

**TOWN OF DEERPARK  
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018**

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

Invocation led by Alan Schock (Participation Optional)

**Supervisor:** Gary Spears

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

**Absent:** David Dean

**Attorney:** Glen Plotsky

**Engineer:** Alfred Fusco, Jr.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Ken Smith

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

Additions or Deletions to Agenda – None

Presentations/Communications

Supervisor Spears announced the following:

- The Board Meeting on August 20, 2018 has been cancelled due to lack of quorum.
- The budget process has started. All Budget Requests have been distributed to the Department Heads to work on during August.
- Senator Bonacic's office will be available at the Town Hall Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 3 for Constituent Day.

*Assemblyman Karl Brabenec* was in attendance and was asked to speak. He stated the Session had ended and he is back in his local office and is handling a lot of constituent case work. The Session will meet again in January unless they are called to a Special Session. His office is open to all the board and constituents and he looks forward to serving.

Public Comment Period – 3 minutes per person

Grace Woodard – asked about the Agenda Item of Dragon Spring Roadwork bids. Supervisor Spears explained this is due to the work on their driveway that entered Galley Hill Road and was not up to specification. They issued a stop work order. They redesigned the road and Dragon Springs is going to pay for the road work to make that driveway good. Ms. Woodard asked if when they redesigned it, did they use their same engineer and the Town Engineer replied he rendered the plan according to the Highway Superintendent's wishes, so he did the final plan. Discussion about regular oversight and whether an engineer was hired continued; Mr. Spears answered it would be the Highway Superintendent giving oversight for the town. Mr. Plotsky said they have been in conversations with one engineering firm and they are waiting for their information back.

Ms. Woodard wanted to know about the little bridge and if the DEC has given a full permit for that bridge and Mr. Spears said the bridge was approved by the DEC. The driveway is what is in question with the grading, etc. To explain the roadwork bids, Dragon Springs will not be doing any work on the road at all. It will be bid out to a private contractor, somewhere in or out of the state. They will perform all the work under an inspector and the guidance of our Highway Superintendent. Dragon Springs is not allowed to work on our roads. The only thing they've done is to have the plans approved by the Highway Superintendent and went out to bid for a private company to do the work. Dragon Springs is going to pay for 100% of the cost.

Al Fusco, Town Engineer offered to speak about Galley Hill Road also, but as far as the inspections, they have been up there several times a week to inspect—Al Dodd, Alfred III or himself. He met with Dragon Springs about a week ago and their engineer and architect to do the final “as built”. They had given them some “as built” drawings of just the buildings. He wanted more complete drawings. Towards that end, they met and he told them what he was looking for. Not only “as built” for the buildings, but in addition to that where they were connected to buildings, they need new building permits and new plans to review that. In addition to that, based on the third-party aspect the Town Board had related to him, he told them they need third party electrical inspections and certifications, which they have supplied to them. They need third party sprinkler system checks and they have inspected it themselves and made several inspections, but they have agreed upon a third party out of Sullivan County and a third-party fire alarm system certification. He wanted them to know it has been progressing, they have agreed to those third-party representatives and they should be getting somewhere towards that. He explained to them exactly

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what he wanted on the “as built” drawings. He will answer any questions. Supervisor Spears said they had a meeting and all was laid out before they move forward and they are all on track.

Mr. Fusco stated, in response to Galley Hill Road, that it has taken some time. The Highway Superintendent and he looked at the plans and both made changes, however, he left several items off. So, they denied it and Jonathan Lee agreed to do whatever the town wanted and they were told to have the P.E. sign off on the plans so they could be altered. The plans and specifications are complete and with the permission of the board these can go out to bid.

**Motion to Approve the July 16, 2018 Board Minutes**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arthur Trovei to approve the July 16, 2018 Board Minutes.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**

**1 ABSENT: David Dean**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Old Business

**Motion to Approve Bringing Officer Brian Kelly Back to Work**

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to approve bringing Officer Brian Kelly back to work immediately.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**

**1 ABSENT: David Dean**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Advertise Roadwork Bids for Galley Hill**

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to advertise roadwork bids for Dragon Springs paving to bring Galley Hill to bring the road up to specs so they can make their driveway work. (Dragon Springs will pay for all the work.) These bids will be opened September 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Discussion: Councilman Schock asked if the neighbors have been notified and Supervisor Spears said only the Hunting Camp driveway is affected. Supervisor Spears said the roadwork is from the bridge coming up and raised taking the steepness out of the hill so they raised the road 18 inches so they can get a negative 2% grade and they narrowed the driveway and put pavers on the side. Discussion continued.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**

**1 ABSENT: David Dean**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve Resolution 15 - Shared Services with the Town of Deerpark & Port Jervis Police**

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to approve Resolution 15 for shared services with the Town of Deerpark and the Port Jervis Police Departments, authorizing the Town of Deerpark Supervisor to sign the contract.

**VOTE: 4 AYES (Roll Call): Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**

**1 ABSENT: David Dean**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor Spears introduced the Shared Resource Officer resolution. There will be three to four officers from both the Town of Deerpark and Port Jervis Police Department that are trained knowing school protocol for this job. This will be for the HBE, ASK, Middle School and High School—an armed officer will be at the schools for each day they are open for the hours they are open. The School District will pay the complete hourly cost with the exception of our officers’ uniforms and guns that are paid for by the towns. Mr. Spears mentioned the school has always had School Resource Officers, but they were unarmed. This is the SPO (School Police Officer) Program and only the Chiefs of Police can tell them to be unarmed. Supervisor Spears is asking for preliminary approval due to a question and he is going to talk to the school. This position doesn’t receive benefits and they are under 30 hours.

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**Motion to Approve Resolution 16 – Shared Services with the Town of Deerpark & Port Jervis Police Department for the Port Jervis School District**

Motion by Alan Schock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arthur Trovei to allow Supervisor Spears to sign the Shared Services Contract after he has the wordage reviewed with both the Town of Deerpark and Port Jervis Chiefs of Police and the Port Jervis School District, pursuant to some wording changes.

**VOTE: 4 AYES (Roll Call): Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**

**1 ABSENT: David Dean**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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 the Budget Officer's Report and all may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office.

General Fund Abstract #14 of 2018 in the amount of \$276,292.02  
Highway Fund Abstract #14 of 2018 in the amount of \$67,231.48  
Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #5 of 2018 in the amount of \$4,203.08  
Engineering Fund Abstract #4 of 2018 in the amount of \$2,967.00

Discussion: Supervisor Spears mentioned that August is when they pay their yearly insurance and it was also the quarterly changes that were big bills. The Engineering is mainly from Planning Board applications and work Al has done on Peenpack Trail. Town Clerk Florence Santini explained that the money going out from the Special Revenue Reserve Fund was already here for the Veteran's Memorial Pavers.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**

**1 ABSENT: David Dean**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Trovei said he thought the shared agreement was a long time coming and it is great for the safety of their kids and the school. If the schools going to spend money, he would like to see it going to something positive for taxpayers' dollars.

Councilman Schock said it is obviously a different world than when they grew up and this is necessary. It's really a good deal.

Councilman Smith said he agreed with that sentiment.

Supervisor Spears said they had four School Resource Officers and the four Police Officers are going to replace them, the budget is going to go up but not a tremendous amount. He thought the extra money was well spent. He said it was great to see Brian Kelly get released back to work, especially in the summer when they need as many officers as they can have out there. They will not meet on August 20<sup>th</sup> due to not having a quorum and they may need to come in to sign checks. The first Board Meeting in September needs to be changed to Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion to Change Board Meeting from September 4 to September 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to change the Board Meeting from Tuesday, September 4, 2018 to Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**

**1 ABSENT: David Dean**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Florence Santini, Town Clerk announced she would be attending a Charitable Reserve Funds Training in Port Chester Thursday; and reminded everyone of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Sparrowbush Methodist Church.

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**Motion to Adjourn at 8:20 p.m.**

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**

**1 ABSENT: David Dean**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini  
Town Clerk