

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

April 1, 2024

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

Public Hearing

Town Clerk Flo Santini reads Pubic Hearing Notice for Local Law #1 of 2024

Town Attorney explains that the reason for this local law is that without a law permitting battery storage, it is strictly prohibited.

Bert Thelander expresses concern over the phrasing "commercial solar uses" on page 3, and states that it may need to be re-worded.

Grace Woodard- Will this information be something that can be available to the public so that we don't have to F.O.I.L. it?

Flo Santini- Yes it will be posted on the website.

Grace Woodard wants the Town to put a collection of all the surrounding Towns' Local Laws for Battery Storage together so that she doesn't have to go look for each one on her own. She also explains that she would like Planning Board minutes from the previous meeting. Town Attorney explains that she can receive them once they have been posted on the website.

Town Attorney states that Mr. Thelander is correct that the wording on page 3 should be changed to "commercial battery storage".

Motion to Close Public Hearing

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Christa Hoovler

VOTES: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Robert Whitney, Alan Schock, Christa Hoovler, Gary Spears
MOTION CARRIED

Town Clerk Flo Santini reads Public Hearing Notice for Local Law #2 of 2024

Dave Ofshinsjy shares some suggestions on revisions to Local Law #2

Bert Thelander shares some ideas on wording changed to Local Law #2

Motion to Close Public Hearing

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Al Schock

VOTES: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Robert Whitney, Alan Schock, Christa Hoovler, Gary Spears
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Town Clerk Flo Santini reads Public Hearing Notice for CDBG for 2025

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Bert Thelander states some suggestions on revisions to the CDBG Program

Supervisor Spears states that the Town will be going out to bid for projects within the CDBG Program

Motion to Close Public Hearing

Motion by Christa Hoovler 2nd by Art Trovei

VOTES: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Robert Whitney, Alan Schock, Christa Hoovler, Gary Spears
MOTION CARRIED

Regular Meeting

Invocation: Al Schock

Pledge of Allegiance: Rob Whitney

Call to Order: 7:36p.m.

Attendance:

Supervisor: Gary Spears

Councilpersons: Art Trovei, Robert Whitney, Al Schock, Christa Hoovler

Town Clerk: Flo Santini

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Supervisor Spears asks to add Resolution #9 Authorizing Supervisor to sign TD Bank Credit Card Agreement. He also asks to add Authorization to Advertise for Notice of Bidder for Senior Center improvements, water system, generator and handicap.

Motion to Add Resolution #9 and Authorization to Advertise Bids to Agenda

Motion by Rob Whitney 2nd by Al Schock

VOTES: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Robert Whitney, Alan Schock, Christa Hoovler, Gary Spears
MOTION CARRIED

Presentations/Communications:

Bert Thelander state that he is a member of the Pathways Committee of the Hudson Valley. He explains some ideas of opportunities he has for the park/ hiking trails in regard to the CDBG.

Supervisor Spears- May is town cleanup month so if any residents have anything they need to take to the dump they can pick up a coupon from the town clerk's office now through May for a one-time-use dump pass during the month of May.

Public Comments:

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Bert Thelander states that cars are now more advanced and offer safety features such as beeping once crossing over the road lines, and therefore he thinks it is worth considering lining the roads in Deerpark that don't have lines painted. He also expresses concern over New Century Film's mass gatherings this year considering the parking issues during their mass gatherings last year.

Grace Woodard states that she seconds a lot of what Bert said in the presentation period as well as his public comment.

Department Head Report-

Ray Cirulli gives report on Highway Department. All is working smoothly; he states that the department now has a Facebook page that has a section for comment if anyone has any concerns. Harriet Space Park is underway, work will begin soon on that to improve the fields and grounds. He also says that they installed new Town of Deerpark signs on the corridors of the Town, as the old ones needed updated. There are two seasonal positions available to work in the department as well as 2 part time positions that are 30 hour/week jobs available in the department- applications can be filled out and dropped off at the clerk's office. He has applied for a few different grants; the results are pending. Vehicle inspections start now and should be wrapped up by the end of this month.

Flo Santini thanks Ray for getting the signs up because they look great.

Motion to Approve March 6, 2024 Minutes

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Christa Hoovler

VOTES: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Robert Whitney, Alan Schock, Christa Hoovler, Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

Supervisor Spears reads letter from Highway Superintendent appointing John Storms III as Deputy Highway Superintendent.

Motion to Appoint John Storms III as Deputy Highway Superintendent

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Al Schock

VOTES: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Arthur Trovei, Robert Whitney, Alan Schock, Christa Hoovler, Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads letter of resignation from Jason Terpstra as full-time Highway MEO

Motion to Accept Letter of Resignation of Jason Terpstra

Motion by Christa Hoovler 2nd by Al Schock

VOTES: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Robert Whitney, Alan Schock, Christa Hoovler, Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads Huguenot Fire Contract 2024-2028

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Motion to Approve 2024-2028 Huguenot Fire Contract

Motion by Gary Spears 2nd by Art Trovei

VOTES: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Arthur Trovei, Robert Whitney, Alan Schock, Christa Hoovler, Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads letter from Building Department Clerk stating that BRIM Recyclers has passed inspection by Building Inspector to operate a junkyard.

Motion to Approve BRIM Recyclers to Operate Junkyard

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

VOTE: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Christa Hoovler, Art Trovei, Robert Whitney, Gary Spears, Al Schock

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads letter from Building Department Clerk stating that Eckes Autobody has passed inspection by Building Inspector to operate a junkyard.

Motion to Approve Eckes Autobody to Operate Junkyard

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

VOTE: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Christa Hoovler, Art Trovei, Robert Whitney, Gary Spears, Al Schock

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads letter from Building Department Clerk stating that Arthur Trovei & Sons Inc. has passed inspection by Building Inspector to operate a junkyard.

Motion to Approve Arthur Trovei & Sons Inc. to Operate Junkyard

Motion by Rob Whitney 2nd by Al Schock

VOTE: 4 AYES (ROLL CALL): Christa Hoovler, Robert Whitney, Gary Spears, Al Schock

Abstain: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads letter from Building Department Clerk stating that Oakland Valley Racetrack has passed inspection by Building Inspector to operate a racetrack.

Motion to Approve Oakland Valley Racetrack to Operate Racetrack

Motion by Rob Whitney 2nd by Christa Hoovler

VOTE: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Christa Hoovler, Art Trovei, Robert Whitney, Gary Spears, Al Schock

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads letter from Building Department Clerk stating that Neversink River Resort has passed inspection by Building Inspector to operate a campground.

Motion to Approve Neversink River Resort to Operate Campground

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Christa Hoovler

VOTE: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Christa Hoovler, Art Trovei, Robert Whitney, Gary Spears, Al Schock

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Motion to Approve Email Vote to Waive 30-day Liquor License for Lynx Golf Course Snack Bar

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

VOTE: 5 AYES: Christa Hoovler, Art Trovei, Robert Whitney, Gary Spears, Al Schock

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve New Full-Time Officer-Andrew Witkowski Transfer from NYPD Pending Medical Exam

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

VOTE: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Christa Hoovler, Art Trovei, Robert Whitney, Gary Spears, Al Schock

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears states that New Century will be having mass gathering permits that need approval. The first mass gathering is the America the Beautiful Festival July 13 & 14 and the second mass gathering is the Moon Festival September 14 & 15. Insurance documentation is included in application for both mass gatherings.

Motion to Approve New Century Film Mass Gathering Permits

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Art Trovei

VOTE: 5 AYES: Christa Hoovler, Art Trovei, Robert Whitney, Gary Spears, Al Schock

MOTION CARRIED

New Century Film Reps give details on festivals and plans for parking to avoid the issues that arose last year.

Supervisor Spears reads Opening of Fuel Bid Minutes.

Motion to Award the Fuel Bid to Mirabito Holdings Ins.

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

VOTE: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Christa Hoovler, Art Trovei, Robert Whitney, Gary Spears, Al Schock

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads Resolution #9- Authorize Supervisor to Sign TD Bank CC Agreement with Updates

Motion to Approve Resolution #9

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

VOTE: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Christa Hoovler, Art Trovei, Robert Whitney, Gary Spears, Al Schock

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve Advertisement for Notice of Bidder for Sr. Center Improvement, Water System, and 35 KW Generator

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Christa Hoovler

VOTE: 5 AYES: Christa Hoovler, Art Trovei, Robert Whitney, Gary Spears, Al Schock

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Old Business:

Motion to Pass Local Law #1- Moratorium on Battery Storage with Change to Phrasing

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Art Trovei

VOTE: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Christa Hoovler, Art Trovei, Robert Whitney, Gary Spears, Al Schock
MOTION CARRIED

Local Law #2- Ethics Policy was tabled.

CDBG 2025 was tabled.

Bills to pay:

General Fund Abstract #5	\$199,309.68
Highway Fund Abstract #5	\$151,995.32
Street Lighting Abstract #2	\$704.69
Special Revenue Reserve #2	\$1,989.50
Engineering Abstract #3	\$1,462.00
Total	\$355,461.19

Motion to Pay the Bills

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Art Trovei

VOTES: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Robert Whitney, Al Schock, Christa Hoovler, Gary Spears
MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at

Motion by Rob Whitney 2nd by Al Schock

VOTE: 5 AYES: Christa Hoovler, Art Trovei, Robert Whitney, Gary Spears, Al Schock
MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,