

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016**

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

Invocation by Arthur Trovei (Participation is Optional)

Attendance

Supervisor: Gary Spears

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

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Engineer: Al Fusco, Jr.

Call to Order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by Alan Schock

Presentations/Communications – None

Addition or Deletions to Agenda

Motion to Add Approval of Bids for Painting Highway Building and Set a Public Hearing for the 2017 Budget

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Alan Schock to add the approval of bids for painting the old Highway building and to set a public hearing for the 2017 Budget on November 7th, 2016.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment – None

Department Head Report – None

Motion to Approve Board Minutes for October 3, 2016

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to approve the Board Minutes for October 3, 2016.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business – None

New Business – 2017 Budget Discussion

Supervisor Spears stated they are at a .54% increase under the tax cap of .6%. He mentioned some of the highlights were a 2% across the board raise for council people, the judges, the office personnel, and the elected officials, the Supervisor, the Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent and the appointed Tax Collector. They have allowed extra 2% money for the employees in both Town Hall, the Highway Contract and the Police Contract. He didn't do anything with the stipends; they could possibly raise the stipends 2%. They had not discussed a raise for the Zoning Board or the Planning Board or BAR personnel, but all agreed they should be given a \$5.00 increase.

Motion to Raise the Stipend for the Zoning Board, Planning Board and BAR Board Members

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Ken Smith to raise the stipend for the Zoning Board, Planning Board and BAR Board members by \$5.00 per meeting.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears mentioned on Page 3 under Line A1620.4 is bumped up to \$80,000 in case they need roof repair on this building over the Building Department. On Page 4, Unallocated Insurance will probably be reached this year with the fourth quarter, and with the raises this year he bumped that to \$230,000. He asked the board to look at that and let him know. The next big change is the Police Department requested an increase of \$108,000 basically for the full time patrolman, which they decided not to go with now that Sergeant Sullivan is coming back to work. They took most of that out, but there was some left

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for the lease of another car. That brought it down to \$868,000 which was still a \$27,000 some increase from last year, but it's the raises, the cost of the new car and the lease on the other car. Page 6, the Human Society is a guess every year due to the dogs and what their medical bills will be. They requested \$4,500 and he left it that way for unexpected stuff. It's good to be back with the Port Jervis/Town of Deerpark Human Society under their new contract. On Page 8, income for the Programs for the Aging increased due to paying for a new engine. They dropped the Playgrounds budget by about \$13,000. On Page 9, the Contractual Expense is the amount contributed to the Upper Delaware Council. The employee benefits is tough one to go on, the Workman's Comp amount at \$62,000 is staying the same as last year, just to be safe. FICA and Medicare only went up slightly. Recent Fire Retirement is predicted to go up and has a safety cushion there. On Page 11 General Fund revenues ... the sales tax is always a guesstimate; the cable franchise could be increased depending on whether Frontier gets off the ground; departmental income depends on building fees and that is unpredictable; Licenses and Permits is also unpredictable, etc. The Highway Fund expects more grant funding. Fuel was hard to predict and after the election it might change. Mr. Spears said they may need to bump over \$180 or \$190 this year, so he put in \$200 to be safe for next year for health insurance. The Snow & Ice Removal Reserve Fund ... he said they stopped funding that when they started funding their contingency plan every year with \$50,000. They bumped up his sales tax to \$300,000 because they are always over \$300,000. They have nothing certain for Federal Aid to put in the budget. The Fire Companies are good.

Motion to Adopt the Preliminary Budget for 2017

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Alan Schock to adopt the Preliminary Budget for 2017 with the recommended increases for Planning, Zoning and BAR Board members and chairpersons.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Set the 2017 Budget Public Hearing on November 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to Set the 2017 Budget Public Hearing on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., including salaries of elected officials.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears stated that they have until November 21st to approve the 2017 Budget, but it does not preclude them from passing the budget on November 7th if they're done. He wanted to set a budget final meeting on November 21, 2016.

Motion to Set Final 2017 Budget Meeting on November 21, 2016

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Alan Schock to set a Final 2017 Budget Meeting on November 21, 2016.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Correct Typographical Error on Public Hearing Notice of Demolished Building SBL:7-1-16

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to correct the typographical error on the Public Hearing Notice on August 3, 2015 of the demolished building from Section 7, Block 1, Lot 169 to Section 7, Block 1, Lot 16.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept Lowest Bid of \$12,000 for Painting the Old Highway Garage Building

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to accept the lowest bid of \$12,000 from Dennis Conklin dba Pro Painting and Carpentry for painting the old Highway garage building (copies attached to the official minutes).

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

MOTION CARRIED

Town Engineer Al Fusco, Jr. mentioned there were FEMA funds set aside for roof repair, which they had done and the Supervisor will talk to the Accountant about that funding.

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

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Motion to Pay Bills and Accept Budget Officer's Report

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 may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office.

General Fund Abstract #19 of 2016 in the amount of \$77,383.92
Highway Fund Abstract #19 of 2016 in the amount of \$29,331.67
Deerpark Manor Street Lighting Fund Abstract #10 of 2016 in the amount of \$498.61
Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #12 of 2016 in the amount of \$105.00
Engineering Fund Abstract #13 of 2016 in the amount of \$903.00

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reported for the Highway Superintendent that they would pave the apron to the Senior Center on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. They also ordered a flood light which will be a monthly bill with Orange & Rockland to light that parking lot. *Town Clerk Flo Santini* asked if Orange & Rockland would be doing the work, Supervisor Spears said they would. She asked if it would be done in time for Elections and the Sr. Dinner and Mr. Spears will call Orange & Rockland to give them a deadline.

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Trovei – None

Councilman Dean thanked the Supervisor for his hard work on the budget. It's a lot to wade through. They are watching out for people's money.

Councilman Smith also acknowledged his gratitude for the supervisor's hard work and how hard it is to look at numbers and make them all work...he appreciated his efforts. He also thought they should look into solar for their building.

Councilman Schock – None

Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Litigation on Tax Certiorari's and Corcoran

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by David Dean to Enter Executive Session to discuss litigation on Tax Certiorari's and litigation on Corcoran and invite in Town Attorney Glen Plotsky and Town Engineer Al Fusco, Jr. at 8:25 p.m. after a short recess.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Re-Enter Regular Session at 9:12 p.m.

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Ken Smith to re-enter Regular Session at 9:12 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 9:13 p.m.

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by David Dean to adjourn at 9:13 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