

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018**

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

Invocation led by Arthur Trovei (Participation Optional)

Supervisor: Gary Spears

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

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Engineer: Alfred Fusco, Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alan Schock

Call to Order at 7:32 p.m.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda – None

Motion to Add Dragon Springs Letter to Approval of Bids and Authorization of Hiring P/T Police Officer to the Agenda

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to add the Dragon Springs letter to the Approval of Bids for Galley Hill Road Raising Bids and Authorization of Hiring a P/T Police Officer to the agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations/Communications

Historians Report - Lynn Burns and Norma Schadt both made a presentation to the Board and their reports are attached to the official minutes of the board.

Ambulance Report – Next meeting.

Supervisor Spears reported that they paid the last of the deficit financing bonds, so the town is officially out of debt. They borrowed a million dollars and paid it back in ten years. He thanked everyone for working hard to get out of debt and back into the surplus.

Public comment – none

Motion to Approve the October 1, 2018 Board Minutes

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve the October 1, 2018 Board Minutes.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business

Supervisor Spears explained that they added the Galley Hill Road Raising to the agenda. They were waiting for an answer on the guardrail that was going to be installed along the side of the highway. There was some discrepancy whether it was in or out. It is back in with the original bid and the bid is now ready to be accepted. (All correspondence about recommending the award to the lowest qualifying bidder, Consorti Bros. Paving is attached to the original minutes.)

Motion to Accept the Bid and Authorize the Supervisor to Sign the Contract

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to accept the Galley Hill Road Raising Bid and authorize the Supervisor to Sign the Contract after the Town Attorney reviews the contracts.

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

MOTION CARRIED

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New Business

Motion to Accept Letter of Resignation of Christopher Mehedin P/T Police Officer

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Alan Schock to accept the letter of resignation of Christopher Mehedin as P/T Police Officer, with regrets.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve Hiring Racquel Vogel as P/T Police Officer

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve the hiring of Racquel Vogel as P/T Police Officer.

Discussion: Councilman Trovei asked about the cost when hiring a new officer and Supervisor Spears answered \$500.00 was for cost of the class. The town provides the uniform, training and weapons.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears mentioned how they had a Tentative Budget and were ready to move forward on a Preliminary Budget, and he invited any questions from the Board. Councilman Dean appreciated all the work that goes into all of that. They are careful how they spend the money and are out of deficit financing. Now they need to maintain it. Supervisor Spears stated they were at a levy of 1.94%, which is under the 2% tax cap. It is a little higher than in the past, but they are getting caught up with their 2% raises every year for their unions, just to be able to pay all the police officers and highway guys. They have been getting good news about the sales tax being up, so if they have money, it will go in the Unreserved Fund Balance and hopefully they can return some or at least keep it low next year. There were no questions.

Motion to Adopt the Tentative Budget for 2019

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by David Dean to adopt the Tentative Budget for 2019.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Set Public Hearing for Preliminary Budget for 2019 on November 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to set the public hearing for the Preliminary Budget on November 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Smith recommended everyone get out to vote in a couple weeks. He was thankful for the historians, Norma and Lynne, and the work they do. Budget work was good and he went over it a couple times.

Councilman Schock thanked both Norma and Lynne for their work and he hopes to get to their Fur Trade on Sunday, November 4th.

Councilman Dean thanked the Supervisor for his hard work on the budget and getting out of the hole. He wants to keep out of the hole. He appreciates his leadership.

Councilman Trovei was glad they got through that loan—he said great job on the budget.

Supervisor Spears said he was just coming on the board ten years ago when this mess hit. He said they are not only out of deficit financing, they have over a million dollars in fund balance. So, they are on solid footing. They have also built a new Senior Center and Highway Garage and replaced all their police cars and replaced tons of equipment in the Highway Department. Things are looking up. They should remain conservative. He thanked the Town Clerk and Legal Council for their hard work.

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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 all may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office.

General Fund Abstract #19 of 2018 in the amount of \$92,075.32
Highway Fund Abstract #19 of 2018 in the amount of \$89,219.35
Engineering Fund Abstract #8 of 2018 in the amount of \$18.00
Deerpark Street Lighting Abstract #10 of 2018 in the amount of \$323.57
Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #7 of 2018 in the amount of \$1,835.94

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Litigation on Academy Avenue and Tax Certioraris at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation on Academy Avenue and tax certioraris, following a 15-minute recess, and invite in the Town Attorney at 8:30 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Enter Regular Session at 8:55 p.m.

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to enter Regular Session at 8:55 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to adjourn at 8:56 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