

**TOWN OF DEERPARK  
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

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

**Attendance:**

**Supervisor:** Gary Spears

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

**Attorney:** Glen Plotsky

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Ken Smith

**Call to Order:** 7:32 p.m.

Additions/Deletions

**Motion to Add Jack Flynn Under Presentations/Communications and the December 30, 2019 Board Minutes for Approval**

Motion by David Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to add Jack Flynn under Presentations/Communications and the December 30, 2019 Board Minutes for Approval.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Presentations/Communications

*Jack Flynn – Emergency Management Director* said that he and David Dean attended an Upper Delaware Alliance meeting having to do with railroad safety. He reported on the history of the railroad safety and how they are working with Fire, EMS and Emergency Management to get access to different crossings.

Supervisor Spears read two letters of commendation in regards to the Assessor's Office personnel and the Police Department thanking Officers Broadwell, Garry and Reiley specifically for assistance.

Public comments – None

**Motion to Approve December 30, 2019 and January 6, 2020 Board Minutes**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to approve both the December 30, 2019 and January 6, 2020 Board Minutes.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve January 16, 2020 Board Minutes**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean to approve the January 16, 2020 Board Minutes.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Old Business

Supervisor Spears said they are entering into a contract to purchase land on the other side of the Highway Garage and Senior Center owned by Harry and Kathy Space. They negotiated a price for \$75,000, which is a little less than what the actual sales tax increase was that came in this year.

**Motion to Set a Public Hearing for March 2, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. - Purchase of Harry Space Property SBL 38-1-104.2**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arthur Trovei to set a Public Hearing on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. for the Town of Deerpark purchase of Harry Space property at 394 US Route 209, SBL 38-1-104.2, next to Town Highway Garage and across Space Drive.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

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New Business

Supervisor Spears said they have reached a tentative agreement on the 20 mega watt solar project on the top of Whitehead Road, bordered by a couple hunting clubs and in the middle of forested land. He said it shouldn't have too many problems. It is a very big solar project covering over a hundred acres. He wants to wait on approvals by both the County and School District for what was negotiated. They can now get back on the Planning Board Agenda and finish their approvals needed to amend. The PILOT would work for the school too.

*Florence Santini, Town Clerk* reported on an Orange County Association of Towns, Villages & Cities meeting where she learned of the 2020 Census. She distributed pamphlets on it and encouraged everyone to respond as it benefits the town. She received confirmations for the New York City Association of Towns meeting February 16 – 18, 2020. She will send the confirmations to everyone. She received a phone call regarding the needs in Puerto Rico and she will be discussing how the town could assist with a local pastor.

**Motion to Approve the Old Highway Garage for Accommodating Puerto Rico Relief Effort**

Motion by Gary Spears, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arthur Trovei to approve the Relief Effort for Puerto Rico and to use Old Highway Garage for accommodating donated items.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Florence Santini* continued describing the three elections in 2020. Ten days before each election, there will be polls open, people to pay and the state will not be funding it this year. Supervisor Spears said they are proposing to increase the sales tax to 8.5% from 8.25% to cover the costs. The early voting will cost \$3 million.

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

**Motion to Pay Bills**

Motion by Alan Schock, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, along with the Budget Officer's Report.

General Fund Abstract #2 of 2020 in the amount of \$265,604.71  
Highway Fund Abstract #2 of 2020 in the amount of \$52,567.71  
Engineering Fund Abstract #1 of 2020 in the amount of \$258.00  
Deerpark Street Lighting Fund Abstract #1 of 2020 in the amount of \$306.18

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor Spears announced that the third Monday of February when they would normally meet, will not be meeting due to being in New York City for training. There will be no meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Dean thanked Jack Flynn for his presentation regarding the trains. He thanked Flo for what she did. He's looking forward to going to school.

Councilman Trovei offered his condolences to the Mike McCarthy family as he was a true pillar of the community and served so many.

Councilman Schock thanked Jack and Flo.

Councilman Smith thanked Jack and Flo. He congratulated Art Trovei for being inducted in the Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Supervisor Spears thanked Flo for attending and reporting on the meeting she attended in Gary's absence. He thanked Jack for staying on top of things in Deerpark in Emergency Management. They really appreciate his efforts. He congratulated Art Trovei.

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

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini  
Town Clerk