

**TOWN OF DEERPARK  
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017**

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

**Invocation** by Arthur Trovei (Participation is Optional)

**Attendance:**

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

**Absent:** Gary Spears

**Attorney:** Glen Plotsky

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Ken Smith

**Call to Order:** 7:33 p.m.

Presentations/Communications

The *Port Jervis School District Supervisor Tom Bongiovi* reported on the budget will be voted on May 16<sup>th</sup> and the polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The public will be voting on three separate items: the budget, a referendum and four candidates. The budget is \$70.2 million dollar and has a \$1.8 million dollar increase from last year. The levy increase is .75%. He shared more details of the budget explanations. The *Assistant Supervisor Lorelei Case* presented the referendum information upgrading and renovating structures, equipment, etc. The project will be \$5,585,000 project. They will use \$1.9 million dollars in fund balance to offset the local share. Their state aid remains at 88% and most of the project will be aid from the state at that amount. Councilman Trovei asked about the aid and Ms. Case explained that 12% of the local share.

Councilman Dean inquired about the sewer treatment plant being adequate for the load and she agreed that it is. Mr. Dean asked if the enrollment in the schools was going up or down and Mr. Bongiovi said the enrollment is going down and he said they were at 2,500 students' total. He spoke about class sizes being 20-21 per class room. Mr. Dean then asked if they see a trend in the decrease and Ms. Case responded they have lost at least 50 children a year in the last five years. Councilman Trovei asked about the fund balance and discussion continued. Councilman Dean asked about security measures and Mr. Bongiovi explained how the improvement will help towards making the glass doors bullet proof. Discussion continued.

*Town Clerk Florence Santini* mentioned the Burning Ban was extended until May 20<sup>th</sup>. Permits for the town bulk clean up are being given out in the Town Clerk's office. On May 12 and 13 they are signing up children for the YMCA summer camp.

**Motion to Approve April 17, 2017 Board Minutes**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arthur Trovei to approve the April 17, 2017 Board Minutes.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean**

**1 ABSENT: Gary Spears**

**MOTION CARRIED**

New Business

**Motion to Hire John Tunney as the P/T Cleaner**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arthur Trovei to hire John Tunney as the P/T Cleaner at \$12.50 an hour.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean**

**1 ABSENT: Gary Spears**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve Board of Elections to Use the Senior Center**

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to approve the Board of Elections to use the Senior Center on August 1, 2017 for Inspector's Training.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean**

**1 ABSENT: Gary Spears**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

**Motion to Pay Bills**

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to pay bills that have been signed by three council members and may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office:

General Fund Abstract #8 of 2017 in the amount of \$99,776.28

Highway Fund Abstract #8 of 2017 in the amount of \$40,491.31

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean**

**1 ABSENT: Gary Spears**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Schock – None

Councilman Smith – Thanked Mr. Bongiovi for sharing the information with them and found it interesting how the money was being spent. He wanted to encourage people to come to the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. It is very important.\

Councilman Trovei – He wanted to encourage people to come and give their input about how they feel about the annexation and any insight that they can give, either plus or minus, good or bad, they are looking for that. He also encouraged everyone to vote on the school budget. That is the biggest money being spent in this area. They work very hard watching how the town's money is being spent and people need to be very careful about how money is being spent over there. That's the biggest part.

Councilman Dean – He agreed with Mr. Trovei, and said anybody who tells him “oh my taxes are killing me” ... he says his taxes are killing him too...and everyone at that table. If people are truly concerned, he urges them to get involved with what happens at the school. That is where the lion's share of the money goes.

**Motion to Adjourn at 7:55 p.m.**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arthur Trovei to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Alan Schock, Ken Smith, David Dean**

**1 ABSENT: Gary Spears**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini  
Town Clerk