

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

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

Invocation led by Councilman Spears (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 Schock

A moment of silence was held for the people gunned down in the Texas church.

Call to Order at 7:12 p.m.

Public Hearing on 2018 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Deerpark at 7:12 p.m.

Town Clerk Florence T. Santini read the Public Hearing Notice (a copy is attached to the official minutes).

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: Supervisor Spears commented on the fire companies are usually not done and they do a close estimate. The Sparrowbush Fire District came back about \$1,099.00 higher and it does not change any of their percentage regarding their numbers. If no changes are made, they have the auditor's report coming back any day now and they did not see any problems when they looked it over the previous week. This is the last year of deficit financing and the bottom should be paid off in April of 2018. They need to wait for their report to approve but hope to be able to approve it at the next Board Meeting November 20th. The tax levy is a little less than three quarter percent and Rob Schultz, Town Accountant has gone over the budget and done the third quarter financials and he said they are in pretty good shape.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to close the public hearing on the 2018 Preliminary Budget at 7:17 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

There was a 10 minute recess.

7:30 p.m. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

Supervisor Spears stated the changes to the agenda were as follows:

- Add Local Law 3 of 2017 – Public Hearing to Reduce Planning Board from Seven to Five Members
- Add Local Law 4 of 2017 – Public Hearing for the Real Property Exemption for Cold War Veterans
- Add Resolution 12 of 2017 to change Bank from TD North to Jeff Bank
- Table (under New Business) Resolution to Add Town Road to Town Inventory and Local Law to Amend Driveway Permits

Town Clerk Florence Santini reported that the Senior Council had been unsure about having the Thanksgiving Dinner this year. They began five years ago with 35 seniors at the Huguenot Fire House and it extended to 125 here and they delivered 100 plus. For the handful of them doing it, it got to be a lot. Due to having money in the account, they decided to host a dinner with Chef on the Run catering a sit down dinner served family style to the Club Seniors. The usual volunteers will help set up the Senior Center. There will not be any deliveries made that day. Flo will call Kathy Shortell to see if she provides for those seniors in Port Jervis.

Supervisor Spears announced they were invited to the Humane Society on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 1:00 – 3:00 for the Grand Opening of the Dog Agility Course. He also mentioned the Port Jervis Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday morning, Saturday the 11th at 10:00 a.m. kicking off from the Middle School.

Public Comment

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Motion to Approve October 16, 2017 Board Minutes

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve the October 16, 2017 Board Minutes as written.

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

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Town Clerk Florence Santini announced that the purging of records that happens annually is done according to law and most records are kept for six years, some ten years and some twelve years. She usually lets the board and departments know it is coming time for the destruction of records. This year she called the Department of Justice Retention Department and she was given information on how to eliminate old court records. Supervisor Spears read the proposed resolution regarding Records Retention.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 11 of 2017 – Records Retention and Disposal

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Ken Smith to adopt Resolution 11 of 2017 for the Records Retention and Disposal to legally dispose of valueless records listed therein.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears said that Jeff Bank, a new bank in town is providing free checking on their 15 accounts, plus interest on the money earned. They could save \$8,000 to \$10,000 to \$12,000 savings a year for the town. He asked the Town Attorney if he had anything to add and he did not, but offered to write it up.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 12 of 2017 – Change TOD Banking from TOD TD Bank to Jeff Bank

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to adopt Resolution 12 of 2017 to change Town of Deerpark banking from TD Bank to Jeff Bank in Port Jervis.

Discussion: Supervisor Spears added that they will provide a check reading machine for both Danielle and Flo, to cut down on the trips to the bank.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears read the reasoning for proposed Local Law 3 of 2017 entitled, “A Local Law Reducing the Number of Members from Seven (7) to Five (5) of the Deerpark Planning Board in the Town of Deerpark, Orange County, New York”. He added that this needs a public hearing date.

Motion to Set Public Hearing for Local Law 3 of 2017 – “A Local Law Reducing the Number of Members from Seven (7) to Five (5) of the Deerpark Planning Board in the Town of Deerpark, Orange County, New York” on December 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to set a public hearing for Local Law 3 of 2017 “A Local Law Reducing the Number of Members from Seven (7) to Five (5) of the Deerpark Planning Board in the Town of Deerpark, Orange County, New York” on December 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears introduced the next Local Law by reading the complete proposed Local Law 4 of 2017 entitled, “A Local Law Adopting a Real Property Tax Exemption in the Town of Deerpark, County of Orange, State of New York for Cold War Veterans Authorized by Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b”. (A copy is attached to the official minutes.)

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Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to set a Public Hearing for Local Law 4 of 2017 - "A Local Law Adopting a Real Property Tax Exemption in the Town of Deerpark, County of Orange, State of New York for Cold War Veterans Authorized by Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b" on December 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Hire Zackary Lake as P/T Deerpark Police Officer

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to hire Zackary Lake as P/T Deerpark Police Officer.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Hire Matthew Reiley as P/T Deerpark Police Officer

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to hire Matthew Reiley as P/T Deerpark Police Officer.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

Motion to Pay Bills and Accept Budget Officer's Report

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd 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 #20 of 2017 in the amount of \$124,150.63

Highway Fund Abstract #20 of 2017 in the amount of \$60,239.59

Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #15 of 2017 in the amount of \$265.37

Engineering Fund Abstract #9 in the amount of \$1,247.00

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

MOTION CARRIED

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Dean thanked the supervisor for going to Jeff Bank to get a better deal. He welcomed the two new police officers to the Town of Deerpark. He congratulated Flo on her trip on the Honor Flight and really appreciated she went on the flight with them.

Councilman Trovei agreed with all Dave just said and appreciated the supervisor getting the savings at the bank and then mentioned what Dave did with finding funding with the wood. He said it was fun working with the guys together. He said Flo seems to be everywhere at one time and thanked her for all the compassionate things she does in this town. He thanked her for showing her heart. He mentioned the tragedy in Texas.

Supervisor Spears thanked both Councilmen Trovei and Schock stating the new truck has been built and is at the shop getting the plow and body on and hopefully they will have it before the snow flies. He mentioned how Ed Hughson worked with them. He then thanked Flo for all her work behind the scenes. He thought her solution to the Thanksgiving Dinner was very good.

Councilman Smith echoed everyone else's sentiments. He encouraged everyone to get out to vote tomorrow.

Councilman Schock agreed saying the same ... and that Flo had a tough call to make on the seniors and he appreciated her decision. He thought Jeff Bank was a great choice.

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Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Litigation at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation 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 Re-Enter Regular Session at 9:35 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock 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 Authorize Receipt of Funds for Annexation Study Invoice

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to authorize receipt of funds for Annexation Study Invoice from City of Port Jervis and payment of full invoice to Barton & Loguidice for Annexation Study.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by David Dean to adjourn at 9:45 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