

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 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, Ken Smith, David Dean, Arthur Trovei

Engineer: Al Fusco, Jr.

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Pledge of Allegiance: Ken Smith

Call to Order: 7:31 p.m.

Addition or Deletions to Agenda

Motion to Add Resolution to Demo 24 Main Street and Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Sign Amended Settlement to the Agenda

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to add a resolution to demo 24 Main Street and a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign the amended stipulation of settlement re: Corcoran on Academy Avenue to the agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations/Communications

Laurie Raskin – Finalization on Boehlmer Park Timbering The report was given to the Supervisor's Office a week prior and a copy is attached. She said they did have some challenges while the job was active with the stream crossing that needs to be addressed and with the DEC, she said they fixed all of that. The woods look fantastic. Basically, everything was just too crowded. They contracted with Steve Bott to fix some of the banks and the stream crossing and it looked great from the logging, but because of outsiders coming onto the property, it did get goofed up. There is one trail that was too wet due to ATV's and trucks after the logging, they would have made more of a mess. It is not part of the main access system. She said they are completely done. Councilman Dean asked when the next logging would be needed and Laurie answered probably 10 years. Supervisor Spears said the Highway guys still have the blocks there to keep the trucks out. People are still able to walk in there to fish. He said it looks good. He said it was financially beneficial to the town. He thanked her for the timber harvest allowing good future growth.

Public Comment: None

Department Head Report – Supervisor Spears said all department heads have their totals from last year and asked them for their budgets for the next year. They are starting early to have plenty of time to work with it. Their bond is paid off and they have a healthy surplus. They put in a playground for \$105,000 that is completely paid for; their trucks are paid for; their police cars are paid for, so they are doing good. They want to keep that up. He mentioned it to the department heads that they want to keep it tight. They don't want to raise taxes unless they have to. A new law is coming out of Albany and they will need to hire a clerk at the Police Department that is computer savvy. All the evidence and videos will have to be sent to the District Attorney's Office in pdf's and it has to be done in a certain amount of time after they make an arrest or something like that. The Chief thinks that with the computer equipment and personnel and training, it will add \$40,000 to the budget. The ratables went up with Orange and Rockland and Dollar General and though the budget went up, they hope the taxes don't change.

Motion to Approve July 15, 2019 Board Minutes

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve the July 15, 2019 Board Minutes as presented.

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

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Old Business

Motion to Authorize the Supervisor to Sign Amended Settlement Agreement Re: Corcoran-Academy Ave.

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Ken Smith to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Amended Settlement Agreement Re: Corcoran – Academy Ave.

Discussion: Supervisor Spears explained how the Highway Department corrected a road condition for or five years ago where it was icing up badly in the winter and residents and school buses were having trouble. Improving drainage on both sides of the road under the impression there was a highway by use and the resident complained, leading to a legal battle. They are at the point of settling where they were originally and the town won't encroach on their property and there is no financial settlement offered by the town board and insurance company to them. They did the road work. They corrected the issue of ice on the road for the residents and school buses. *Glen Plotsky, Town Attorney* added that the Court granted dismissal of the application and this is a settlement to resolve an appeal filed by that property owner.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears asked *Al Fusco the Town Engineer* reported on the property at 24 Main Street that was in a dangerous condition. Mr. Fusco said there was a building permit for that property, however, the contractor did not take the necessary precautions he should have when he started some interior demolition. There was a vehicle picking up a dumpster and the activity caused that portion of the building to fall into the street. Mr. Fusco determined it was dangerous and condemned it. Al Dodd, Building Inspector was there and he posted it and they gave the property owners a notice that it was an unsafe building and under the town's emergency ordinances, they needed to take down the building. He explained that lack of demolition by the property owner, the board now needs to approve the Resolution 6 in this regard.

Motion to Approve Resolution 6 of 2019 – Demolition of Unsafe Structure at 24 Main Street, Sparrowbush, NY

SBL:47-2-1

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to approve Resolution 6 of 2019 – Demolition of Unsafe Structure at 24 Main Street, Sparrowbush, NY SBL:47-2-1 according to Section 119-13 of the Town Code and all costs will be assessed against the subject property, levied and collected in the same manner as provided in Article 15 of the Town Law..

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, 2nd 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 #15 of 2019 in the amount of \$137,973.28
Highway Fund Abstract #15 of 2019 in the amount of \$45,984.34
Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #10 of 2019 in the amount of \$809.29
Engineering Fund Abstract #8 of 2019 in the amount of \$265.20

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

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Supervisor Spears explained they were sent a request from a resident on Oakland Valley Road to reduce the speed limit on Route 209 heading south to 45 mph from 55 mph. The intersection of Routes 209 and 211 was looked at by the police and just a few issues indicated speed as a factor in the past several years. He will forward the email to the board. It will be another situation like lowering the speed on Neversink Drive. He said they have never done it on a state road. He will research the steps necessary to make a change.

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Closing Board Comment

Supervisor Spears – Reported he had been at Bridge No. 2 and had a discussion with David Church, who with a representative from DEC after the town's work there and they are happy with it. He said the Highway Department created six new parking spots to alleviate some of the parking problems and with the added signage, the past two weeks haven't been too bad. He said Mr. Church would set a date in September for an official Grand Opening.

Councilman Trovei said he had been up to Bridge No. 2 and thought it looked great. He has heard a lot of comments about how everybody appreciates it. He said residents used to help out and the garbage bins have helped out a great deal. Discussion with DEC about portable bathrooms was mentioned by Supervisor Spears.

Florence Santini reported that hunting licenses and doe permits are for sale in her office. She will advertise this.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 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