

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD ANNUAL AUDIT MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

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

Invocation by Arthur Trovei (Participation is Optional)

Attendance:

Supervisor: Gary Spears

Councilmen: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean, Arthur Trovei

Pledge of Allegiance: Ken Smith

Call to Order: 7:35 p.m.

Presentations/Communications

Town Clerk Florence T. Santini reported on the Police Chief addressing the Seniors in regards to telephone scams and warning them of some situations. He also agreed to return now and then and address different topics concerning them. Ms. Santini also reported on her attending a conference for Senior Council representatives offering a lot of miscellaneous information related to the aging issues.

Addition/Deletions to Agenda – None

Public Comment – None

Department Head Report – Supervisor Spears said they are looking at a new backhoe off the state bid (Ed Hughson couldn't be there). Councilman Trovei said they've been discussing improving Highway Department equipment. This machine hopefully will last for 15 years. They will save a lot of money buying it on state bid. Ed Hughson had gotten a couple bids and they are looking to get a better machine to be safer and easier for the guys to use. The warranty is about three years. Mr. Trovei said he will look it over and bring it back if he thinks it is recommended. The cost will be about \$112,000.

Motion to Approve Highway Superintendent Request to Purchase Caterpillar 420 Backhoe and Forks - \$112,000

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Ken Smith to approve the Highway Superintendent's request to purchase a Caterpillar 420 Backhoe and forks for about \$112,000 on state bid.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve January 7, 2019 and January 17, 2019 Board Minutes

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Ken Smith to approve both January 7, 2019 and January 17, 2019 Board Minutes as written.

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

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Motion to Hire New F/T Police Officer Nicholas A. Osowick

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to hire new F/T Police Officer Nicholas A. Osowick as recommended by the Police Chief.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Authorize Chief Sztynodor to Purchase 2019 Ford Police Utility Interceptor - \$38,566.88

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to authorize Chief Sztynodor to purchase a 2019 Ford Police Utility Interceptor for \$38,566.88.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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Motion to Appoint Florence Santini as Marriage Officer for Three Months

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to appoint Florence Santini as Marriage Officer for the period of three months, ending the last day of April 2019.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears mentioned he is looking at the noise ordinance for the town and would like to give it to the board to consider an ordinance that might be a little easier to enforce. There are issues with commercial properties. The current ordinance doesn't separate commercial and private situations.

Supervisor Spears also mentioned he is getting together a recovery cost for police so it is standardized in the policy and get it ready for the upcoming contract negotiations. They spend a lot of time and money training new police officers, only to have somebody else grab them because they are training them as P/T officers and they get hired as F/T and you can't blame them. They want the town reimbursed for costs incurred. Usually the police department wanting them will reimburse the town.

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

Motion to Pay Bills

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by David Dean to pay bills that have been signed by three council members and all may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office.

General Fund Abstract ##3 of 2019 in the amount of \$78,383.76
Highway Fund Abstract #26 of 2018 in the amount of \$5,177.17
Highway Fund Abstract #3 of 2019 in the amount of \$87,707.45
Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #1 of 2019 in the amount of \$268.48

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Litigation and Legal Advice Re: Tax Certiorari Proceeding at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by David Dean to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation and legal advice regarding Tax Certiorari proceedings and other potential litigation following a recess at 8:15 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reported that many of the board, bookkeeper and Planning and Zoning Board members are keeping up with their state mandates for training and hopefully are benefitting the town's people by being property training. The meetings are with the Association of Town's Meeting in New York City.

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Dean commented on the equipment being purchased is long overdue. He thanked Art and appreciated how well-versed Art is. He thought spending more money for better equipment, they are getting better dollars for the long haul. It makes their men safer, more productive and he felt it was long overdue.

Councilman Smith agreed with Councilman Dean in that it will be a good thing for the town.

Councilman Schock thanked Flo for taking care of the seniors. He also thanked Art for taking care of his work on the machine. He suggested praying for the state leaders and president. He felt privileged to serve with the men.

Councilman Trovei shared a comment from someone that once they had pushed their way through Port Jervis, how great the town's roads were. So, hats off to the guys in our Highway Department who keep the roads clean during these past storms.

Supervisor Spears stated that the Galley Hill Road raising job is complete. It looked really nice and the guard rails are up now. There were some detour signs left up and they'll be taken down. He hopes that solves that problem. He went to No. 2 Beach

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regarding the river and he said that Jack Flynn and the Police Department are monitoring the ice in the rivers. It still could cause a problem. There was a problem in the Pine Kill and it caused water and ice on 209, Ed Hughson and another guy went up and plowed the ice off the road. It's good now. He suggested keeping their eyes on the ice and report anything they notice as being trouble.

Motion to Re-enter Regular Session at 9:10 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to re-enter Regular Session at 9:10 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Authorize Glen A. Plotsky to Execute Stipulation of Deerpark Adv. Dragon Springs Buddhist, Inc. Partial Discontinuance

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to authorize Glen A. Plotsky to execute stipulation of Deerpark Adv. Dragon Springs Buddhist, Inc. partial Discontinuance.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Authorize Glen A. Plotsky to Execute Stipulations of Deerpark Adv. Dragon Springs Buddhist, Inc. Partial Settlement

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to authorize Glen A. Plotsky to execute stipulations of Deerpark Adv. Dragon Springs Buddhist, Inc. partial settlement.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to adjourn at 9:12 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