



TOWN OF DEERPARK

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RESOLUTION #18 OF 2015

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

WHEREAS, a reliable transportation infrastructure is vital for the safety of New York's travelling public and its economy; and

WHEREAS, Eighty-Five (85%) Percent of New York's roads and bridges are maintained by local governments; and

WHEREAS, despite well-timed and targeted preventative maintenance treatments, the age and condition of many of our locally-owned transportation assets (roads and bridges) means that they are beyond preservation and in need of much more costly rehabilitation and reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, estimates by the State Comptroller, Department of Transportation (DOT), and independent studies show a large portion of road mileage is deteriorating and many bridges in the State are rated to be structurally deficient and functionally obsolete; and

WHEREAS, the State Comptroller estimates that there will be Eighty-Nine Billion 00/100 Dollars (\$89,000,000,000.00) in unmet local infrastructure needs over the next Twenty (20) Years; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways commissioned its own Fifteen (15) Year analysis that indicates an annual funding gap of One Billion Three Hundred Million 00/100 Dollars (\$1,300,000,000.00) the local system (excluding NYC) alone; and

WHEREAS, funding for the local system, as it pertains to the Town of Deerpark, has been far short of what is needed, making the Town of Deerpark fall further and further behind in maintaining the vast and aging transportation infrastructure located within the Town over this long period with severe consequences for conditions ratings within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program (CHIPs) provides essential funding for every municipality in the state and is part of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) capital program; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1990's the Governor and Legislature created the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund (DHBTF) to pay for the NYSDOT capital program, and the Dedicated Mass Transit Trust Fund (DMTTF) to assist with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and other transit systems' capital programs; and

WHEREAS, when the DHBTF was created, it was agreed by the Governor and Legislature that the NYSDOT and MTA Five-Year (5-Year) capital programs would be similar in size and would be negotiated concurrently; and

WHEREAS, and as a result, through 2006-2009, both Five-Year (5-Year) capital programs were similar in size and adopted within months of each other; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Executive and Legislature broke traditional parity and enacted a Five-Year (5-Year) capital program for the MTA but not the NYSDOT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Deerpark, County of Orange, State of New York, calls upon the Governor and the members of the New York State Legislature to make additional state funding and resources available at levels that accurately reflect the critical needs of local roads and bridges and to increase CHIPs funding in the 2016-2017 state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Deerpark, County of Orange, State of New York, calls upon the Governor and the members of the New York State Legislature to fully fund and submit a new NYSDOT Five-Year (5-Year) transportation capital plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Deerpark, County of Orange, State of New York, calls upon the Governor and the members of the New York State Legislature to recognize the equality of roads, bridges and transit by restoring funding equality between the MTA and NYSDOT Five-Year (5-Year) programs and by voting on the plans simultaneously.

DATED: December 7, 2015

Motion to Adopt Resolution 18 of 2015

Moved by David Dean 2nd by Ken Smith

Roll Call: 5 Ayes:

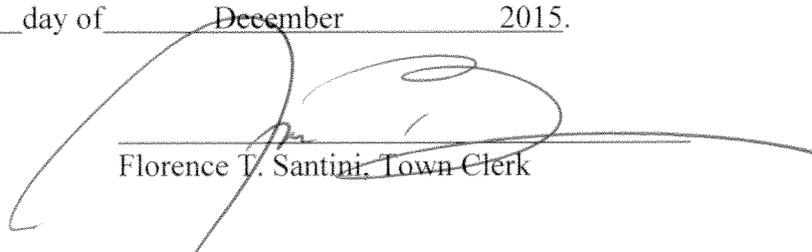
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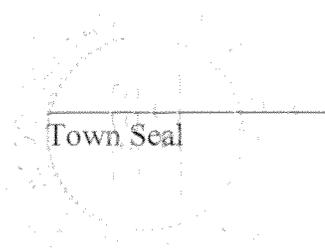
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Deerpark this 7th day of December 2015.



Florence T. Santini, Town Clerk


Town Seal