Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Roads**

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing roads and invite in the Highway Superintendent Ed Hughson, after a short recess.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Re-enter Regular Session at 9:06 p.m.**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to re-enter Regular Session at 9:06 p.m.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Adjourn at 9:10 p.m.**

Motion to Adjourn by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence Santini  
Town Clerk