

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

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

Invocation led by Councilman Schock (Participation Optional)

Supervisor: Gary Spears

Councilmen: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean

Absent: Arthur Trovei

Attorney: Bill Bavoso

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Smith

Call to Order at 7:32 p.m.

There was a moment of silence for those who lost their lives from the Hurricane in Texas and Louisiana and pray that help would be on the way and things would get better for them.

Presentations/Communications

Town Clerk Florence Santini reported on the 9/11 Ceremony and thanked the board for approving her accepting donations, which has surpassed \$2,700 and is not including another \$500 coming from Orange and Rockland. They should have close to \$3,100 in donations. She has not collected money since they received the World Trade Center beam five years. All the food for refreshments is usually donated. The money is used for incidentals such as a tent rental. The military names are coming in. This will be the 16th year they have done it. She read a letter from Judge Onofry expressing appreciation for the ceremony. She thanked the Board for their permission since the beginning to carry on this traditional service.

Supervisor Spears announced that on Saturday, September 9th at the Sparrowbush Fire Department, the Veteran's Memorial ceremony will take place at 1:00 p.m. He mentioned how hard the veterans have worked and what a great job they have done. He encouraged everyone to join them. There would be food provided afterwards.

Department Head Report – Supervisor Spears reported for Ed Hughson, the Highway Superintendent. He has just about done with his paving for the year. Everything has been done on his list, but he is touching up some driveways and shoulders and culvert pipes need to be replaced. His new truck is being built and he should have it before the snow flies. He ordered his salt for the year and it went down about \$.13 a ton, so they were happy about that. He mentioned that JD retired from the Highway Department after 34 years and Ed has hired his replacement.

Supervisor Spears reported on his and Councilman Dean's meeting with a *logger* for the *Boehmler Park* piece. She did a survey marking all the timber and gave him a list and he said they will only be working on 150 acres of the 500 acres due to wetlands and things she thinks should be left alone for the future. They could possibly net out about \$70,000 from the timber harvest. She will send out what she wrote out to local loggers and some of the big guys. On September 27th they will have the bid opening. They gave her the go ahead to send out the bids and he'll bring back the bids to them.

Supervisor Spears also mentioned speaking to County Executive Steve Neuhaus regarding income, and Mr. Neuhaus said the sales tax projections that were for 2017 are going to be met and increased so we'll get some extra money this year. He said not to take that extra money into account for next year's budget, but keep the projections the same as this year. He was very upbeat about the county budget.

Supervisor Spears said he made another deal for another cell tower carrier on the cell tower located on town property owned by Crown Castle. He said they share the revenue and the town should get another \$30,000 a year. He is also negotiating with Sprint. That will be added revenue for tax payers again this year.

Motion to Approve August 7, 2017 Board Minutes

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve the August 7, 2017 Board Minutes.

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

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

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Motion to Approve August 21, 2017 Board Minutes

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by David Dean to approve the August 21, 2017 Board Minutes.

VOTE: 3 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

1 ABSTENTION: Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reported that the Town Clerk's Office has taken in over \$26,000 to date over last year.

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

Motion to Pay Bills and Accept Budget Officer's Report

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to pay bills that have been signed by three council members and accept and the Budget Officer's Report and all may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office.

General Fund Abstract #16 of 2017 in the amount of \$97,586.06

Highway Fund Abstract #16 of 2017 in the amount of \$178,081.49

Engineering Fund Abstract #7 of 2017 in the amount of \$774.00

Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #11 of 2017 in the amount of \$533.17

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

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears addressed a need to check those speeding on State Route 42; he said he would contact the Police Chief about setting up a speed check.

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Dean – He stopped by the Veteran's Memorial and commented at what a great job the veterans have done on the monument and said it was good for the town. He was sorry he waited so long to get a stone for he and his dad and his father in law. He encouraged residents to see about getting a stone for the Veteran's Memorial. He thanked Flo for her behind the scenes work going on with the 9/11 ceremony. He knew she was deeply involved and he wanted her to know he would help if she needs anything. He thanked Gary for finding new carriers to go on the cell tower. He added that the gas station on Route 6 is moving forward and it has a way to go.

Councilman Smith thanked Gary for his work on the cell towers and for the wood.

Supervisor Spears wished Art well as his friend that passed away was a great guy, so their hearts go out to his family and friends. Their town engineer Al Fusco was sick and hoped he felt better. He was knee deep in the budget process. By the next meeting, he would have the tentative budget for Flo. He was shooting for little or no increase. They want to provide the public safety for everybody.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

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

1 ABSENT: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini
Town Clerk