

**TOWN OF DEERPARK  
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017**

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

Invocation led by Councilman Schock (Participation Optional)

**Supervisor:** Gary Spears

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

**Attorney:** Glen Plotsky

**Engineer:** Al Fusco, Jr.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Councilman Dean

**Call to Order** at 7:32 p.m.

Presentations/Communications

Supervisor Spears read a communication from The Parks and Recreation and Historic Preservation regarding the Gumaer Cemetery listed on the National Register of Historic Places. (Letter is attached to the official minutes.)

*Town Clerk Florence Santini* reported on the Puerto Rican Relief aid being collected by her and Gina Torres, Secretary at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Port Jervis. Flo mentioned how she became involved by accident. They both have relatives in Puerto Rico and felt compelled to get involved for the long term needs there. Flo said she appealed to the Orange/Sullivan Town Clerks and Facebook ... however, it is much bigger than she could imagine. Now the Orange County Department of Emergency Management is involved due to how large it has become with Orange, Sullivan, Ulster counties all involved.

Public Comment: None

**Motion to Approve September 18, 2017 Board Minutes**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to approve the September 18, 2017 Board Minutes as written.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Old Business

Supervisor Spears reported the opening of bids for the timbering contract on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. ( A copy of minutes is attached to the official minutes). He said they were hoping to get over \$60,000 and they did get a bid from the Greene Lumber Company for \$122,346.00 after the town takes out what their share would be, the town will receive \$103,994.10. It was better than they expected and they are very happy about that. It will help the budget process. They have the contract that has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. He is seeking permission to sign the contract now that the bids are back in. There were a couple changes made to protect the company should the property sell before they are done harvesting and also for the company to pay for the recording fees, etc. If they record liens, which they may not, they will pay the fees and they would need to execute a satisfaction to be held in escrow. It is a standard business practice. Councilman Trovei asked if there was a time limit set on this. Supervisor Spears said they actually learned it was 18 months from the signing date. Councilman Trovei also asked who the parent company was and the supervisor mentioned it was Baillie Lumber. He then asked when they would get paid and the supervisor said they would get half of it when they sign, and when they start cutting they will pay the other half. They hope to start in a month if all goes well. Councilman Dean thanked Laurie for her diligence and her professionalism and gave her a lot of credit for being knowledgeable in the woods and he expects her to nurse this along and she agreed to.

**Motion to Approve Bids for Timbering Contract**

Motion by Ken Smith , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to approve the Supervisor to sign the timbering contract as amended.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor Spears mentioned they needed to approve the Preliminary Budget but there were a few changes he thought they should make.

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**Motion to Raise the Councilman Salaries to \$12,000 per Year**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to raise the councilman salaries to \$12,000 per year.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Change the Personnel Services – Deputy Supervisor Salary to \$8,000**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to change the Personnel Services Deputy Supervisor from \$6,120 to \$8,000.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor Spears mentioned that the Tax Collector salary was \$7,000 and it was moving to \$7,140 and he wanted to move it back to \$7,000 to keep their stipends at easy numbers and he will move that and a little more into the salary.

**Motion to Change the Tax Collector from \$7,140 back to \$7,000**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to change the Tax Collector from \$7,140 (in the Tentative Budget) back to \$7,000.

Discussion: Supervisor Spears mentioned that Danielle added the 2% to Tax Collector, which they don't usually do on stipends, so he is taking that back and will put back into (Flo's) salary.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Increase the Budget Officer's Salary to \$12,000**

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to increase the Budget Officer's Salary to \$12,000.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Increase the Town Clerk's Salary to \$45,000**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to Increase the Town Clerk's Salary to \$45,000, which includes the \$434 to make up for what was taken away.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Increase Unallocated Insurance to \$230,000**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Schock to increase unallocated insurance to \$230,000.

Discussion: Supervisor Spears explained that at the New York Association of Towns, many towns have requested to do an insurance review through the state or different private places. He was looking at the numbers compared to what some other supervisors think that may be a little high. He thought they should take up some offers for insurance reviews to see if they can save some money.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor Spears said that regarding the Miscellaneous/Unclassified Timbering he put in \$55,500 to be very careful on what the bids were that came in. Now that they have an actual bid, he will put the actual number in there at \$103,500 and that will offset the budget and probably offset some of the fund balance they use to balance the budget. Also, when they get into the Highway, he was very careful about raising amounts. He said Ed had asked for \$250,000 for paving. With this extra money, he would like to raise it to \$220,000. They would use that timbering money and put it into the roads.

**Motion to Raise Contractual Expenses from \$210,000 to \$220,000**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean to raise Contractual Expenses (5110.4) from \$210,000 to \$220,000.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Supervisor Spears said what he might do when this is all done and they find out what the tax cap rate would be, as last year it was .065% and assuming it will be somewhat similar, they would adjust the fund balance to get them to a half a percent or somewhere around there. He wanted everyone to know the timbering money won't be there next year, but in October of 2018, they will be paying off their deficit financing bill and that is \$110,000 a year so the effect on the budget next year will be very small. Hopefully they will be able to find some other ways to raise revenue in the town so they don't raise taxes.

New Business

**Motion to Accept Letter of Resignation of P/T Police Officer Nicholas Iannuzzi**

Motion Gary Spears, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean to accept the letter of resignation from P/T Police Officer Nicholas Iannuzzi with regret.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Supervisor Spears mentioned they would begin interviewing to replace Sergeant Liz Sullivan who put in for permanent disability.

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

**Motion to Pay Bills and Accept Budget Officer's Report**

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

General Fund Abstract #18 of 2017 in the amount of \$132,049.68

Highway Fund Abstract #18 of 2017 in the amount of \$59,353.79

Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #13 of 2017 in the amount of \$680.00

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Dean appreciated the Supervisor's work on the budget. It is a time consuming thankless job. He thanked Laurie for her work at Boehmler Park. Like anything else, if it is wisely managed it would continue to benefit people in the town. He told Ed his guys have done a great job with the roads. He doesn't hear from residents that somebody needs to fix the road anymore. He told Ed to let his guys know they are appreciated.

Councilman Trovei also thanked Ed and commented how he gelled with the highway crew and pulled them along. He said kudos for their work, but you have to have a leader to coordinate and he thanked Ed for really coming on. He watched him grow over the years in that management position and said he was doing a fine job. He appreciated it. He thanked Gary for his work in the budget. He said it was really exciting to know six years ago when they started, they borrowed \$800,000 to stay alive and it would be paid off and they have a fund balance yet to go and the town is looking better than it has ever looked. He's pretty proud of the job they've accomplished. He mentioned Flo, the engineers and the attorney thanking them for all they have contributed. He said their prayers are for the people in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Islands.

Councilman Schock said he was up on Big Pond the other day and it really came out nice and he was really impressed with the roads.

Councilman Smith also said the guys did a great job on the roads. He congratulated Flo and said it was always great when something starts out small and snowballs like this to help Puerto Rico. We can't comprehend what they are going through. He thanked Dave Dean for his idea with the wood and said it was a pleasure working with all these guys.

Supervisor Spears also thanked Ed for the roads and leadership, but rebuilding the fleet of equipment and trucks and making good trucks out of trucks a lot of people would throw away. He appreciated it and said he saved the town a lot, a lot of money. Hopefully they can tell people that. He thanked Flo for her vision for helping those in Puerto Rico and he witnessed how it grew and they were partial to her, but he told her what a good job she did. He thanked Dave Dean for his guidance through the

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process and they got more than he expected. He knew Art and Al did a bang up job working with Ed on these trucks. The three of them working together is why they've been so successful. He expressed appreciation to Ken for his expertise and help with the Ambulance and all he does for them. He appreciates Glen Plotsky and Al Fusco and all the work they do for the town. They hope to keep going for the next two years and they'll see what happens then.

**Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Tax Certiorari at 8:30 p.m.**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean to enter into Executive Session to discuss a tax certiorari at 8:30 p.m. following a short recess, and invite in the Town Attorney.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Re-Enter Regular Session at 8:58 p.m.**

Motion by Ken Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean to re-enter Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Adopt/Approve Preliminary Budget**

Motion by David Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith to adopt/approve the Preliminary Budget.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Adjourn at 9:00 p.m.**

Motion by Alan Schock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arthur Trovei to adjourn at 9:00 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