

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016**

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

Invocation by Alan Schock (Participation is Optional)

Attendance

Supervisor: Gary Spears

Councilmember's: Alan Schock, David Dean

Absent: Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Engineer: Al Fusco, Jr.

Call to Order at 7:33 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by David Dean

Presentations/Communications

Orange County Legislator Tom Faggione gave an update on issues facing Deerpark. He reported that at 6:00 p.m. that night, the town hosted a public hearing on two proposed highway bridges that are going into the construction phase on Route 42 and 97 and that information was made available. It was a great presentation and is a great opportunity for the state to come in and replace two old and antiquated bridges. He appreciated being at that meeting. He said they are working hard at the county level to do all they can to keep the taxes low and encourage people to live as prosperously as they want in their communities. He often thinks of what they are doing here in the Town of Deerpark to be smart about that. He said that as a County Legislator, he was able to come to the town a couple of weeks earlier and met the Supervisor and several concerned citizens along with Orange County Commissioner of Parks Rich Rose. They met at the County Park, D & H Canal Park right behind Hamilton Bicentennial Elementary School. They had an open forum and great discussion. Concerned citizens came and talked about getting water back into the canal portion behind the school. He thought the discussion was positive. There are a lot of hurdles that need to be discussed. They will continue with another meeting in the next week or so. He was happy that the citizens understood the fact that it is a county park and there was county representation there. The county historian was there as well. He looks forward to work along that process. The County Legislature meets once a month usually the first Thursday afternoon of the month at 3:30 p.m. at the 911 Center in Goshen. In April the general meeting is Friday at 10:00 a.m. for Youth and Government day and they encourage all young people and schools to come out and see how their county government works.

Supervisor Spears corrected the statement made of the bridge repair work being an information meeting, not a public hearing and didn't want anyone to be confused on that.

Motion to Open Public Hearing on Orange County Community Block Grant Program for 2017

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

Public Comment:

Grace Woodard – She thought perhaps someone from Orange County would be available to expand each item on the list. She understands that most of the time the block grants for road improvements and things for the Town of Deerpark. She did have an idea as she was going over this, to promote the town recreationally to attract tourism and recreation that historically she thinks it would be a great idea if all of the metes and bounds of the original Peenpack Patent were surveyed and marked with historic markers. This is the oldest European settlement in Orange County. If you're going to attract the historical gangs, that is just one thread in promoting the town as the "go to" place historically. Also, there was the original patent and an extension to the patent. So, it covers thousands of acres and she thinks if they had a local surveyor who knows a lot about it ... years ago, Tom Brannin knew everything about the rocks and surveyed a lot of this area. If this could be shoehorned into something on the list, she thinks that would be a good use of the block grant.

Supervisor Spears said that unfortunately the Highway Superintendent is ill and could not be there, but he passed the information along to him that his suggestion is they apply for the Community Block Grant for the repaving of Shinhollow Road in the Town of Deerpark. They have those two suggestions on there.

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Motion to Close Public Hearing on Orange County Community Block Grant Program for 2017

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by David Dean to close the Public Hearing on Orange County Community Block Grant Program for 2017.

VOTE: 3 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

2 ABSENT: Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Board Discussion: Supervisor Spears said they had two proposals but had no costs on the survey. They do have the cost on the highway of \$125,000 for the repaving. Councilman Schock said that though the survey was a neat idea, he thought the money would be best spent on the repaving personally. People would rather have a nice road on Shinhollow. They don't know the cost on surveying.

Motion to Use the Orange County Community Block Grant Funds of \$125,000 on Repaving Shinhollow

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Alan Schock to use the Orange County Community Block Grant funds of \$125,000 on repaving Shinhollow Road.

VOTE: 3 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

2 ABSENT: Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Town Engineer Al Fusco, Jr. explained the application process. He mentioned two Resolutions he drafted which are similar, but it the language the Community Development requires that basically makes a commitment on behalf of the town that they will utilize the money in accordance with federal requirements which include buy American, Iran-Contra so no money from this program gets to Iran, etc. He also needs a letter of support from the Supervisor indicating that any cost they are not eligible for will be sworn by the Town of Deerpark Engineering fees of acquisition fees or something of that nature. In addition to that, it will state that you have chosen Shinhollow Road for the repaving. Then, they will also need authorization for the Supervisor to sign and that is all in the two resolutions he gave them.

Motion to Apply for Grant Funding for the Community Development Block Grant

Motion David Dean, 2nd by Alan Schock to Apply for Grant Funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$125,000 for repaving Shinhollow Road and to authorize the Supervisor to sign for the Town of Deerpark, and sign a letter that the municipality will commit to their portion of the project.

VOTE: 3 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

2 ABSENT: Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment Period – None

Old Business – None

New Business

Town Attorney Glen Plotsky read the proposed Amendment to Resolution #4 of 2016 (a copy is attached to the official minutes) regarding the Shinglekill Bridge repairs and detours on Routes 42 and 97 and Town of Deerpark's Bolton Basin Road.

Motion to Adopt Amendments to Resolution #4 of 2016

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Alan Schock to Adopt the Amendments to Resolution #4 of 2016 as read.

Discussion: Councilman Schock asked if this will take place between March 16th and June 30th. Supervisor Spears said this will take place between May 4, 2016 in one month and they expect to be done by September 28th, 2016. That is the bridge going up Route 42 towards Monticello. The following spring they will do Route 97. The town has restricted them to do no work between July 1st and September 4th due to tourism and river traffic, so they will do that in the spring of 2017.

VOTE: 3 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

2 ABSENT: Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

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Motion to Donate \$600 to the Naval Ship for Flags for 2016

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by David Dean to donate \$600 to the Naval Ship for flags for 2016.

VOTE: 3 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

2 ABSENT: Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Donate \$500 to the VFW for Flags for 2016

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Alan Schock to donate \$500 to the VFW for flags for 2016.

VOTE: 3 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

2 ABSENT: Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept Letter of Resignation of P/T Officer Brian Bonilla

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by David Dean to accept the letter of resignation of P/T Officer Brian Bonilla effective immediately.

VOTE: 3 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

2 ABSENT: Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Danielle Glynn, Vice President of Sparrowbush Engine Company and First Vice President of the Orange County Volunteer Firemen's Association presented the Sparrowbush Engine Co. 2017 Parade information and read the letter to the Sparrowbush Residents Notice (a copy is attached to the official minutes). The letter to the Town Board was read (a copy is attached to the official minutes). She said they have raised over \$20,000. All community is welcome to celebrate with them after the parade. They will have the band Emish, DJ and fireworks. It is 18 months away and the residents will get letters in this regard ahead of the event. There will be a lot of traffic and events going on during the week of the parade with road closures and detours. They sent letters to NYS DOT and Quality Bus. She will also present this information to the Mayor of Port Jervis. They will need help from the Town of Deerpark and the City of Port Jervis with police and highway help. Supervisor Spears said they should be able to help out and when it gets closer they will discuss it again. Councilman Dean asked what the parade route would be. Ms. Glynn replied that they would come down Park Avenue and go down Route 42 & 97 to Main Street.

Supervisor Spears read the letter from Robert Emerson, Building Inspector recommending the Oakland Valley Raceway site plan and permit is approved.

Motion to Approve Oakland Valley Raceway Yearly Permit

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve the Oakland Valley Raceway Yearly Permit.

VOTE: 3 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

2 ABSENT: Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears presented the Port Jervis Little League and their application to use the ball fields (Harriet Space Park, Sparrowbush Park and the Police Barracks field) in the town. He also had a copy of their insurance.

Motion to Approve the Port Jervis Little League Use of Town Parks for the 2016 Season

Motion by Al Schock, 2nd by David Dean to approve the Port Jervis Little League to use the Town of Deerpark parks for the 2016 season.

VOTE: 3 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

2 ABSENT: Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Decision to Table Approval of Board Minutes for March 7, 2016 and March 21, 2016 due to Al Schock abstaining and not having a quorum.

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Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

Motion to Pay Bills and Accept Budget Officer's Report

Motion by David Dean, 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 #6 of 2016 in the amount of \$148,312.96
Highway Fund Abstract #6 of 2016 in the amount of \$43,957.25
Engineering Fund Abstract #3 of 2016 in the amount of \$387.00

VOTE: 3 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

2 ABSENT: Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears stated that part of their Executive Session on a tax certiorari is postponed for two weeks. The attorney didn't have anything for Executive Session.

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Dean said he was looking forward to getting the bridges replaced on Route 42. It has been a long process. Both the Engineering Firm and the Contracting Firm can be very attentive to details for the residents along Bolton Basin Road. He said there are five occupied houses. There will be inconvenience for them, which is unfortunate, but the Police Department...and the homework has been done in order to try to limit the amount of traffic that will be on Bolton Basin Road. It should be a quick process in relative terms of how long it takes to replace the bridges. It will make for a better set up for people using Route 42. When that one is done, they will do the one on Route 97. They will look forward to getting that done. He said congratulations to the Sparrowbush Fire Company. He said he was looking forward to it.

Councilman Shock congratulated Danielle Glynn and the fire company. He was glad to see the bridges get replaced.

Supervisor Spears expounded on the informational meeting they had that night. It was well attended by the people on Shinhollow Road and not only the contractor, but the state and also the engineering firm. Just to recap, both bridges are going to be done in the spring. They opted, and they agreed that the best way to do this was to use a detour and not a red light, with one lane of traffic going each way. They claim that the construction time is cut in half by closing the road using a detour and not using the single lanes. They thought overall it was best for the residents. They are doing some repairs and improvements on Bolton Basin Road, repaving the shoulders. The dip as you exit Bolton Basin Road onto Route 97 is going to be raised up to level so sight vision is better. They will do extensive signage on both roads. The detours are for cars only. The detours for trucks will be in Forestburgh and going down Oakland Valley Road down to Route 209. They will drop the speed limit. The town will have two new bridges. The bridge they just put over the Neversink River, the town just did work on Shinhollow Bridge and the town has not received money to rebuild the Big Pond Road. The only bridge they actually used local tax payer money is to repair Shinhollow Road. Everything else has come through FEMA or New York State DOT. He congratulated Danielle on her appointment as President—the first female president in 102 years is quite an honor. They look forward to working with her on that parade.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Alan Schock to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

VOTE: 3 AYES: Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

2 ABSENT: Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini
Town Clerk