

TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD CLOSE OUT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2014
Meeting was held at Town Hall, 420 Route 209, Huguenot, NY 12746

Invocation by Arthur Trovei

Attendance

Deputy Supervisor: Gary Spears

Councilmembers: Arthur Trovei, David Dean

Absent: Ken Smith

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Call to Order at 1:09 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by David Dean

Additions or Changes to Agenda – None

Motion to Accept Letter of Resignation from Karl A. Brabenec as Town Supervisor/Zoning Officer/Budget Officer/Police Commissioner

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to accept the letter of resignation from Karl A. Brabenec as Town Supervisor, Budget Officer and Police Commissioner effective Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 11:59 p.m.

Discussion: Gary Spears read the resignation letters from Supervisor Brabenec and wished him the best as he represents them in Albany.

VOTE 3 AYES: David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept Letter of Resignation from Gary Spears as Councilman and Deputy Supervisor

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by David Dean to accept the letter of resignation from Gary Spears as Councilman And Deputy Supervisor on December 31, 2014.

Discussion: Attorney Glen Plotsky pointed out that Councilman Smith was in the hospital and prior to his procedure, he emailed Mr. Plotsky that he voted affirmatively to that resignation. He then suggested they take that as a yes vote and on January 5th, when he is physically present, they confirm his vote on email. Councilman Trovei spoke to him personally and confirmed that Mr. Smith voted yes to each of the motions. Councilman Spears said they would act on that email vote and re-confirm that vote on January 5th.

VOTE 3 AYES: David Dean, Arthur Trovei (Ken Smith – Email)

1 ABSTENTION: Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Gary Spears said he will wait for the appointment as Budget Officer and Police Commissioner at the next meeting along with the confirmation vote.

Motion to Appoint Gary Spears as Supervisor of the Town of Deerpark

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to appoint Gary Spears as Supervisor of the Town of Deerpark.

VOTE 3 AYES: David Dean, Arthur Trovei (Ken Smith – Email)

1 ABSENT: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Gary Spears asked to pause the meeting for Flo Santini, Town Clerk to swear him in to his new title and the Oath of Office was taken at that time.

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Motion to Appoint David Dean as Deputy Supervisor

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to appoint David Dean as Deputy Supervisor and third signor of the checks.

VOTE 3 AYES: David Dean, Arthur Trovei (Ken Smith – Email)

1 ABSENT: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Appoint Patrick Creegan as Deputy Tax Collector

Motion by Gary Spears, 2nd by David Dean to appoint Patrick Creegan as Deputy Tax Collector to be paid hourly.

VOTE 3 AYES: David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears read the resolution opposing the increase of electric delivery and natural gas delivery. The Resolution will be sent to the Secretary of the NYS Public Service Commission, Assemblyman Karl Brabenec, Senator John Bonacic and the President of the Orange County Association of Towns, Cities and Villages.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 31 of 2014 – Opposition of Orange & Rockland Rate Increase

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by David Dean to adopt Resolution 31 of 2014 – Opposition of Orange & Rockland Rate Increase.

Discussion: Councilman Trovei said they definitely need relief from these guys. Supervisor Spears said he thought it would behoove the town to take a step in this direction to protect the towns interest. He said they probably all agree there are going to be cost increases, but disagree with the level of increase. Councilman Dean added that part and parcel with that, if government regulations have contributed to some of these delivery costs, they should be limited also, so free enterprise could operate in a more friendly environment.

VOTE 3 AYES (Roll Call): David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve Budget Modifications as Presented

Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to approve the Budget Modifications as presented.

General Fund

Increases:

Expenditures:

		\$		Notes
1010.4	Town Board – Contractual		1,500	Additional training for councilmen
1110.1B	Town Justice – Personal Services – Wulff		4,000	Training of new clerk
1110.1C	Town Justice – Personal Services – Court Officer		500	Training
1110.4D	Town Justice – Contractual – Court Officer		2,700	Training
1220.4	Supervisor – Contractual		5,000	To correct budget error (no amount included on this line)
1355.1	Assessor – Personal Services		55,000	One new computer
1410.4	Town Clerk – Contractual		2,000	
1450.4	Elections – Contractual		1,335	To adjust to actual bill from the county
1620.2	Buildings – Equipment		988	Gas meter & Vacuum for new building
1640.2	Central Garage – Equipment		27,068	New Ford Explorer
1940.2	Purchase of Land – Capital Outlay		15,000	Boehmler park access
2989.4	DARE program		2,000	New
3010.4	Public Safety Administration – Contractual		1,000	Changed contract
3120.2	Police – Equipment		16,000	Transfer from Personal Services for new car
3310.4	Traffic Control – Contractual		1,100	Traffic signs
3510.1	Dog Control – Personal Services		1,520	More hours due to trips to Walden
3620.2	Safety Inspection – Equipment		1,000	New computer & printers
5182.4	Street Lighting – Contractual		15,000	
6772.1	Program for the Aging – Personal Services		2,000	Addition of Senior Coordinator
7110.4	Parks – Contractual		1,300	Offset by donations
7140.4	Playgrounds & Rec – Contractual		10,000	Transfer from Equipment to Contractual
7510.4	Historian – Contractual		5,000	Offset by donations & grants
8010.4	Zoning – Contractual		1,100	Training
	Total Increase in Expenditures		172,111	

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Revenues:

1560	Safety Inspection Fees	25,000	Exceeded or expected to exceed budget
2610	Fines & Forfeitures	40,000	Exceeded or expected to exceed budget
2705	Gifts & Donations	<u>3,500</u>	Exceeded or expected to exceed budget
	Total Increase in Revenue	68,500	

Decreases:

Expenditures:

1355.4	Assessor – Contractual	(55,000)	Transfer from contractual to personal services
3120.1	Police – Personal Services	(16,000)	Transfer from personal Services to Equipment for new car
7140.2	Playground & Rev. – Equipment	(10,000)	Transfer from Equipment to Contractual
1990	Contingency	<u>(22,611)</u>	
	Total Decrease in Expenditures	(103,611)	

Net Increase (Decrease) in Budget

\$ _____

Highway Fund

Increase:

5130.4	\$30,000
5142.4	\$30,000
5148.4	\$ 3,000

Decrease:

5130.2	\$63,000
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VOTE 3 AYES: David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**1 ABSENT:** Ken Smith**MOTION CARRIED**Supervisor Spears thanked Attorney Glen Plotsky for his work on the additional wording in the Star Realty Agreement.**Motion to Authorize Supervisor to Sign Charitable Pledge Agreement with Star Realty**Motion by David Dean, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Charitable Pledge Agreement with Star Realty.**VOTE 3 AYES:** David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears**1 ABSENT:** Ken Smith**MOTION CARRIED**

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Dean congratulated Mr. Spears on his appointment to Supervisor and it was well-earned. He also congratulated Karl Brabenec on his election to be Assemblyman. He has worked hard and hoped he would keep his shoulder to the wheel. He also wanted to thank Glen Plotsky for his work on the charitable agreement with the Star Realty and said this will be good for the town to receive money and not just let that building sit there not achieving anything. This is a new chapter and they will be ever mindful of people's money. They will need to fill a vacancy on the board and he will be hoping it is somebody who will be watching the dollars.

Councilman Trovei also congratulated Mr. Spears on this appointment to Supervisor and knew he would do a great job, and David Dean on his appointment to Deputy Supervisor. He said it was a pleasure working with them these years and having the like mindedness. He knows Ken wanted to be there that day and knew he appreciated working with everyone. He thanked Flo for all she did and wished everyone a happy new year.

Supervisor Spears said he was humbled by the appointment and truly excited to accept this responsibility and not only work for the residents of the town, but it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Dean, Mr. Trovei and Mr. Smith. He said it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Brabenec and Mr. Hoovler. Dave Hoovler has gone on to District Attorney and is doing a great job and Karl Brabenec is now Assemblyman and he is excited about the opportunities for him personally and the opportunities for the town to have a more direct line to Albany. He wanted to thank both Flo and Danielle for helping him out the past week in familiarizing him with what needs to be done. He also wanted to thank his friend and Attorney, Glen Plotsky for everything he does.

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Motion to Accept the Budget Officer’s Report for December 2014

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by David Dean to accept the Budget Officer’s Report for December 2014.

VOTE 3 AYES: David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 1:29 p.m.

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by David Dean to adjourn at 1:29 p.m.

VOTE 3 AYES: David Dean, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: Ken Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini
Town Clerk