

**TOWN OF DEERPARK  
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

**December 6, 2021**

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

*Attendance for Public Hearing:*

*Gary Spears, Ken Smith, David Dean, Al Schock, Art Trovei*

*Flo Santini reads the Public Notice for Local Law #6, to Opt out from allowing cannabis dispensaries and On-Site Consumption in the Town of Deerpark.*

*Public Comment:*

*Bert Thelander-* I believe that we should allow dispensaries in the town because I think allowing access will increase the tax revenue that is obtained by selling marijuana. I really believe that treatment is the answer to certain issues, and getting tax dollars by opening up dispensaries for that treatment could be beneficial. I believe recreational marijuana should only be used by adults. I urge you to reconsider your decision to not allow dispensaries.

*Supervisor Spears-* Something to note is that if we opt out before December 31<sup>st</sup>, we have the option to join at any time, but only if our opting out occurs before December 31<sup>st</sup>. I think we as a board agree with most everything you said, we are not against allowing sales, we're just a little leery right now, but if the state provides us more information on the law in the next 3 months, it is very possible we could change our decision.

*Bob Zeller-* Can you define a little more what it means by "On-Site Consumption"?

*Supervisor Spears-* In my terms, it would be like a bar with a smoke shop for on-site consumption. This does not include in-home activity, such as growing it or consuming it.

**Motion to Close the Public Hearing**

Motion by Al Schock 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Flo Santini reads the Public Notice for Resolution #15 to sign new Cable Franchise Agreement with Charter One, aka Spectrum Northeast*

*Supervisor Spears explains what the resolution means.*

*Art Trovei-* Does not think this will be better. We are losing customers.

*Public Comment: None*

**Motion to Close the Public Hearing**

Motion by Ken Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Invocation: Art Trovei**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Ken Smith**

**Call to Order: 7:35pm**

**Attendance:**

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**Supervisor:** Gary Spears

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

**Town Clerk:** Flo Santini

*Additions/Deletions to Agenda:*

*Supervisor Spears:* We will need to authorize Ed Hughson to go out to bid for another highway truck. Also we need to approve the Humane Society contract. Lastly I will have letters of resignation to read from both of the clerk's in Judge Osowick's office.

**Motion to add these items to the Agenda**

Motion by Al Schock 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Presentations/Communications:*

*Supervisor Spears:* Town Hall will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 and all day on the 27<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Flo Santini:* We have our Holiday House Decorating Contest again this year so if you would like to enter your house into the contest, please contact us in the Town Clerks office before December 20<sup>th</sup>, and after that we will decide on winners and post them on the town's facebook page. Once winners have been posted, they can come to the Town Hall to pick up their prizes.

*Ginny Dudko:* The Upper Delaware Scenic Byway has 3 grants programs. One that has been in effect for a long time is the Pollinator Garden Program. We give grants of approximately \$500, could be more or less, and people can apply. Another one is a signage grant, we have beautiful Town of Deerpark signs, and they even do them for businesses or churches, etcetera. The applications for the grants are on the Byway website.

*Public Comments:*

*Bert Thelander:* I want to thank you for putting energy conserving LED lights in the Town Hall. I believe that solar panels on the roof of the town hall would be a great idea to conserve energy, with how much sunlight hits the building throughout the day. I just ask that you consider this in the next budget cycle.

*Supervisor Spears:* We plan to do some renovations on the building in the near future so we wouldn't be able to do any solar paneling until that is finished, but we can consider it once the renovative work is done.

**Motion to Approve November 4, 2021 Minutes**

Motion by Ken Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Approve November 15, 2021 Minutes**

Motion by Al Schock 2<sup>nd</sup> by Art Trovei

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Old Business:*

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*Supervisor Spears:* We are still accepting volunteer positions for the Historian until December 18<sup>th</sup>, and applications are being accepted for Dog Control Officer and Justice Court Clerks, and they will also close on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

*New Business:*

We just had a public hearing for Local Law #6 to Opt out from allowing cannabis dispensaries and On-Site Consumption in the Town of Deerpark. We have the choice to opt out and then opt back in at any time, but if we opt in initially, then we are in it forever. I believe we should opt out and wait for the regulations to be made clear, and then make an informed decision.

**Motion to Opt Out from Allowing Cannabis Dispensaries and On-Site Consumption in the Town of Deerpark; Local Law #6**

Motion by Art Trovei 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Dean

**VOTES: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Authorize the Supervisor to Sign the New Cable Franchise Agreement with Charter One, AKA Spectrum Northeast; Resolution #15**

Motion by Art Trovei 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith

**VOTES: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

*Supervisor Spears:* We will have a Police Commission Reorganization Meeting at the Town of Deerpark Town Hall on January 19, 2022 at 7:30pm.

We also will need a motion to approve the expenditure of funds to replace lights to energy efficient LED lights through O&R & RTG Lighting in the Town Hall, Highway Department and Senior Center for \$12,021.

**Motion to Approve Expenditure of Funds for New LED Lights in Town Hall, Highway Dept. and Senior Center for \$12,021**

Motion by Al Schock 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith

**VOTES: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

*Supervisor Spears:* The 15 Minute Parking Signs on the Hawk's Nest have been stolen so we will be in discussion for a solution to replace them and patrol them in a way so that this hopefully doesn't happen again.

Regarding Resolution #16, Flo has worked hard and we have finished the USDA Bond that will allow the Supervisor to sign the bond agreement for the Police Car Grant. I am looking for a motion to authorize me to sign the agreement for the Police Car Grant.

**Motion to Authorize Supervisor to Sign Bond Agreement for Police Car Grant; Resolution #16**

Motion by David Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Smith

**VOTES: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears**  
**MOTION CARRIED**



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**Motion to Accept Resignation of Officer Steven Turner Badge #124**

Motion by Al Schock 2<sup>nd</sup> by Art Trovei

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Flo Santini:* On January 1, 2022 at 10:00am, we will have our annual swearing in ceremony for Honorables Gary Spears, Al Schock, Art Trovei, Mike Worden, Jeremy Eagan, Ed Hughson, and myself, Flo Santini. There will be coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts after the ceremony, so if anyone would like to come and be a part of it, all are welcome.

*Supervisor Spears:* Our Highway Superintendent Ed Hughson is in need of a used dump/plow truck, and so we are looking for a motion to allow Ed Hughson to go out for a bid on one.

**Motion to Allow Ed Hughson to Write Up the Specs and Go Out for a Bid on a Used Dump/Plow Truck**

Motion by Ken Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Schock

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Supervisor Spears:* Looking for a motion to approve Resolution #17 to authorize Supervisor Spears to sign the Humane Society Contract for 2022. There have not been any changes made since last year's contract with them.

**Motion to Authorize Supervisor Spears to Sign the Humane Society Contract for 2022; Resolution #17**

Motion by David Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> by Art Trovei

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Accept Resignations from Judge Osowick's Clerks, Marylou Witkowski and Louanne Clark as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

Motion by Ken Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Schock

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Bills to pay:

General Fund Abstract #22	\$241,763.23
Highway Fund Abstract #22	\$72,440.00
Engineering Abstract #8	\$125.00
Total	\$314,328.23

**Motion to Pay the Bills**

Motion by Ken Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Schock to Pay the Bills

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Closing:**

*David Dean:* It's amazing how much it costs to run this town, but what we see is that stuff gets done well. I want to applaud the Supervisor because he's got this figured out.

*Art Trovei:* Our Highway Department is all ready for the winter, which is a good thing, also happy to see our seniors enjoying their beautiful building.

*Al Schock:* I would like to thank Officer Turner for his great work over the last 19 years, as well as the Court Clerks for the great work they have done over the years.

*Ken Smith:* Supervisor you're doing a great job, and it shows in this town.

*Supervisor Spears:* I would just like to thank Ginny and Bill for handling the Byway stuff, they are doing a great job.

**Motion to Adjourn at 8:15pm**

Motion by Art Trovei 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Schock to Adjourn

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,