

**TOWN OF DEERPARK  
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020**

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

**Attorney:** Glen Plotsky

**Engineer:** Alfred Fusco, Jr.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Ken Smith

**Public Hearing on Purchase of Harry I. Space, II Property (SBL:38-1-104.2) at 7:15 p.m.**

*Florence T. Santini, Town Clerk* read the Public Hearing Notice (a copy is attached to the official minutes).

Public Comment: Margaret Spring asked where the property was in respect to the park and Supervisor Spears answered it is next to the Senior Center/Highway Garage and where the property drops down in the back, the Highway Department has been using that for a number of years. He said that while it is available now, it was a good time to get it to protect what they have and if they have a future use, it is adjoining which is important to them. The Board all thought it was a good idea.

**Motion to Close the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean to close the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Call to Order:** 7:30 p.m.

Additions/Deletions - None

Presentations/Communications

*Megan Tennermann* from the Orange County Planning Board spoke about the 2020 Census. The census has been mandated in the United States Constitution to be done every 10 years. She said that New York in general is losing population in leaps and bounds. They will lose one congressional seat. She said the difference between losing one and two seats is 65,000 people. A complete count, especially in the County of Orange, they will lose a ridiculous amount of funding. For more information, refer to the Census Information posted on the Town of Deerpark webpage or see <https://www.2020census.gov/>. She asked the board to talk about how important the census and pledge to fill it out themselves. She left brochures at the Town Hall and Flo will put some in the Post Offices. Census mailings will not be delivered to mail boxes, only physical addresses.

Supervisor Spears asked what difficulty they find to get people to sign up and Ms. Tennermann said Deerpark is in pretty good shape. She said the response rate in 2010 was about 75%, which was greater than the county 70%. The census will be from April 1 to April 30 to respond online, by phone or by mail. You can respond as early as March 12<sup>th</sup>. From mid-May to the end of July, enumerators will come to your door. They will have a badge with their name, US Census Bureau and an expiration date. Discussion continued. Councilman Dean asked about the jobs and they are hiring at \$20 an hour and you don't have to pay Federal taxes. The job lasts for about 12 weeks.

**Motion to Approve February 3, 2020 Board Minutes**

Motion by Alan Schock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean to approve the February 3, 2020 Board Minutes with amended comment change (a little less than what the actual sales tax increase was that came in).

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

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New Business

**Motion to Approve Hiring Jeff Legato as P/T Town of Deerpark Police Officer**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to approve the hiring of Jeff Legato as P/T Town of Deerpark Police Officer.

Discussion: Supervisor Spears explained that they have lost two part-time officers who were young and took full time jobs elsewhere. This should fill the need.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Town Engineer Al Fusco* gave an update on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). He had a meeting where they went over new rules for regulations. The program is similar to the other ones they have been through, but the new rules make the projects more competitive. Many municipalities are trying to supplement their capital program with these grants. The grants range from \$50,000 - \$75,000, where in the past Deerpark was able to get a maximum of \$125,000 every year. Now we have to ask for \$125,000 and hope they can get \$75,000 or so on it. They will need a Public Hearing. The Board needs to evaluate the projects and select one. He said they would help prepare the application and move it forward. There will be a site visit. Deerpark is eligible due to being in a low to moderate enumeration district. They hope to get funding for a project this year. Supervisor Spears asked him about the Martin Road paving project that was first denied, but now they've let them back in the program and asked for \$125,000. They want to go out to bid on that. Mr. Fusco said they were first denied funding on Martin Road, but they have accepted a new bid package. They are to authorize to go to bid. He will set the date with Flo.

**Motion to Authorize Town Engineer and Town Clerk Prepare Advertising Bid Package – Martin Road**

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean to authorize the Town Engineer and Town Clerk to prepare advertising of the bid package for the Martin Road project.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve Resolution No. 3 of 2020 – FY-2020/2021 Orange County Community Development Block Grant Application**

Motion by Alan Schock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to approve submitting the FY2020/2021 Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program application.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Set Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program 2021 on March 16, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.**

Motion by Alan Schock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to set Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program 2021 on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor Spears reported receiving the Red Rill LLC Liquor License which is a 30-day notice to the Town and Flo Santini said she keeps it on file.

Supervisor Spears reported on the town summer program using the YMCA Camp here in Huguenot. The camp graciously allows the town to use this world-class camp at half price for its residents up to two weeks. They entered into an agreement again this year at \$100 a week per child. The sign-up for camp at Town Hall will be Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Camp will have two Open Houses and will take sign-ups Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and again May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Flo will advertise on the website.

Supervisor Spears reported the Police Car that was totaled for \$22,500.23. They got a lot of equipment out of that car and they are looking to order a new car using that insurance money and money from his equipment line.

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**Motion to Authorize Police Chief to Purchase 2020 Police Interceptor SUV from Beyer Ford \$40,324.00**

Motion by David Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to authorize the Police Chief purchasing a new Police Interceptor SUV from Beyer Ford off State Bid at Beyer Ford for \$40,324.00 with money from the Insurance Company and the Police Department Equipment Line.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2 of 2020 – Authorizing Supervisor to Sign STOP DWI – Traffic Safety Program**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to approve Resolution No. 2 of 2020 – Authorizing the Supervisor to sign the STOP DWI – Traffic Safety Program.

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

**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 all may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office, along with the Budget Officer's Report.

General Fund Abstract #3 of 2020 in the amount of \$1,130,989.11

Highway Fund Abstract #3 of 2020 in the amount of \$82,327.65

Engineering Fund Abstract #2 of 2020 in the amount of \$2,611.84

Deerpark Street Lighting Fund Abstract #2 of 2020 in the amount of \$289.22

Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #1 of 2020 in the amount of \$415.38

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Florence Santini, Town Clerk* reported on the Board of Elections closing the Huguenot Fire House for elections, moving Districts 2, 3 and 6 to the Senior Center. Districts 4 & 5 will remain at Sparrowbush Fire Company. There will be three elections: Presidential Primary from April 18 – 26; Primary from June 13 - 21 and General from October 24 – November 1. There will be all different times. All early voting is in Port Jervis and she said would be putting the information on the web page. The early voting site will be Engine Company #2, 22 Hammond Street in Port Jervis for Port Jervis, Deerpark, Greenville, Mount Hope and Minisink. Flo also stated the burning ban will be lifted on May 15<sup>th</sup>. No burning until then. Flo also commented the seniors are doing well. Sergeant Cirulli spoke to them, the school directors came and spoke to them also.

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Trovei – Mentioned the Governor's proposal of a bond to restore Mother Nature for \$3.5 Billion and committing over \$32 Billion towards this project. He sent a letter to Albany. He urged people to pay attention to the proposal.

Councilman Dean – Nothing to say—but welcome home.

Councilman Schock – Thanked Megan and the update on the census. He thought it was very interesting. It is very important.

Councilman Smith – Said the Census was extremely important.

Supervisor Spears – He's back in the office and encouraged any one to call if they needed anything.

**Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Litigation Matters after a 15-Minute Recess**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Schock to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation matters after a 15-minute recess.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Motion to Re-enter Regular Session at 9:48 p.m.**

Motion by Alan Schock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to re-enter Regular Session at 9:48 p.m.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Adjourn at 9:50 p.m.**

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean to adjourn at 9:50 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