

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
TO APPROVE PRELIMINARY BUDGET
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 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

Pledge of Allegiance: Ken Smith

Call to Order: 5:10 p.m.

Addition or Deletions to Agenda – None

Supervisor Spears clarified on Page 3 - 1620.1 Building and Grounds that there was a mistake in the P/T Floating Clerk position who is paid hourly and only gets paid for hours worked. The excess is in case of emergency needs for a clerk.

Motion to Change Line Item A1620.1 P/T Clerk Floating from \$18,552 to \$13,000

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to change Line Item 1620.1, P/T Clerk Floating J. Cirulli from \$18,552 to \$13,000.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears clarified on Page 3 – A1620.2 Building and Grounds for Equipment for a vehicle with four-wheel drive. Discussion about what the car is used for followed. Mr. Spears offered to check state bid and will try to get a four-wheel vehicle to meet their needs.

Motion to Change Line Item A1620.2 – Equipment from \$500 to \$50,000

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by David Dean to change Line Item A1620.2, Equipment from \$500.00 to \$50,000.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears explained the need for an additional \$15,000 for the Police on Page 5 to get into the shared buy with Port Jervis Police and Pike County Police Agency and the Delaware Valley Police Agency to purchase a firearm simulator train, which will save the town time and money in necessary training. Deerpark's share is \$15,000 under A3120.2.

Motion to Change Line Item A3120.2 – Police Equipment from \$90,000 to \$105,000

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by David Dean to change Line Item A3120.2 Police Equipment from \$90,000 to \$105,000 for shared buy of Firearm Simulator.

Discussion: Councilman Trovei asked where the simulator will be kept and Supervisor Spears said the Port Jervis Police Department is building a range that will eventually be housed at the range, but could be used at anybody else's facility. Until the Port Jervis Range gets done, it will be housed in the Delaware Valley School and they've provided a room for it and any agency can use it. Mr. Trovei explained that it was good and would save on ammunition.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Trovei suggested they raise the Budget Officer's Salary from \$12,000 to \$22,000.

Motion to Change Line Item A1340.1 – Budget Officer from \$12,000 to \$22,000

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Alan Schock to change Line Item A1340.1 from \$12,000 to \$22,000.

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

1 ABSTENTION: Gary Spears

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Supervisor Spears mentioned that on Page 11 under the Sales Tax A1120 – the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 there was no change, but this year they will take a tremendous jump around 1,102 to 1.2. He would like to increase that now and maybe increase it again after the Public Hearing to \$1,000,025. Councilman Trovei said it was awesome. Mr. Spears said they could provide residents with a 0% tax increase. Mr. Trovei would like to see 1.5% even more so, if they could get to the point where they could give back a quarter to half percent. They want taxes stable and to be very conservative. Discussion continued.

Motion to Change Line Item A1120 – Sales Tax from \$950,000 to \$1,000,025

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Alan Schock to Change Line Item A1120 – Sales Tax from \$950,000 to \$1,000,025.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adopt 2020 Tentative Budget with Changes

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Alan Schock to adopt the 2020 Tentative Budget with the Changes just made.

Discussion: Councilman Schock asked about John Flynn and Planning Board ... Supervisor Spears said they did and the Planning, Zoning and BAR were all raised with a \$10 raise, but this budget won't show it.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept 2020 Tentative Budget Becoming Preliminary Budget

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to Accept the 2020 Tentative Budget becoming Preliminary Budget.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Submit 2020 Preliminary Budget to Town Clerk for Public Hearing November 4, 2019

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Alan Schock to submit the 2020 Preliminary Budget to the Town Clerk for Public Hearing on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Comments

Councilman Trovei was excited to see what they were able to accomplish as a team. He thanked each and every one of them. He knows that every night they give up is a sacrifice from their businesses and families. To see what has happened in the last six years is very encouraging.

Councilman Dean thanked Gary for his leadership. It's really been a big turnabout and it is exciting to be part of that. Moving forward they remain on that track and they will become even more frugal because it is not their money, but belongs to the people who live here. It is up to them to be responsible.

Supervisor Spears reported that he believes he has secured a \$50,000 grant that day to buy a Mason Dump and Plow for the Highway Department, so he hopes that pans out. They are still working on a grant for moving the Police Station. He's still working on that. They hope it will provide \$100,000.

Councilman Smith said good job on the budget. People should be happy and he wished more people knew about it. Unless the word gets out there, they don't appreciate it or the sacrifices that were made.

Councilman Schock thanked the Supervisor for doing this because he just wonders how he does it.

Supervisor Spears added that the town got the \$125,000 grant to do more roads.

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Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by Ken Smith to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 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