

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014**

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

Invocation by Arthur Trovei

Attendance

Supervisor: Karl Brabenec

Councilmember's: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith

Engineer: Al Fusco

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Call to Order at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by Ken Smith

Roll Call/Attendance

Additions or Changes to Agenda

Motion to Add School Board Presentation under Presentations/Communications on the Agenda

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by David Dean to add School Board Presentation under Presentations/Communications on the agenda.

VOTE: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Add Change Order for New Senior Center Under New Business on the Agenda

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears to add Change Order for New Senior Center under New Business on the Agenda.

VOTE: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Public Hearing Notice Orange County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for 2015 at 7:36 p.m.

Town Clerk, Florence T. Santini read the Public Notice on the Community Development Block Grant for 2015 and a copy is attached to the official minutes.

Supervisor Brabenec explained what this grant is about. The town applies for this every year, with the exception of last year because they were on a two year cycle. This year they have a couple ideas involving the No. 2 Beach property and paving on Hook Road. This grant money funds multiple projects and the committee makes recommendations. The maximum requested is \$125,000. Councilman Trovei mentioned paving need for around the building. Al Fusco mentioned the Highway Department. Councilman Dean mentioned the No. 2 Bridge and Hook Road. Ed Hughson said that would be good for the town. Supervisor Brabenec said another possible idea for that particular area is security cameras that would work 24/7 and hook it into the police department and will look into whether it would be covered in that.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Close Public Hearing on the Orange County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for 2015 at 7:31 p.m.

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Ken Smith to close the public hearing on the CDBG Grant for 2015 at 7:31 p.m.

VOTE: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations/Communications

Both Mr. Bongiovi, Superintendent and Lorelei Case, Assistant Superintendent of the *Port Jervis School District* presented the school budget that will be voted on May 20th from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. A copy of their presentation is attached to the official board minutes. The budget of \$63 million has 1.7% increase. The salaries and benefits make up \$ 2.7 million increase, which is 1.32%. They were adding a Librarian and a Special Ed teacher. They had five people running for three board positions. There will be propositions on the ballot. Discussion continued among the board and the school officials regarding the \$900,000 from

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Deerpark and money from the state and if they do not get it the next year, was it set aside or put in general fund. It was ?? one time. Councilman Dean suggested putting it in the General Fund as those in Deerpark and Port Jervis are not wealthy people and don't waste money. They were thanked for presenting their budget and reminded people to vote on May 20th. (A copy of the School Budget is attached to the Official Minutes.)

Robert Conflitti, Executive Assistant District Attorney and Chief of Special Projects and Community Affairs Bureau from the *Orange County District Attorney Office* has instituted a new community prosecution program for Orange County program and introduced it to the Board. The purpose was to open communication between the prosecutors and every level of the community, meaning the town boards, city councils, police stations, school districts, etc. They want to partner with anyone who will give them anything. He gave the town posters to have on the wall.

Richard Sztynodor, *Deerpark Police Chief* was working the Department and they were trying new things. He was getting involved.

Ginny Dudko, Representative of the *Upper Delaware Scenic Byway* gave a report on the scenic byway and how Deerpark would be the next town to receive work on the shoulders of the road... she shared how fishing is such a big sport ...

Supervisor Brabenec announced a Recreation Event, *Town of Deerpark Safety Day* at Harriet Space Park on Saturday, May 17th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They did it last year. It is sponsored by the Port Jervis American Legion 685 and the Deerpark Recreation Committee for children ages 4 – 12. There will be a bike rodeo, fingerprinting by the Port Jervis Juvenile Aid Bureau Officer Buczek. The Fire Departments, EMS, Police Department will have equipment on display. Each child will receive a hot dog and beverage courtesy of the Deerpark Lions Club.

Supervisor Brabenec announced a *River Clean Up Grant* for all the towns in the Upper Delaware Council. They need to know of any ideas by May 30th. Councilman Dean said communities have signed up for livery sponsors every year and they have done a wonderful thing cleaning the river area.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings – None

Public Comment Period

Ed Sewall of the Huguenot Fire House spoke about the Fire House parking lot and asked if that could be considered with the CDBG funds. Supervisor Brabenec said that with the CDBG funds, at certain times they do apply to non-profits. So that might be a possibility and asked if they had a potential cost. They will talk about it.

New Business

Motion to Adopt Resolution 15 of 2014 – Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for 2015

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to adopt Resolution 15 of 2014 – Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for 2015 to approve Karl Brabenec, Supervisor and Al Fusco, Town Engineer to apply for a maximum of \$125,000 as soon as possible for the paving of Sparrowbush access area on Hook Road for emergency vehicles.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adopt Resolution 16 of 2014 – NYS Police Municipal Contract With Greenville

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to adopt Resolution 16 of 2014 – NYS Police Municipal Contract with Greenville, authorizing Supervisor Karl Brabenec to sign agreement with the Towns of Greenville, Wawayanda and Minisink for the purpose of funding the Greenville New York State Barracks that will service the residents in the Town of Deerpark.

Discussion: Supervisor Brabenec said that the amount would be \$10,000 per year.

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

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Motion to Approve Change Order of New Senior Center for \$17,082.00

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to approve a change order of new Senior Center for \$17,082.00 from the fit up costs allocated to the Highway Garage, to be reimbursed from the grant. (FUSCO request attached to Official Minutes.)

VOTE: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

Motion to Pay Bills

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears 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 2014 in the amount of \$76,877.15

Highway Fund Abstract #8 of 2014 in the amount of \$37,253.14

Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #4 of 2014 in the amount of \$994.92

Capital Projects Fund #5 of 2014 in the amount of \$7,543.00

VOTE: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept Budget Officer's April 2014 Report

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to accept the Budget Officer's April 2014 Report as presented.

Discussion: Councilman Spears said he would like to get the percentages back on the report.

VOTE: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Spears commented on the interesting meeting and thanked Ginny and those from David Hoovler's Office. He welcomed the Police Chief and the gentlemen from the Fire Company who spoke.

Councilman Trovei also thanked those who participated in the meeting. He said that drugs and people were a problem, and he was looking forward to the work with the prosecutors program.

Councilman Dean thanked the District Attorney's Office and Dave Hoovler at his best, real good. Thanks Rich for being here and Ginny. We'll try to fix the parking lot. He said he felt conflicted on the school board budget. They got \$900,000 and spent it on staff and he will be voting against the school budget. He suggested everyone vote their consciences.

Councilman Smith said he echoed David Dean's comments 100% and would try to help the fire department.

Supervisor Brabenec congratulated Councilman Spears for being appointed by the Orange County Local Development Corporation regarding Valley View facility. The Bulk Clean Up was going to be the whole month of May for Deerpark residents and businesses. If they use a truck, they need to cover with a tarp or they could get a ticket if not covered. He reminded everyone of the Safety Day on May 17th. The YMCA Camp sign ups went well. There are still spots available. He thanked Theresa Creegan for volunteering to help people sign up for that. If anyone in Deerpark wants to sign up their children this summer for camp, they should contact Theresa (Tippy) Creegan in the Town Clerk's Office. He also wanted to thank the Orange County Sheriff's Office for providing prisoners to clean up the Route 209 and the upper border of Sullivan County on Route 211. He was looking forward to the Police Department to expend with funds for the IDCA New Headquarters here at Town Hall.

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Motion to Enter Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. to Discuss Dragon Springs vs. TOD and Werner vs. TOD

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears to enter Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss Dragon Springs vs. Town of Deerpark, and invite in Attorney Glen Plotsky; and to discuss Werner vs. Town of Deerpark and invite in Attorney Glen Plotsky.

VOTE: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Recess at 9:05 p.m.

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to recess at 9:05 p.m. until 9:15 p.m.

VOTE: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Re-Enter Regular Session at 10:31 p.m.

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to re-enter regular session at 10:31 p.m.

VOTE: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 10:31 p.m.

Motion by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Ken Smith to adjourn at 10:31 p.m.

VOTE: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears, David Dean, Ken Smith, Karl Brabenec

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini
Town Clerk