

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

May 1, 2023

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

Invocation: Al Schock

Pledge of Allegiance: Ken Smith

Call to Order: 7:30 PM

Attendance:

Supervisor: Gary Spears

Councilmen: Art Trovei, Ken Smith, David Dean, Al Schock

Town Clerk: Flo Santini

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

Presentations/Communications:

School Superintendent John Bell- I am here to talk about the school budget and 4 propositions tonight and the good news is all of them have no tax increase.

School Assistant Superintendent of Business John Timm- The budget is up \$8.2 million. Again, there is no tax levy and this is the 3rd year in a row without tax increase. The state gave us around \$8.2 million of state aid, and that is how our budget went up without increasing taxes. Our game plan is to make a lot of one-time purchases, such as textbooks, a backhoe, technology... the idea is to not get ourselves into financial obligations we can't keep up with, such as hiring 20 teachers. Just because the state did increase our aid this year but if we go into a recession next year our aid could drop significantly.

John Bell- Yes, I echo everything John said, that is why from a business perspective we are so intent on spending that money on one time purchases this year so that we are still in a good place next year even if there is a recession and we don't get the same aid.

The next proposition is a capital project that we're calling phase three. Right now, we're in the middle of phases one and two, which is the \$65 million project that's going on with the renovation of the middle school, and then subsequent work that is going to happen at the high school. Phase three will be work at the high school that has to do with cosmetic things, improvements to the auditorium. We're also going to move the library to a larger spot, as well as make improvements to Chase Field. The track was put in in the 1990's so that'll get redone, and the field itself has a huge crown on it that very much so affects a soccer game. So that field will have turf put down after it is flattened out. Glennette field will also have turf put down as well as new lights and a new scoreboard like the one at Middletown. When we found out we could do the afore said improvements to Chase Field and have the state pay 92% of it, it became a no brainer.

The second proposition is the purchase of 150 Pike Street. It was listed for \$2.1 million but we negotiated it down to \$1.7 million. This will be paid off in 4 years due to the rental agreements we will have.

We also want to lessen the distance we have kids walking to school. Right now, we bus everyone is kindergarten and 1st, but 2nd grade and up has to walk to ASK if they live within a mile. We would like to cut that to half a mile radius. For Middle and Highschoolers the current radius is a mile and a half. The problem is people with middle and high school children may live 1.4 miles from the middle school but live 1.6 miles from

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the high school. So, the middle schooler can get on the bus but the high schooler has to walk. It takes the public to vote on this in order to change the rules.

Lastly, the candidates running for election are Nancy Dunn, Flo Santini, Judi Amato, and Bill Onofry are all 4 incumbents and Michael Witt is a newcomer also running. The three with the most votes get 3-year terms, the fourth gets a 1-year term and the fifth is out.

Supervisor Spears- Orange County is holding a chemical waste day on June 3rd, 2023 in 3 locations: the Orange County Transfer Station in Port Jervis, the Port Jervis High School and the transfer station in Goshen. We are also doing our town cleanup the entirety of this month. You can stop by the clerk's office and get your permit if you're a Deerpark resident and then take one load of garbage to the dump.

There is also now a mobile DMV that will be parked in the Deerpark Senior Center on May 19th from 9 AM to 12PM and 1PM to 4 PM. This will take care of any of your DMV needs. In the future there will be a permanent DMV in Port Jervis, but I don't have a date for that yet.

Flo Santini- Summer Camp cost for residents for registration through the town of Deerpark is \$100 per kid per week with a 2-week max. Be on the lookout for more information if you're interested in sending your kids there. They have some open houses coming up as well to sign up at.

Supervisor Spears- I do need to fill 3 vacant positions tonight, one on the BAR, one on the ZBA, and one on the police commission, so we need to add that to the agenda.

Motion to Add Filling the 3 Vacancies on BAR ZBA and Police Commission to the Agenda

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Ken Smith

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

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comments: None

Motion to Approve April 17, 2023 Minutes

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Ken Smith

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

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business: None

New Business:

Supervisor Spears- Resolution #5 of 2023 authorizing Highway Superintendent to issue Tractor Supply and Home Depot credit cards to employees. The cards will be kept in a drawer and will only be taken out when needed and the put back into the drawer after purchase.

Supervisor Spears reads Resolution #5 of 2023

Motion to Approve Resolution #5 of 2023

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Al Schock

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Supervisor Spears- I have a request from SAS Electrical Inspectors to be listed on the town building department website for 3rd party electrical inspectors. They have supplied the proper insurance and qualification for General Electric 1 and 2 family dwellings for plan review. They also have licenses from International Code Council for Electrical Inspector Commercial Electrical Inspector, Electrical Plans Examiner, and is also included in a certificate of liability insurance naming the Town of Deerpark as additional insured for any work they do in the town.

Motion to Add SAS Electrical Inspectors to the Town Website as a 3rd Party Electrical Inspector

Motion by Ken Smith 2nd by Art Trovei

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears- We have a request from Warrior Extreme Adult Flag Football to use Space Park. We do have their insurance which lists the Town of Deerpark as the additional insured, and they list in the description what they plan on doing, which is run an adult flag football league (ages 16+)

Motion to Approve Facilities Use Application of Harriet Space Park Football Field #2 for Warrior Extreme Cheer

Motion by Ken Smith 2nd by David Dean

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears- We did put some advertisements out for some openings on the boards, I would like to get a motion to approve new additions to vacancies on boards.

Supervisor Spears reads letter from William Williams expressing interest in filling vacancy on Board of Assessment Review.

Motion to Approve William Williams to fill Board of Assessment Review Vacancy

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Al Schock

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads letter from Patty O'Leary-May expressing interest in filling vacancy on Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion to Approve Patty O'Leary-May to fill Zoning Board of Appeals Vacancy

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Art Trovei

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads letter from Tara DeGraw expressing interest in filling vacancies on both the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Police Commission.

Motion to Approve Tara DeGraw to fill Police Commission Vacancy

Motion by Ken Smith 2nd by Al Schock

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Bills to pay:

General Fund Abstract #7	\$113,971.77
Highway Fund Abstract #7	\$43,241.13
Special Revenue Reserve #3	\$2,087.50
 Total	 \$159,300.40

Motion to Pay the Bills

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Ken Smith

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Enter Executive Session and to Invite Town Attorney to Discuss Litigation as well as a Personnel Matter

Motion by David Dean 2nd by Art Trovei

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Authorize Supervisor to Sign Resolution #6- 1-Year Contract with Fusco Engineering Et Al

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Art Trovei

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Authorize Supervisor to Sign Resolution #7- Contract with Pioneer Pole Buildings

Motion by Ken Smith 2nd by David Dean

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 9:45 PM

Motion by David Dean 2nd by Art Trovei

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

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,