

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

August 5, 2024

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

Invocation: Al Schock

Pledge of Allegiance: Art Trovei

Call to Order: 7:30pm

Attendance:

Supervisor: Gary Spears

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

Town Clerk: Flo Santini

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Christa Hoovler asks whether or not they should add making appointments to the Ethics Committee to the meeting.

Supervisor Spears says that they are going to do interviews with the applicants another night so that they can appoint the new committee members at the next meeting.

Presentations/Communications:

Virginia Dudko from the Upper Delaware Council gives a report as the Deerpark UDC Representative. There were members of the National Park Service in attendance. Virginia states that it is important for the local municipalities to work with the UDC and the National Park Service, to accomplish the best outcomes for the towns and the residents within.

Lindsey Kurnath, the National Park Service Superintendent, gives presentation. She explained that the 73.4 miles of the Delaware River from Hancock, NY to Sparrowbush, NY has been protected by the National Park Service since 1978. She states that the Town is protecting the river by cooperating so well with the UDC and National Park Service. She says she came tonight with the other members of the National Park Service to give the Town a familiarity with the faces and people behind the National Park Service, to personalize communication. That way, the work between the Service and the Town can be more strategic and intentional.

Kerry Engelhardt, P.E., the UDC Resources & Land Use Specialist, states that any project to be done in the river corridor, the first step is to determine whether or not it is a significant project. If it is she prepares a report that will be sent back to the project review committee. If the project passes through the committee, it goes to the full council, and if it passes through that, then it goes to the National Park Service. She said that if anyone ever has any questions regarding future projects, feel free to reach out to her.

Carly Marshall, the Community Planner for the National Park Service explains how to get information resources about future projects, and how to go about getting those projects started.

Minor discussion follows.

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Norma Schadt gives Historian Report. She thanks Town Board and Highway Department for taking care of the leak in the bathroom of the Schoolhouse so quickly. She discusses some of the improvements that have been made to the railing, such as a new railing that has been appreciated. Norma finishes giving her Historian Report.

Supervisor Spears reads Norma's letters regarding P N Alarm and the Schoolhouse Bell Tower.

Town Clerk Flo Santini talks about hunting season and that the town started up selling hunting and fishing licenses again on August 1st, but that this year the state changed some things, and the licenses will no longer be printed on the Valeron, but instead will be printed on regular printer paper. She also states that the Mobile DMV will be at the Deerpark Senior Center on Friday, August 30 from 10am-12pm and 1-3:30pm. Lastly, she says that the Social Security Office has moved from Newburgh to Middletown at 85 Crystal Run Road. All of this information is on the Town Website.

Supervisor Spears says that over the next few days the department heads will be receiving their budget packets so that they can get a budget finalized and approved on time this year.

Public Comments: None

Department Head Report:

Police Chief Richard Sztynodor reads Police Department Report. Attached to Minutes

Highway Superintendent Ray Cirulli reads Highway Department Report. Attached to Minutes

Motion to Approve July 1, 2024 Minutes

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

New Business:

Supervisor Spears reads Resolution #19 of 2024- Snow and Ice Removal Contract with County of Orange

Motion to Authorize Supervisor Spears to Sign Resolution #19 of 2024 Contract

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Christa Hoovler

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

Supervisor Spears reads Bid Opening Minutes for Pavilion for Space Park Improvements

Supervisor Spears reads Bid Opening Minutes for Concrete Pad for Space Park Improvements

Discussion among board member about who to award the bids to. Supervisor Spears states he would like to award the bids to the lowest bidders.

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Supervisor Spears reads Resolution #21 of 2024- Authorize Supervisor to Sign Contract with A-Tech CONCRETE CO. for the Metal Pavilion for \$543,000.00

Motion to Approve Resolution #21 of 2024

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Rob Whitney

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads Resolution #22 of 2024- Authorize Supervisor to Sign Contract with Pioneer Buildings for the Concrete Slab for \$139,000.00

Motion to Approve Resolution #22 of 2024

Motion by Christa Hoovler 2nd by Al Schock

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads Resolution #20 of 2024- Authorizing the Town of Deerpark, County of Orange, State of New York, to Participate in the Orange-Ulster BOCES Police Ride Along Program

Motion to Approve Resolution #20 of 2024

Motion by Christa Hoovler 2nd by Al Schock

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears reads the letter of resignation of Stephen Morea from the Town of Deerpark Highway Department as MEO.

Motion to Accept Stephen Morea Letter of Resignation

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

Al Schock asks how long Stephen was employed with the Town; Supervisor Spears responds saying Stephen was still within his probationary period.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears states that Cort Cunningham, a longtime highway employee has retired. He read a letter from the New York State Retirement Certifying that he has applied for NYS Retirement and it has been granted.

Motion to Accept Cort Cunningham Retirement

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Rob Whitney

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Old Business:

Supervisor Spears states that there were no bids received for the Senior Center ADA Doors. Supervisor Spears reads Minutes from Senior Center ADA Door bid opening.

Discussion on what to do next for Battery Storage Moratorium. Supervisor Spears states that the board had passed a resolution in 2023 regarding this but after that no action was taken. A local law states that the wait period can be extended two more times for 3 months each. More discussion follows. Supervisor asks Town Clerk Flo Santini to reach out to other Town Clerks to see what they did with this and what information they have.

Bills to pay for July 15, 2024:

General Fund Abstract #11	\$93,892.94
Highway Fund Abstract #11	\$42,097.22
Total	\$135,990.16

Motion to Pay the Bills for July 15, 2024

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Al Schock

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

MOTION CARRIED

Bills to pay for August 5, 2024:

General Fund Abstract #12	\$367,825.70
Highway Fund Abstract #12	\$73,335.84
Street Lighting Abstract #	\$660.25
Special Revenue Reserve #	\$1390.48
Total	\$443,212.27

Motion to Pay the Bills for August 5, 2024

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Art Trovei

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

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears states that they will table the Ethics committee and DCO Appointments until the next meeting, so that they have time to review resumes of applicants.

Closing Board Comments:

Supervisor Spears thanks the National Park Service for coming, he thanks Norma for all she does, and the Police Chief for keeping Board informed by bringing report. He wishes Town Attorney Glen Plotsky well as he heels from injury to eye socket.

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Councilman Schock thanks UDC and National Parks Service for all they do.

Councilman Whitney thanks everyone for coming and those who brought presentations.

Councilwoman Hoovler thanks everyone for coming and says that she hopes to see everyone at National Night Out which was rescheduled to August 28th.

Councilman Trovei says he is looking forward to working with National Parks Service and UDC on future projects with the river. Says he would love to put together a safety brochure on what to do when accidents happen on the river.

Flo Santini says that she is in the process of applying for a TAG grant.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:04pm

Motion by Christa Hoovler 2nd by Al Schock

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

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Flo Santini

Florence T. Santini, Town Clerk