

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

May 6, 2024

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

Invocation: Art Trovei

Pledge of Allegiance: Al Schock

Call to Order: 7:30 PM

Attendance:

Supervisor: Gary Spears

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

Town Clerk: Flo Santini

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Motion to Continue Discussion on Code of Ethics

Motion by Christa Hoovler 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

MOTION CARRIED

Presentations/Communications:

Superintendent John Bell gives presentation on School Board Budget and talks about tour he has given through the new East Main Elementary School.

Norma Schadt give presentation on Historian Office. She shares some upcoming events for the Museum, as well as the improvements being made to the schoolhouse. She also states that the bell tower needs to be painted, and that she will be getting a handrail for the steps.

Public Comments:

Burt Thelander says that the website is not updated with the agenda as quickly as he believes it should be. He also shares concerns about the new proposed Ethics Law, stating that he believes the pronouns "he" should instead be reflected as "he/she/they" and so on. He shares a few other thoughts on the language in the law that he believes should be changed.

Grace Woodard speaks about procedures and how she also thinks the agendas are not uploaded quick enough, and that the Town should follow policies and procedures better. She also states that the proposed ethics law comes off as a cold legalistic document. She lastly states that she believes the Ethics Board should have a different attorney than the Town.

Motion to Approve April 1, 2024 Minutes

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Christa Hoovler

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

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New Business:

Attorney Glen Plotsky explains Resolution #10 of 2024- Supervisor to Sign Masters Road Dedication Deed 875 Route 42. This will be a development with 6 lots. From the center of the road to 25 feet to the left and right will be what is dedicated to the town to maintain.

Supervisor Spears reads Resolution #10 of 2024.

Motion to Approve Resolution #10 of 2024

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears explains Resolution #11 of 2024- Martell Ct. Road Dedication. This development has 4 empty lots. The agreement is that upon the building of 2 houses on 2 of the lots, the Town will take ownership of the road, 25 feet left and right from the center of the road.

Supervisor Spears reads Resolution #11 of 2024

Motion to Approve Resolution #11 of 2024

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears says that per the Chief's Recommendation, Philip Billik is a transfer from NYPD that is a good candidate to hire for the Town PD. Extensive background checks have been done in the hiring process of Philip Billik.

Councilmember Hoover state that she wants to make sure the Town does its due diligence in making sure the new hires for the PD are quality candidates and don't bring baggage from previous jobs.

Councilmember Schock states that the Town has a 6-month probationary period for new Police Officer hires.

Motion to Approve New Full-Time Police Officer Philip Billik after Further Background Check with CCRB NYPD

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads letter from the Deerpark Building Inspector James Hansen stating that Oakland Valley Campground passed inspection and is cleared to operate their campground.

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Motion to Authorize Oakland Valley Campground to Operate Campground

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 letter of resignation from Officer Roger Morgan.

Motion to Accept Resignation of Police Officer Roger Morgan

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Al Schock

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve Email Vote to Waive 30-Day Wait Period to Submit Liquor License to the State for Danny D's

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Christa Hoovler

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

MOTION CARRIED

There was miscommunication via email about the addendums to Local Law #2. Certain Board members never received the addendums because they weren't first sent to Town Clerk, who then would send them to the correct emails of the Board Members. Because of this, the Board decided to table the motion for 2 weeks until communication issue is cleared up and the Board Members and Attorney have correct information.

Motion to Table Local Law #2- Ethics Policy for 2 Weeks

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

MOTION CARRIED

Bills to pay:

General Fund Abstract #6	\$325,628.77
Highway Fund Abstract #6	\$113,002.94
Engineering Abstract #4	\$568.50
Special Revenue Reserve Abstract #3	\$946.60
Total	\$440,146.81

Motion to Pay the Bills

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Enter Executive Session at 8:55 PM and Invite Town Attorney to Discuss Tax Certiorari

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

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Motion to Re-Enter Regular Session at 10:40 PM

Motion by Christa Hoovler 2nd by Art Trovei

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn at 10:41 PM

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,
