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

Invocation by Alan Schock

Attendance

Supervisor: Gary Spears

Councilmember's: Alan Schock, David Dean, Ken Smith

Absent: Arthur Trovei (until 3:07 p.m.)

Attorney: Glen Plotsky **Engineer:** Al Fusco, Jr.

Call to Order at 2:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by David Dean

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Motion to Add to the Agenda Authorization to Sign Agreement with Bavoso & Plotsky

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to add to the agenda - Authorization to Sign Agreement with Bavoso & Plotsky.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Annual Internal Financial Audit

Motion to Accept Financial Audit - Town Justice - John Wulff at 2:04 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to accept the financial audit of Judge Wulff.

Discussion: Judge Wulff presented his books, reviewed by Supervisor Spears, Councilman Dean and Councilman Smith according to the state guidelines provided. The information was taken by Supervisor Spears and read for the record. The Board members looked over the books and found them to be in order. Judge Wulff answered all questions satisfactorily and they signed off on his books.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept Financial Audit - Tax Collector - Patrick Creegan at 2:19 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to accept the financial audit of Jane Garvey, Tax Collector, represented by Patrick Creegan.

Discussion: Patrick Creegan presented Ms. Garvey's books, reviewed by Supervisor Spears, Councilman Dean and Councilman Smith according to the state guidelines provided. The information was taken by Supervisor Spears and read for the record. The Board members looked over the books and found them to be in order. Patrick Creegan answered all questions satisfactorily and they signed off on the Tax Collector books. The Supervisor stated for the record that the books were for the year 2015; Jane Garvey was the Tax Collector who resigned at the beginning of 2016. Patrick Creegan is the new tax receiver for 2016.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept Financial Audit – Supervisor – Gary Spears at 2:29 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to accept the financial audit of Gary Spears, Supervisor.

Discussion: Danielle Glynn, Bookkeeper presented the Supervisor's books, reviewed by Supervisor Spears, Councilman Dean and Councilman Smith according to the state guidelines provided. The information was taken by Councilman David Dean,

Fiscal Officer, and read for the record. Reconciliation of the Checking Accounts were done by the Town Accountant. The addendum sheets for the checking accounts are attached to their report. The Board members looked over the books and found them to be in order. Danielle Glynn and Gary Spears answered all questions satisfactorily and they signed off on the Supervisor's books.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept Financial Audit - Town Clerk - Florence Santini

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Alan Schock to accept the financial audit of Gary Spears, Supervisor.

Discussion: *Florence Santini* presented her books, reviewed by Supervisor Spears, Councilman Dean and Councilman Smith according to the state guidelines provided. The information was taken by Supervisor Spears and read for the record. The Board members looked over the books and found them to be in order. Florence Santini answered all questions satisfactorily and they signed off on her books.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Put Audit on Hold - Enter Regular Session

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Alan Schock to put the audit on hold until Judge Osowick comes in (scheduled for 4:00 p.m.) and enter Regular Session.

<u>VOTE: 4 AYES:</u> Alan Schock, David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Add Donation to TOD Highway Department from the City of Port Jervis to the Agenda

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by David Dean to add Donation to TOD Highway Department from the City of Port Jervis to the Agenda.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Ed Hughson, Highway Superintendent explained that the City of Port Jervis purchased two new compressors and were getting rid of the two they replaced. Jack Farr called him to ask if they would be interested in one and he said yes. The School District was interested in one also. They went to the city council and they agreed to donate one to the Town of Deerpark and the City of Port Jervis School District.

Motion to Accept Donation of Compressor from the City of Port Jervis

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to accept the donation of a compressor from the City of Port Jervis.

Discussion: <u>Councilman Dean</u> asked if this was a wheeled compressor and Mr. Hughson said it was a pull behind compressor. <u>Councilman Schock</u> asked why they did that and Supervisor Spears explained they have the right to put it out to bid to expose of it, give it away, or whatever they want. They just have to get the Port Jervis Council approval. <u>Councilman Dean</u> asked if they had something in kind they can give to them. <u>Supervisor Spears</u> asked Florence Santini if she would send the thank you letter to the Port Jervis City Council.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Authorize the Supervisor to Sign Agreement with Bavoso & Plotsky

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Bavoso & Plotsky with the negotiated 2% increase as they did in previous years.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment

Jerry lives in Mount Hope and he asked if the town was having a solar seminar on Friday. <u>Councilman Dean</u> said it was at the Sullivan County Community College. <u>Supervisor Spears</u> said they are not offering it, they are attending it. <u>Councilman Schock</u> added they need to pre-register.

Councilman Trovei joined the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

New Business

Ed Hughson, Highway Superintendent read the Agreement between the Town Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Deerpark, Orange County, New York and the Board pursuant to the provision of Section 284 of the Highway Law regarding the expenditures planned. Mr. Hughson explained what it was and why this has to be done.

Motion to Authorize the Agreement of Highway Department Road and Expenditures

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Alan Schock to authorize the Highway Superintendent's Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Department Moneys.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Hughson said this has the money from the town and from CHIPS.

Motion to Authorize Police Chief to Purchase Police Car

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to authorize the Police Chief to purchase a police car this year.

Discussion: <u>Supervisor Spears</u> said they would get another Explorer through State bid and that they are pursuit rated and they have really been working out well for them. <u>Councilman Dean</u> asked if they could wash them out with a hose and Supervisor Spears said it was.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept Department Head Appointment of Deputy Tax Collector

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to accept the Department Head Appointment of Patrick J. Creegan as Deputy Tax Collector at a salary of \$11.00 an hour.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept Department Head Appointment of Data Collector

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to accept the Department Head Appointment of Amanda Gorr as Data Collector at a salary of \$13.26.

Discussion: <u>Supervisor Spears</u> gave an update that they have a Planning Board, Zoning Board and BAR Secretary that has been working for them at \$13.26 part time and she has more hours available. They had in the budget last year for a full time data collector, which they did not fill and it is in the budget again this year, but Deborah thinks she can do it with 20 hours a week.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reported that at the February 1st meeting, they will have a Public Hearing on the solar law, which is a new law regulating rooftop solar and a public hearing on the moratorium on solar farms in the Town of Deerpark until they can write a new law. He knew that a few are going to the solar class and that should be helpful. Also, on the February 1st agenda will be Save Deerpark One Road at a Time. He said that both groups will probably come. One will want to change the zoning back to RR on Galley Hill Road and the other group will want it to stay the same.

Motion to Enter Executive Session at 3:25 p.m. after a Five-Minute Recess

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to enter Executive Session at 3:25 p.m. after a five-minute recess and invite in Town Attorney Glen Plotsky, Town Engineer Al Fusco to discuss litigation.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Re-Enter Regular Session at 3:57 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to re-enter Regular Session at 3:57 p.m. **VOTE: 5 AYES:** Alan Schock, David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept Financial Audit - Town Justice - Laurie Osowick at 4:02 p.m.

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Ken Smith to accept the financial audit of Judge Osowick.

Discussion: Judge Osowick presented her books, reviewed by Supervisor Spears, Councilman Dean and Councilman Smith according to the state guidelines provided. The information was taken by Supervisor Spears and read for the record. The Board members looked over the books and found them to be in order. Judge Osowick answered all questions satisfactorily and they signed off on her books.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Add to the Agenda an Interview for Planning Board Position

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Alan Schock to add to the Agenda an interview for the Planning Board position.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Appoint Robert Whitney to Planning Board

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by David Dean to appoint Robert Whitney to the Planning Board to fill vacancy of Steve Weiner's term ending 2020.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

Motion to Pay Bills

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to pay bills that have been signed by three council members and may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office.

General Fund Abstract #25 of 2015 in the amount of \$32,577.51

Highway Fund Abstract #25 of 2015 in the amount of \$20,707.47

Engineering Fund Abstract #13 of 2015 in the amount of \$4,134.50

General Fund Abstract #1 of 2016 in the amount of \$56,379.08

Highway Fund Abstract #1 of 2016 in the amount of \$51,199.52

Deerpark Manor Street Lighting Fund Abstract #1 of 2016 in the amount of \$509.65

Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #1 of 2016 in the amount of \$253.64

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

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Board Comments

<u>Councilman Schock</u> said it was an interesting first Audit for him. Again, he never thought he'd enjoy it, but it is enjoyable working with the other councilmen.

<u>Councilman Smith</u> thanked everyone who put everything together, he knew they worked real hard. He also said they were all a pleasure to work with.

<u>Councilman Trovei</u> said this was a great group to work with. Digging out of a hole with five guys that bring the shovel is a great thing to have. He said to Supervisor Spears that he knows he is working his tail off as supervisor and said God bless you. He thanked him and said he appreciated everything he does.

Councilman Dean said lifelong friends at the table and who knew 25 years ago this would all happen. It actually does make life a whole lot more interesting and they have some great people working at Town Hall and they do great jobs. It is a community effort to watch the money. As he has always said, it is his job there and he takes it very seriously about watching the money. They have professionals that help them with that and also with other things, they like to see a young guy like Mr. Whitney here to step up and join the planning board. He thought Al Shock would agree with him and knows Gary would agree with him, that the Planning Board is a great institution and is instrumental in building future leaders for the town. It has been a great year and is looking forward to four more. He hopes they make more progress.

<u>Supervisor Spears</u> said they discussed moving ahead into the future. February 1st they have public hearings on the zoning laws for solar for roof tops and they have a moratorium for solar farms and there is a class in between and hopefully people can attend that and come back with some good information. It is important to work on that. It is a goal this year to bring Dragon Springs into compliance and hopefully they can assist them to do that in a way that they can build some trust and move into the future. He said, last year was a good year and it is a pleasure to work with you four gentlemen.

Motion to Adjourn at 4:28 p.m.

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by David Dean to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m. **VOTE: 5 AYES:** Alan Schock, David Dean, Ken Smith, Gary Spears, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini Town Clerk