

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

July 1, 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: 7:32pm

Attendance:

Supervisor: Gary Spears

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

Town Clerk: Flo Santini

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

Presentations/Communications:

Supervisor Spears reads thank-you letter from the Port Jervis High School for the town allowing the senior class to use Harriet Space Park for their Senior Picnic.

Supervisor Spears also states that there will be a road closure on Peenpack Trail in July- more details to come.

Public Comments: None

Highway Superintendent Ray Cirulli reads his Department Head Report [Attached to minutes]. He states all is moving along well, however the weather recently has been less than ideal, but the employees have done a great job taking care of business.

Police Chief Sztynдор reads his Department Head Report. He specifically notes that Officer Osbourne is out on leave as he just became a first-time father.

Motion to Approve June 3, 2024 Minutes

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

Supervisor Spears reads letter of resignation from Police Officer Frank McGrath after 12 years of service.

Motion to Accept Frank McGrath Letter of Resignation

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

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Flo Santini states that her former Deputy Grace Ellsworth, lost title of Deputy 2 years ago when she moved to Pennsylvania and was an out-of-state employee, therefore becoming just a part-time clerk. She has recently moved back into the Town of Deerpark so Flo would like to reinstate Grace Ellsworth as a Deputy Town Clerk.

Motion to Transfer Grace Ellsworth from Clerk to Deputy Town Clerk

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Christa Hoovler

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads letter of resignation from George Debolt as DCO.

Motion to Accept George Debolt Letter of Resignation

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Advertise to Fill Dog Control Officer Position

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 Resolutions #17 of 2024 for Space Park Bid for Concrete Slab

Motion to Approve Resolutions #17 of 2024

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Christa Hoovler

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads Resolutions #18 of 2024 for Space Park Bid for Metal Pavilion

Motion to Approve Resolutions #18 of 2024

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Art Trovei

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads minutes from CDBG 2023 ADA Door Bid Opening on June 21, 2024 stating that there were no bids.

Old Business:

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Supervisor Spears give refresher on Local Law #2 Ethics Policy, stating the Ethics Policies the Town has from previous years. There has since been a public hearing for Local Law #2 of 2024 to potentially establish a new and updates Ethics Policy. He asks for the boards thoughts/comments on how to move forward. He lastly states that there are a few written proposals from Councilmember Hoovler regarding some updates.

Christa Hoovler- The main one included changes that reflected the public comments we received during the public hearing.

Al Schock- I would like to go back to the old Ethics Policy and leave it there. We are getting too in depth. I believe that we are ethical then we don't need to change the Ethics Law.

Glen Plotsky- At this point, one could entertain a motion on what they propose to do, and once there is a motion and a second, the board can have a discussion and a vote. If there is no second to the motion then there will be no discussion or vote on the motion.

Al Schock states he would like to make a motion to not enact Local Law #2 of 2024.

There is discussion about the logistics of accepting gifts and their monetary value under the rules and regulations of the 1970 Code of Ethics inclusive of the amendments made in 2000.

Motion to Not Enact Local Law #2 of 2024

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Art Trovei

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

1 NAY: Christa Hoovler

MOTION CARRIED

Flo Santini says that she will continue to advertise that there are vacancies on the Ethics Committee that need to be filled.

Supervisor Spears reads Resolution #16 of 2024 to Re-Bid ADA Doors for Senior Center

Motion to Approve Resolutions #16 of 2024

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Art Trovei

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

MOTION CARRIED

Bills to pay:

June 18, 2024

General Fund Abstract #9	\$104,268.36
Highway Fund Abstract #9	\$38,111.79
Total	\$142,380.15

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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

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July 1, 2024

General Fund Abstract #10	\$129,870.04
Highway Fund Abstract #10	\$58,827.48
Total	\$188,697.52

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 to Discuss Potential Settlement with O&R Tax Certiorari Proceeding and to Invite the Town Attorney after a 10 Minute Recess

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

MOTION CARRIED

Art Trovei thanks everyone who is working on the project for Harriet Space Park.

Al Schock thanks Ray for working on that hole on Peenpack Trail.

Rob Whitney says that Frank McGrath did a great job and is a good guy, he will be missed.

Christa Hoovler says that it is sad to see Frank McGrath go, but good to see good reports from the Police Chief.

Gary Spears thanks Frank McGrath and George Debolt for their service to the town. He also thanks John Fuller and Tom Faggione for all the work they've done for Harriet Space Park. He says that Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus has stated that as the project progresses, they would be happy to provide more funding. He closes saying its good to have Grace back as Deputy Town Clerk.

Flo Santini states that in August the DEC has changed the hunting/fishing licensing so that the licenses will be printed out on plain white paper, no longer on the Valeron, so it is up to the individual who owns the license to maintain it and make sure it doesn't get wet or torn.

Motion to Authorize Town Attorney to Execute Consent Judgement to Resolve Deerpark adv. Orange and Rockland Tax Certiorari Proceedings from 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

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Motion to Adjourn at 9:25pm

Motion by Christa Hoovler 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Flo Santini

Florence T. Santini, Town Clerk