



TOWN OF DEERPARK

GARY SPEARS, SUPERVISOR
DAVID M. DEAN, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
ARTHUR TROVEI, COUNCILMAN
KENNETH SMITH, COUNCILMAN
ALAN F. SCHOCK, COUNCILMAN

Deerpark Town Board Meeting *Monday May 17, 2021*

Public Hearing 7:15 pm

LL #1 Town to Establish a Police Commission
LL #2 Eligibility of Deputy Town Clerk

Regular Meeting 7:30 PM

1st Version 5/14/2021

Agenda

- **Invocation** – Councilman (Participation is Optional)
- **Call to order** – Supervisor Spears -
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – Councilman
- **Roll Call/Attendance** –

- **Addition or Deletions to Agenda** –

- **Presentations/Communications** – May 3, 2021 Town Hall Open to the public guideline on door to enter.
Bulk Clean-Up Permits still available in Town Clerk Office for May 2021 - 845-856-2210 x2
Acknowledgement of Accommodations to two Officers on capturing subjects involved in a robbery in Westbrookville.

- **Public comment period:** “Agenda Items only”

- **Department Head Report** – Norma Schadt from Historians Office Presentation – A Discarded Flag Mailbox in-front of Town Hall
- **Approval of Minutes** – April 19, 2021
- **Old Business** –
 - Town Board to Announce Boehlmer Park Land Trust Proposal - **Public Hearing on June 7, 2021 7:15 pm**
- **New Business** –
 - Discuss adopting **LL# 1** The Town to set up a five member Police Commission
 - Discuss adopting **LL #2** The “Eligibility of Deputy Town Clerk”
- **Appropriations, Budget, and Payment of Bills, Budget Officer Report** –
- **Closing Board Comments** –
- **Executive Session** – Litigation Matters (IF NEEDED)
- **Adjournment** -

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**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

May 17, 2021

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

Town Clerk Florence Santini reads Public Hearing Notice for Local Law 1 of 2021 entitled a Local Law replacing chapter 67 of the Town of Deerpark Code and Reestablishing the Police Commission (attached to minutes).

Bert Thelander expressed questions and concerns regarding public interest in election, the idea of creating a local law specifying how many times a year the board meets, and supervision of the Dog Control Officer, and the Supervisory Board of the Police Commission.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing at 7:28p.m.

Motion by Alan Schock 2nd by Ken Smith to Close the Public Hearing at 7:28p.m.

VOTES: 4 AYES: Ken Smith, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Art Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Town Clerk Florence Santini reads Public Hearing Notice for Local Law 2 of 2021 Regarding Eligibility of Deputy Town Clerk (attached to minutes). She explained that it is extremely difficult to find employees to hire within the town, as there were many applicants but a very select few actually lived in the town of Deerpark. Other towns have amended their law on this for the same reason. Danielle Osowick is currently our part time Tax Collector and part time Clerk. In order for her to be a deputy, because she lives in the city of Port Jervis, an amendment needs to be made. She is a good worker and it would be a shame to lose her as a clerk if we can't amend this.

Motion to Close the 2nd Public Hearing at 7:35p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith 2nd by David Dean to Close the 2nd Public Hearing at 7:35p.m.

VOTES: AYES: Ken Smith, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

Absent: Art Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Invocation: Al Schock

Pledge of Allegiance: Ken Smith

Call to Order: 7:36p.m.

Attendance:

Supervisor: Gary Spears

Councilmen: Ken Smith, David Dean, Al Schock

Town Clerk: Flo Santini

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Absent: Art Trovei

Presentations/Communications:

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Supervisor Spears: Town hall is now open, and we will be following some new guidelines as of Wednesday, given by the CDC. We will loosen up on the mask wearing by allowing those who have been vaccinated to be maskless. Bulk Cleanup permits are still available. We have had many people take advantage of that so far.

I also have an acknowledgement for two police officers in the town. This is concerning an armed robbery. Officers Quick and Osowick were the officers on site of the robbery, that observed and stopped the vehicle. The suspects involved in the robbery confessed to the crime. There is a letter of appreciation written from the State Police in recognition of these two officers.

We will now have a presentation from our local historian Norma Schadt.

Norma: We have been closed but finally opened back up last week. I have been able to work on some displays and exhibits, people have dropped off some antique toys, so I've been busy. Delores Hawkins was a resident here in Huguenot. She was world famous, and she died this year. We have put together a display for her. Partly from Vogue Magazine, and from the internet. She attended our schoolhouse and at that time what was the Port Jervis junior and senior high school.

I have put up a mailbox with a sign that specifically is for old flags for people to drop off. We should never throw away old flags, so if anyone has old ripped or broken flags that they want to get rid of, they can drop them off in the mailbox outside of the town supervisor's office at town hall. I would like to have a dedication ceremony on June 7th for this dropbox, if possible before the town board meeting that night, that way the board could be in attendance.

Supervisor Spears agrees to have the ceremony before the board meeting on June 7, 2021.

Norma: The D & H Transportation Council is planning a 200th Anniversary in 2023 for the D & H Canal, and they want to have a special event for every town that it goes through. I would like to plan something for this but all the town employees email addresses have been changed, so I'm not able to send an email out about it. So I would like an updated list of all those emails please, if possible. Also, the bell tower at the schoolhouse needs paint. I know this is gonna be an expensive proposition, because of what it would cost for labor for someone to do it. However, the paint is peeling and needs fixing up. Lastly, I would like to thank the town and specifically the highway department for all the help with fixing up the schoolhouse, changing lightbulbs, etcetera.

Supervisor Spears: We would like to thank you too for all that you do!

Motion to Approve April 19, 2021 Minutes

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Al Schock to Approve April 19, 2021 Minutes

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

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

Supervisor Spears: The town board is going to be hosting a Public Hearing on June 7th, 2021 at 7:15p.m. on the Boehmler Park Proposal. Matt Decker will be here again. This is a very big topic so I'm hoping to get lots of public input on it.

New Business:

Supervisor Spears: We just had the Public Hearing for Local Law #1 and Bert Thelander made some very good points. Glen there are a few things we might need to change in it. Should we vote on that?

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Glen Plotsky: If they're not major changes, you can vote on it.

Supervisor Spears: Okay we will work on that now. We'll start with the Dog Control Officer. They really would not be supervising him, they would just be handling any complaints and passing information along to the Town Board.

Some discussion followed among the board regarding the specifics of this local Law and if they should table it until the next meeting for further discussion and rewrite.

Motion to Table Local Law #1 Until the Next Meeting

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Al Schock to Table Local Law #1 Until the Next Meeting

VOTES: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adopt Local Law #1 Regarding Eligibility of Deputy Town Clerks

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by to Adopt Local Law #1 Regarding Eligibility of Deputy Town Clerks

VOTES: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

The Local Law #1 Regarding Eligibility of Deputy Town Clerks was originally named Local Law #2, but because a motion was carried to table the original Local Law #1, this new Local Law will be Local Law #1 and the original Local Law #1 will be renamed Local Law #2.

Bills to pay:

General Fund Abstract #9	\$78,230.17
Highway Fund Abstract #9	\$25,077.45
Engineering Abstract #3	\$344.00
Street Lighting Abstract #5	\$284.65
Special Revenue Reserve Abstract #9	\$440.30
 Total	 \$104,376.57

Motion to Pay the Bills

Motion by Ken Smith 2nd by Art Trovei to Pay the Bills

VOTES: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Closing thoughts:

Supervisor Spears: Norma thank you for coming, appreciate all you're doing. We'll get the work on the bell tower going soon. I think the Police Commission is going to be a good thing. Hopefully things open up a little more every day.

Art Trove: Hoping things get ever more back to normal soon. Many people have expressed that they are appreciative and enjoying the new swing sets and playground equipment in the park.

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David Dean: I have no comments today.

Ken Smith: Thank you Norma for all you do. Kudos to the two policeman who stopped those robbers.

Al Schock: Thank you Norma, if you need any concrete let me know.

Motion to go into Executive Session

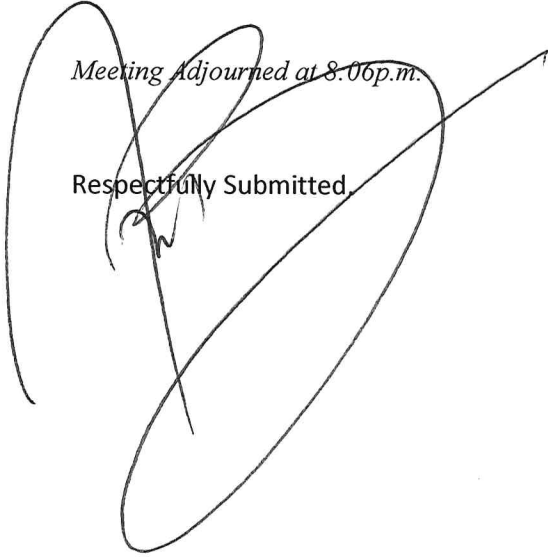
Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Ken Smith to go into Executive Session

VOTE: 5 AYES: David Dean, Art Trovei, Ken Smith, Gary Spears, Al Schock

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD**

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Town of Deerpark Town Board, Orange County, New York, regarding Local Law #1 of 2021 entitled:

**A LOCAL LAW REPLACING CHAPTER 67
OF THE TOWN OF DEERPARK CODE AND
RE-ESTABLISHING THE TOWN POLICE COMMISSION**

Information on this proposed Local Law is posted on the Town website at **townofdeerpark.org**. The Hearing shall take place at **7:15 o'clock P.M.** on the **17th day of May, 2021**, or as soon thereafter as practicable. **IF TOWN HALL IS OPEN**, the meeting will be conducted at the Town of Deerpark Town Hall, 420 Route 209, Huguenot, NY. **IF TOWN HALL IS NOT OPEN**, the meeting will be conducted virtually through Zoom, only. In the event that the hearing is conducted virtually, information on how to join and participate in the public hearing via Zoom will be available on the Town website; Specifically, a link with access to connect to the public hearing will be posted on the website **townofdeerpark.org**. Written comment will be accepted either by email at **fsantini@townofdeerpark.org** or by (regular) mail at Town of Deerpark, PO Box 621, Huguenot, NY 12746 until May 17, 2021 at 5:00pm. All parties wishing to be heard, shall be heard at that time.

BY ORDER OF THE DEERPARK BOARD

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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TOWN BOARD**

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Town of Deerpark Town Board, Orange County, New York, regarding Local Law #2 of 2021 entitled:

**A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "ELIGIBILITY OF DEPUTY
TOWN CLERK"**

Information on this proposed Local Law is posted on the Town website at townofdeerpark.org. The Hearing shall take place at **7:30 o'clock P.M.** on the **17th day of May, 2021**, or as soon thereafter as practicable. **IF TOWN HALL IS OPEN**, the meeting will be conducted at the Town of Deerpark Town Hall, 420 Route 209, Huguenot, NY. **IF TOWN HALL IS NOT OPEN**, the meeting will be conducted virtually through Zoom, only. In the event that the hearing is conducted virtually, information on how to join and participate in the public hearing via Zoom will be available on the Town website; Specifically, a link with access to connect to the public hearing will be posted on the website townofdeerpark.org. Written comment will be accepted either by email at fsantini@townofdeerpark.org or by (regular) mail at Town of Deerpark, PO Box 621, Huguenot, NY 12746 until May 17, 2021 at 5:00pm. All parties wishing to be heard, shall be heard at that time.

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Town of Deerpark Historian Report
May 17, 2021

Museum Update: Projects completed--no meetings since December 2019

1. No Programs
2. No Visitors
3. New Exhibits set up during COVID isolation
 - A. Antique toys display--old toys had been donated by local residents
 - B. Dolores Hawkins Phelps Exhibit--Super model who attended the Huguenot Schools in the 1930s & 40s and graduated from Port Jervis Jr./Hs. She became an internationally famous model in the 1950s/60s. Extensive coverage in Vogue magazine and on line in her memory. She died this year, February 14, 2021 at the age of 89.
 - C. One Room Schoolhouse bell restored in memory of John Swartwout.
 - D. Four Seasons paintings of schoolhouse completed by Peter Koenig. Framed and ready to hang.
 - E. Two large plaques with names of people who have contributed either money or services toward the schoolhouse. Ready to hang.

Historian Research/Projects:

1. U.S. Flag Disposal Box
 - A. Mailbox cleaned, restored, and decorated by Susan Müller and Joan Kehlenbeck.
 - B. Ready to set up next to entry of Town Hall--suggested date for dedication June 14, 2021-Flag Day.
2. Historic Marker Restorations;
 - A. Collaborative effort of Tom Faggione (Recreation Comm.), Highway Dept. and Historian's Office.
 - B. Goal--restore all historic markers in Town (about 55).
 - C Enlist Boy Scouts and youth groups to help in restoration.
3. Newsletters--published quarterly and delivered to Post Offices and mailed to residents and public officials.
4. Research for people who requested information about the history of the Town or their families.
5. Pomeroy historic marker for D & H Canal--should be here in a month.
6. D & H THCis planning celebrations for the 200th anniversary of the D & H Canal. The Deerpark commemoration will take place at the Roeblind aqueduct and D & H Canal Park.
6. Researching material for new grant for historic marker for the Neversink Valley Grange building.



Requests:

1. Update Town Web Page--still have old e-mails--List my name as Town Historian
2. Get an estimate cost for painting the bell tower of the schoolhouse.

Thanks: Town Hall Office personnel for prompt handling for getting supplies during COVID and Highway Dept. for moving historic markers, mowing, plowing and building maintenance chores.

I really appreciate all the help everyone gives me.