

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019**

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

Engineer: Al Fusco, Jr.

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Pledge of Allegiance: Ken Smith

Call to Order: 7:36 p.m.

Addition or Deletions to Agenda

Motion to Add Cuddebackville Fire Department Request for a Letter, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Applications and Highway Department Equipment Bids to the Agenda

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to add the Cuddebackville Fire Department Request for a letter to train in Dragon Springs, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Applications and Highway Department Equipment Bids to the Agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations/Communications

Supervisor Spears reminded everyone the Deerpark Clean Up days are going through the entire month of May and a coupon with the town seal is available in the Town Clerk's Office. Orange County Household Hazardous Waste & Operation Safe Scripts Pharmaceutical Collection at the Port Jervis High School lower parking lot will be Saturday, June 8th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 10 Route 209. It is free for Orange County residents with proof of residency. This should be on the town website.

Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance Corps - George Ewing reported they are a little bit lower than last year at this time profit-wise. They expected this with the purchase of two brand new ambulances and for the first time in three years, they are paying for their comp. They had so much credit before, it was off balance so they didn't have to pay for it. Now they are paying for it again. They have money in the bank. They are seeing a profitable income. They are sending people to become instructors and they are beginning classes for CPR, First Aid and Narcan and they will be working with local police, school and fire departments to be certified. Their push this year will be education regarding what EMS is and what to do in case of an emergency. This is EMS week, the 45th annual throughout the country and this Thursday they will have a Teddy Bear Clinic, introducing children to emergency vehicles and techniques. They have three ambulances up and running. They have up to 4,000 miles on each of them. They are working with Bon Secours Hospital but their transports are inconsistent. He asked to use the Senior Center at night for training. Supervisor Spears mentioned it is on the Agenda to discuss later.

Public Comment – None

Highway Department Superintendent – Ed Hughson reported on the equipment placed on Auctions International. The five vehicles: 1994 International 2574 - \$2,500.00; 1999 International 2574 - \$2,700.00; 2009 Ford F-350 Pickup w/plow - \$4,500.00; 2009 Ford F-350 Mason Dump w/plow - \$6,600.00; 2003 Case 580 Super M Backhoe - \$9,900.00. Supervisor Spears said that would be under New Business on the Agenda. He got a call about CDBG funds for Martins Road, which they applied for and it was denied the first time, but they are hoping they'll get the money for this. However, the money applied for this next year may not be there. Once AI draws up the plans and they are looked over, they will try to push them to the top. Most of their roads now are 95% ready to be paved.

Motion to Approve May 6, 2019 Board Minutes

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by Ken Smith to approve the May 6, 2019 Board Minutes.

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

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Supervisor Spears said when he spoke to the County about the CDBG, he said they had extra money because many towns did not follow through with what they needed to do. They're in danger of losing that money, so he said they came to them because their track record of completing the projects within two months. He thanked Ed and Al and hoped the town would pick up \$125,000.00. The CDBG money coming out of the federal government is declining. They used to get about \$75,000 a year, and they could apply for \$125,000 for a project for up to three years and they were denied the last time.

New Business

Supervisor Spears mentioned they had three very good applicants and asked the Board to table the approval of the BAR member. They want to give each applicant a proper look. Attorney Glen Plotsky asked if this would cause a problem when the BAR meetings and Mr. Spears replied no due to the fact the new member would not be able to serve without training. Even though they won't be trained, they could sit in on a grievance session and then follow through on the process. A quorum is necessary for decisions and they should be fine this year.

Motion to Table the Approval of the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) Member

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to table the approval of the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) Member for two weeks.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve Hiring of Full Time Police Officer Samantha Calderon for the Town of Deerpark Police

Department

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve the hiring of Full Time Police Officer Samantha Calderon for the Town of Deerpark Police Department, with a probationary period.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve the Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance Corps to Use Senior Center for Training

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Ken Smith to approve the Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance Corps to use the Senior Center for EMT and different kinds of medical training and schedule through the Town Clerk one week prior and submit the application with proof of insurance.

Discussion: Councilman Dean asked how many people will be attending. Danielle Glynn said it could be 10 to 20 or more people at a time.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve the Auctions International Bids for Highway Department Equipment Total of \$26,200.00

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve the Auctions International Bids for the Highway Department Equipment of five vehicles for a total of \$26,200.00.

Discussion: Councilman Trovei said it was fair and maybe they would get another 10% – 15% maybe ... they pick up the equipment. Mr. Hughson said they have 48 hours to pay and 10 days to pick it up.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Town Engineer Al Fusco reported on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a program where a certain amount of money goes to the County and the county delivers it to its consortium members, which the Town of Deerpark is one of them. We get to apply for these funds. We didn't get funds the last round, and they had the Supervisor and himself and told them the Town of Deerpark was eligible and were always the first ones to get the money and get the project done and get it closed out. It will be hand delivered tomorrow and they have a thick book of specifications. He explained their part and the town's part.

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Motion to Authorize Supervisor to Sign Agreement with Orange County CDBG and Authorize Competitive Bids

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Ken Smith to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement with the Orange County CDBG and authorize Al Fusco, Jr. the Town Engineer and Florence Santini the Town Clerk to submit the competitive bids for the black top pavement.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears explained a request in a letter from the Cuddebackville Fire District to send a letter to Dragon Springs so they could enter through their entrance at 140 Galley Hill for training and in case of actual emergencies. This would be Fire District vehicles and operated by the fire district personnel responding to an emergency. There would be no private vehicles, other than fire district personnel responding to an emergency. This is why they still haven't completed their permit on the north gate on Galley Hill Road. The bridge is in effect, but they haven't completed their permit.

Motion to Authorize Supervisor to Sign Letter Allowing Cuddebackville Fire District to Use Galley Hill Road Entrance into Dragon Springs

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to authorize the Supervisor to sign the letter allowing the Cuddebackville Fire District to use the Gall Hill Road entrance into Dragon Springs for training and emergencies.

Discussion: Councilman Smith asked if they'll let them in and Supervisor Spears said they go up every week on inspections. Town Attorney Glen Plotsky clarified the letter directs and gives permission for fire district vehicles and private vehicles operated by fire district personnel in case of emergency to enter upon the property strictly for training or emergency purposes.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Table Approval of Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals Application Forms

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by David Dean to table the approval of Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals application forms until the next board meeting.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Authorize the Supervisor to Sign the Charitable Pledge Agreement with 430 Route 209, LLC

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Alan Schock to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Charitable Pledge Agreement with 430 Route 209, LLC for three years.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears asked Glen Plotsky to send a letter to the DEC in regards to the property at 430 Route 209 in regards to the clean up of the sight. Mr. Plotsky did receive a reply and the DEC is planning a remediation plan for the property.

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

Motion to Pay Bills

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to pay bills that have been signed by three council members and accept the Budget Officer's Report and all may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office.

General Fund Abstract #10 of 2019 in the amount of \$95,671.20
Highway Fund Abstract #10 of 2019 in the amount of \$30,038.75
Deerpark Manor Street Lighting Fund Abstract #5 of 2019 in the amount of \$305.68
Engineering Fund Abstract #4 of 2019 in the amount of \$774.00

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

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Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Litigation

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to enter Executive Session to Discuss Litigation and invite in Town Attorney Glen Plotsky, after a 15-minute recess (and closing board comments – 8:35 p.m.).

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

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Trovei – Enjoying the springtime.

Councilman Dean – Was glad something was being done with the old C & D Battery property.

Councilman Schock thanked Ed and Al for getting the money for grant.

Councilman Smith also said good job.

Supervisor Spears thanked George from the Volunteer Ambulance and said for those who didn't know that they had some financial difficulties a few years ago and they closed up shop. This board and Port Jervis City Council each chipped in \$30,000 to get them out of debt and get them back in business. Councilman Smith wrote them a business plan that they put almost all of it into effect. They are relying more on unpaid volunteers and less on paid staff, and proper billing and collections. He expressed pride in George and those involved. It is a service the City and Town can't be without.

Motion to Re-enter Regular Session at 9:35 p.m.

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by David Dean to re-enter Regular Session at 9:35 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 9:36 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to adjourn at 9:36 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