

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

October 2, 2023

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

Invocation: Art Trovei

Pledge of Allegiance: Al Schock

Call to Order: 7:31 PM

Attendance:

Supervisor: Gary Spears

Councilmen: Art Trovei, David Dean, Al Schock

Town Clerk: Flo Santini

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Absent: Ken Smith

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Supervisor Spears- We had a highway employee resign today, so we will get to that at the end.

Motion to Add Resignation of Highway Employee to Agenda

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by David Dean

VOTES: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations/Communications:

Bill and Ginny Dudko presented a map of the UDC area to the town. Ginny stated that all with UDC is going well.

Supervisor Spears- Bulk Clean-Up Month is now here so if you haven't picked up your permit yet you can pick it up at the Town Clerks office if you are a resident of the Town of Deerpark.

Supervisor Spears reads letter from Attorneys for NY Security Systems stating that as of 8/31/2023 they are closed for business and will not reopen.

Supervisor Spears- Town offices will be closed October 9, 2023 for Columbus Day.

Motion to Approve September 5, 2023 Minutes

Motion by David Dean 2nd by Al Schock

VOTES: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Ken Smith

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Old Business:

Motion to Change Next Meeting from October 16, 2023 to October 23, 2023

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Al Schock

VOTES: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

Town Clerk Flo Santini presents tentative budget to Town Board.

Supervisor Spears reads letter of resignation from Police Officer Justin Morgan.

Motion to Accept Letter of Resignation from Police Officer Justin Morgan

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Art Trovei

VOTES: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads letter of resignation from Police Officer Joshua Brown.

Motion to Accept Letter of Resignation from Police Joshua Brown

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by David Dean

VOTES: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

*Supervisor Spears reads Proposal for 2023 Legal Services on Labor Matters- Hourly Rates \$235 Attorney
\$110 Paralegal with Stuart S. Waxman and Associates*

Motion to Accept Proposal for Legal Services 2023 on Labor Matters

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Al Schock

VOTES: 4 AYES (ROLL CALL): Arthur Trovei, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Allow Supervisor to Look for a Security Company to Maintain Cameras if Something Needs to be Fixed.

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by David Dean

VOTES: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Ken Smith

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Motion to Set Public Hearing for 2024 Budget on November 9, 2023 at 3PM

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Art Trovei

VOTES: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept Medical Release for Thomas Kalin to Report Back to Duty from Recent Surgery

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by David Dean

VOTES: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Burt Thelander and Supervisor Spears have a discussion about New Century Film. Thelander expresses concern he has regarding the traffic jam that occurred on 209 because of their Moon Festival Event based on what he heard from others who attended- he states he was not actually present at the event and didn't see the traffic himself. He also shares his concerns about their site plans for future buildings. Supervisor Spears tells him this is the wrong meeting to bring this to and that he needs to go to the Planning Board meeting. Thelander continues to express concern about the future building projects and Supervisor Spears again states that this is the wrong meeting and that he needs to bring this to a Planning Board meeting. Supervisor Spears also states that the Moon Festival has been going on for 7 years and there have been no issues with traffic in the past, so now that a new issue has come up with parking and traffic for their event, we will make the necessary corrections for next year so that the same issue doesn't occur.

Grace Woodard shares concern about New Century Film's future building projects and claims one of their site plans is on the wetlands. Supervisor Spears corrects her and says that it is not on the wetlands.

James White (a representative of New Century Film): We had the option to work with a professional team to do our parking for the moon festival, but chose to work with the local fire departments and have them directing parking, this way we could support our local community. So that being said, we take ownership of that and don't want to throw our local people under the bus. However, there is good news. The County Sheriff is very happy with the moon festival and excited for what it offers the community. He has told us that he will partner with us in the future to make things run smoother and have more hands on deck. We want to continue to support our local fire departments it just might not be in the same capacity as this past year.

Supervisor Spears thanks James for his comment and states that hopefully next year there will be a better parking plan for the event.

Supervisor Spears says there is a recommendation from the Highway Superintendent to hire Sean Westfall into the Highway Department. He has a CDL and is prepared to start the job.

Motion to Hire Sean Westfall to the Highway Department

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by David Dean

VOTES: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Ken Smith

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Supervisor Spears reads Tim Essig's letter of resignation from the Highway Department.

Motion to Accept Tim Essig's Letter of Resignation

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by David Dean

VOTES: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Bills to pay:

General Fund Abstract #14	\$205,189.20
Highway Fund Abstract #14	\$105,514.94
Street Lighting Abstract #9	\$339.96
Engineering Abstract #4	\$258
Special Revenue Reserve #7	\$1088.08

Motion to Pay the Bills

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by David Dean

VOTES: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Town Clerk Flo Santini- We had Senator Skoufis and the Port Jervis and Deerpark Police Chiefs at our Senior Center with our Senior Club. We had a presentation for them that explains technology safety and avoidance of scams. There are a lot of scammers out there that try to trick the elderly into giving them money through phone calls and emails. We need to educate our seniors so that they don't get taken advantage of.

Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Personnel and Litigation and to Invite Town Attorney

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by David Dean

VOTES: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Re-Enter Regular Session at 9:17 PM

Motion by David Dean 2nd by Al Schock

VOTES: 4 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 9:20 PM

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Al Schock

VOTE: 4 AYES: David Dean, Art Trovei, Gary Spears, Al Schock

Absent: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,