

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD ANNUAL AUDIT/REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020**
Meeting was held at Town Hall, 420 Route 209, Huguenot, New York 12746

Invocation by Gary Spears (Participation is Optional)

Attendance:

Supervisor: Gary Spears

Councilmen: David Dean, Ken Smith

Absent: Alan Schock, Arthur Trovei

Pledge of Allegiance: John Wulff

Call to Order: 2:30 p.m.

Annual Internal Audit

The Department Heads: Judge Wulff, Supervisor Spears, Tax Collector/Town Clerk Florence Santini and Judge Osowick all presented their books, reviewed by Supervisor Spears according to the New York State guidelines provided, along with the councilmen. The information was taken by Supervisor Spears and read for the record. (Councilman David Dean reviewed and took information for the Supervisor's books.) The board members looked over the books and found them to be in order. Each Department Head answered all questions satisfactorily and the board signed off on their books.

Presentations/Communications

Supervisor Spears announced that Town Hall will be closed Monday, January 20, 2020 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only

Grace Woodard commented on old business. She wanted to know what the DEC was doing about the Wexlars property and what they could arrange with the town and the owner Mr. Spears said that a letter was sent that day from the Building Department. The Aid requested a meeting with him and the Building Department. They sent him a letter saying they need to have a written release from the New York State DEC, or they cannot issue any permits. They are waiting on the DEC. She inquired of funds from the county that come for the community or capital improvement and she wondered if a small amount could be set aside for the Smart Growth Neighborhood Improvement with plantings or walkways in this hamlet in the future.

New Business

Motion to Approve New P/T Police Department Records Clerk – Sandra Torres

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to approve Sandra Torres as the new P/T Police Department Records Clerk position as recommended by the Police Chief, for 20 hours a week.

Discussion: Councilman Dean asked how much she would be paid and it was \$13.00 or \$13.50 an hour.

VOTE: 3 AYES: David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears

2 ABSENT: Alan Schock, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears explained the Inter-Municipal Agreement between Port Jervis and Deerpark for shared taxes. The annexation property allows them to receive half of the tax revenue of the new ratables. Deerpark will maintain the road that goes to both properties--that's how legally they can share taxes with another municipal entity. The proposal was given to their attorney and he has approved it.

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Motion to Approve Inter-Municipal Agreement Between Port Jervis and Town of Deerpark – Shared Taxes

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the City of Port Jervis and the Town of Deerpark for shared taxes of annexation properties.

Discussion: Councilman Dean asked if there was a number and Supervisor Spears said no, but could say it was 50/50. Depending on whatever the future ratables are going to be, the town will receive half of them. He said their part of that is to maintain a road that will be built and paid for by the developers and then they will keep it plowed, gutters and sanding, etc. The city will get other things besides their half of ratables, they will receive the sewer fees, the water provided and police protection as their part of the ratables. The Deerpark police will travel the roads and handle traffic violations. Right now, the properties to be annexed: one is raw land and the other has buildings that mostly have been demolished. The proposal for one is a light industry and the other is a proposal for hotel and restaurant. So, substantial ratables could come into play now. One is ready to go, the other has to be done by Port Jervis.

VOTE: 3 AYES (Roll Call): David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears
2 ABSENT: Alan Schock, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept Resignation of Police Officer Christine Garry

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to accept the Letter of Resignation from Police Officer Christine Garry.

VOTE: 3 AYES: David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears
2 ABSENT: Alan Schock, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

Motion to Pay Bills

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to pay bills that have been signed by three council members and all may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office. The Budget Officer's Report will be in Board's mailboxes at the end of the month.

VOTE: 3 AYES: David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears
2 ABSENT: Alan Schock, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 4:10 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to adjourn at 4:10 p.m.

VOTE: 3 AYES: David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears
2 ABSENT: Alan Schock, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini
Town Clerk