

**TOWN OF DEERPARK  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009**

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

**Attendance:**

**Supervisor:** Gary Flieger

**Councilmember's:** Liam O'Neill, Karl Brabenec, and Viola Sinsabaugh

**Attorney:** William Bavoso and William Onofry

**Call to Order 7:30PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Annual Re-Organizational Meeting**

**Gary Flieger:** This is the reorganization meeting tonight where we're going to appoint many different people to different positions and it's not going to be completed tonight, we do have a lot of it done but it's not all done. We also had the Accountant today, one of the things we had to do is we had to come up with a three-year fiscal plan and it's being mailed out to the Comptroller's Office, and the Board now has it, it projects out our future. Vi would you please read the first page of that.

**Viola Sinsabaugh:** Read the letter to Mr. Chris Ellis, Chief Examiner, New York State Office of the State Comptroller.

**Gary Flieger:** This report had to go up to the Comptroller's Office and it reflects what had happened in the 2009 budget and what we project in the future. That doesn't mean that just because we passed the 2009 budget that we're married to it, we are constantly trying to save and cut and will still throughout the year to see if we can't better ourselves with that. I will be giving Flo a copy of this, she doesn't have it because we just finished this up about 5:30 this evening, so she will have a copy of this in her office.

**Motion to post three-year plan on website**

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liam O'Neill, that we sent a copy of the three-year plan to our webmaster so that it can be posted on the website.

**Discussion:** **Gary Flieger:** Did you look at this yet? **Karl Brabenec:** Well I haven't looked at it yet but I think that this is a document that we are sending to the State that we should post it on our website for the residents to see. **Gary Flieger:** Okay.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Gary Flieger:** Next is the Association of Towns is have their meeting on February 15-18, 2009, nobody has put it in their budget and we didn't set any money aside to go. I'd like to put a motion out there that we don't use any town money for this meeting. **Flo Santini:** Excuse, my .4 covers my schooling and I have my money in my budget line to cover it. Nobody went last year and it's been two-years now since anybody went to school and there's a lot of stuff that's going on, registrar's, tax collector's, Bob gets 16 credits down there, I mean you sit here and you talk about how people need their education to do their businesses, we do, we all do, we all have to learn. I believe, and I will find out tomorrow, there is in Town Law for schooling, for Elected and Appointed Officials, and I think we go through this every year, you just make the motion for us to go, it's in our .4's, it's always covered in our .4's and we all, every department, took a step back and cancelled last year.

**Gary Flieger:** Yes we did, we tried to save money and we're trying to save money again this year. I talked to Mr. Emerson about it and he felt that he could pick his points up by local meetings throughout the year. If he does go down there he could pick up his 18 credits in one shot, two days, where if he does it the other way, he travels to Newburgh, Poughkeepsie.

**Flo Santini:** Understandable, mine is in my .4 and I did not go last year, my department has taken it a lot for not going and I honestly, the only thing you could hold back from me is food, but I'm going to school because at the beginning of this meeting, I'm to read, as I have in the last six years, the notice from the Association of Towns, that's what I do at the first meeting of the year every year, and it's a school for all town officials, elected and appointed.

**Gary Flieger:** Right, and I think we've even paid for you to go every month. **Flo Santini:** That's the Town Clerk's meetings.

**Viola Sinsabaugh:** At that Town Clerk's meeting what do you get out of that meeting? **Flo Santini:** We get a lot, how many times do I come back here with stuff, how many months do I invite town board members to come with me? We go and we meet with the comptroller's office, we meet with board of elections, and the information I bring back here you can't put a price on it. The stuff is very important to go there, we didn't go last year and I think whoever wants to go this year should be able to go, we all sucked in and we all stripped our budgets down to the barebones minus and this is an important school, and what I go monthly for are our round tables or whoever comes to talk to us, it's worthwhile because I come back here with much information, as you all know. It's like a total of maybe \$43.00 if that if I go once a month to a class or a meeting, how many times do you sit up there and say you can't put a price on education. **Gary Flieger:** I didn't say \$43.00 a month is...

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Flo Santini: You did say that I go to a meeting every month and I do go to as much as I can, especially when they're in the area, but to take this away from us again two years in a row I think it's a very detrimental thing, but a cap on the food, no liquor, no x amount, you belong to the Association of Towns, you pay a fee for us to belong to it. Gary Flieger: And with this here is there a hotel, a room? Flo Santini: You know there is. Gary Flieger: No I don't because I've seen other townships that...Flo Santini: And Jane and I always share and we're one of the ones that always came back with the cheapest bills of anybody else. Gary Flieger: I do know that other townships pick whichever day they're having the agenda that fits their needs and they go down for that meeting and they come home that night. Flo Santini: Well it's a three day school and normally we go down for two nights, we go down Sunday and Monday and come back Tuesday, we don't even stay the third day, we stay two nights and come back, but I think it would be very detrimental, whoever wants to go from this Town because we have not been down for two years. Gary Flieger: Can you give us an estimate of what you feel it's going to cost? Flo Santini: For me? Gary Flieger: Well if we do it for you then we have to do it for...Flo Santini: My room is \$229 a night and I came back I think with \$50 in food for the two nights, because the two afternoons I ate at the Association of Towns, and tolls and parking, and Jane and I shared a room so maybe it's \$250 each for two nights if we share the costs. Karl Brabenec: And this is in your .4? Flo Santini: Yes, and my .4 has \$5,000 in it. Viola Sinsabaugh: Are you using the town car or your own? Flo Santini: What I already put in for, Bob Emerson, Jane, Me and Ed, so the parking would be split four ways. Karl Brabenec: I do know that these kind of events are very good because you do network with other public officials from around the state and what you come back with, information on cost saving measures, efficiency, the way things are done in different towns that could work in our town, we give that information also to other towns; it's definitely a good event to go to, we did miss that opportunity last year, I visited at night just for a networking event last year and I did come back with a lot of ideas and a lot of contacts that you can make throughout the state. Flo Santini: Right, and I'm not talking only my department I'm talking all the departments, it's a learning experience for everyone; I know years ago it got a bad rap, but I'll tell you I go and I enjoy it because I do come back with a lot of stuff. Gary Flieger: I'm not trying to argue the value of it I'm not trying to argue over anything, what I'm saying is the number's you're giving me do not add up to the bills that we have gotten in the past from this trip. Flo Santini: I can't talk about any other departments; you asked me what mine was. Gary Flieger: I did, and can you explain why other departments were all up in the \$6-\$7,000 range for this meeting. Flo Santini: I don't think it was an individual thing, I think it was what they had done as far as everybody having individual rooms instead of sharing, going out for \$120 a plate dinners, and I think Vi did it two years ago where she put a cap on it and said you can't do this and took alcohol off of it, and I think what they did three years ago is they did a limo and ten of them went down in a limo and they shared that cost, so maybe it was \$6,000 total for ten of them to go, but I don't think it was \$6,000 individually, I think it was a total of \$6,000 for all of them. Gary Flieger: Oh it was but it's just that it ended up being a little over \$6,000 to send them. Flo Santini: But we, Jane and I, always came back and said we ate at TGIF's one night, we just walked around and had something quick to eat, and how many invitations you get from banks and facilities and stuff, Vi and I went one night and it didn't cost us a dime, we go for the free for all's and stuff like that, but you had other people who didn't and went for \$100 a plate meals. Gary Flieger: I'm just having a tough time understanding, I never went, but even if you had ten and it was \$6,000 that's \$600 a head, you're telling me that you're doing it for less than half of that. Flo Santini: Yes because Jane and I share a room. Liam O'Neill: Let me propose this, that those department heads who want to go submit to the board a proposal for all the expenses that they propose to accrue including the hotel room, the cost of the conference and then meals and transportation, and give it to us by the 12<sup>th</sup> and we can decide then.

**Motion to request proposals from Department Heads**

Motion made by Liam O'Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Brabenec, that the Department Heads submit proposals to the Board for all expenditures that will need to be covered for the school in the City by the 12<sup>th</sup> of January, and to have the Town Clerk send out a memo to all department heads notifying them of this request.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Flo Santini: Town Clerk: Read the letter regarding the Association of Towns School for 2009.

Karl Brabenec: You and Jane plan on attending the meeting? Flo Santini: You have to appoint two delegates.

Karl Brabenec: Okay then why don't we appoint you and Jane? Flo Santini: Okay, but you shouldn't do that until the trip is approved. Viola Sinsabaugh: Also, just to highlight, if you're going to do that they may have to stay another day.

Bill Bavoso: You usually receive also in advance a list of proposals that are going to be voted on and generally the town board goes through those, and should go through those in advance, and make a determination as to how they want their delegate to vote because those proposals then adopted by the Association of Towns will then be sent on to the Governor and Legislature as being the position of the majority of towns of the State of New York, so you need to take a look at those.

Gary Flieger: Okay, as I said before we're not going to get through all the appointments but we are going to get a lot of them out of the way, so I'd like to make a motion to move on with appointments and salaries; now Bill in previous minutes that I've looked at it actually tells whether it's broke down monthly or weekly, is there a reason for that?

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Viola Sinsabaugh: Yes. Gary Flieger: Why? I can't figure it out. Bill Bavoso: I can only assume that it's because that's the pay period computed out or it allows the appointee to know how they'll be paid. Gary Flieger: We're giving salaries on a yearly basis here and behind it, it says monthly or weekly. Viola Sinsabaugh: Gary do you have any extra's of those? Karl Brabenec: We didn't receive those. Gary Flieger: No, I know you didn't. Liam O'Neill: Can we make copies of those? Gary Flieger: Sure. Karl Brabenec: Now could the members of the audience get a copy because we are voting on this tonight? Gary Flieger: I will make sure that it's available to them tomorrow because there's a lot of holes in that, it's not a complete list Karl. We expected to work on this fully today, Mr. Schultz showed up today to work on the other thing so that meant that getting this meeting ready was on hold, I worked with him for five hours today. Karl Brabenec: What about on Friday, working on the re-org meeting on Friday? Viola Sinsabaugh: I'm going to differ here with you; we keep jumping through during the week for this, during the week for that, and everything, it used to be in our government that we had a town board meeting on the first day of the month, second week that came up was a workshop that we handled everything the following week was a town board meeting, everything was always done on a Monday, it was very easy to remember, it was very easy to do everything because you worked your Monday's. Gary Flieger: So what you're saying is you would have a meeting every Monday, one would be a town board meeting the next would be a workshop. Viola Sinsabaugh: Yes and we would mention what we would like to be brought up at the next workshop, what we would be working on or possibly discussing, or if you had executive sessions you could go in on your workshop; it was kind of easier to always have a date that you knew. We have jumped to so many days this year. Could we work it out where we have our meetings on Monday's, if we have interviews they will be done on Monday's. Gary Flieger: I would like to try that out, for at least the first three months and if it works out we'll extend it through the year. Viola Sinsabaugh: I think that would be a great idea; I think you need to do something, we're jumping around too much and it's inconvenient for everybody. Karl Brabenec: That's fine, I know we had a lot of meetings in December, discussed a lot of appointments, had a lot of executive sessions, so I just don't understand why it's not completely prepared for the re-organization meeting. Viola Sinsabaugh: Well he just told you it's not so now we go forward. Karl Brabenec: I understand but I know that there was also, our town hall was off Wednesday and Thursday, but what happened on Friday? Usually we should have an agenda prepared by Friday, it was requested in May of last year by Councilman Cunningham that an agenda be provided to us on Friday and then also we had a motion in October that I made and was passed that the agenda be brought up on Friday and that even a copy of our budget be put on the website and it still hasn't happened yet, and it still continues not to happen so I don't understand. Gary Flieger: Well come on in, I'm in here working here quite a few hours a week and there's just not that spare time, if you want to come in and put it together then please do.

**Motion to approve Salaries of Elected Officials**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liam O'Neill, to approve the salaries of Elected Officials as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Supervisor	\$31,381.00	Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Town Clerk	\$37,403.00	Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Highway Supt.	\$48,867.00	Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Council 4@	\$ 6,000.00	Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Town Justice 2@	\$18,183.00	Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tax Collector	\$11,536.00	Monthly

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to approve Salaries of Appointed Officials**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to approve the salaries of Appointed Officials as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Assessor	\$52,446.00	Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Building Inspector	\$48,245.00	Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registrar of Vital Stat.	\$ 1,400.00	Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Accountant	\$ 24,000.00	Monthly

Discussion: Liam O'Neill: I don't recall the Town Accountant being so high. Viola Sinsabaugh: It was \$24,000, and then I think there was a \$2,000 or \$3,000 that was eliminated. Liam O'Neill: Okay, you are right.

**VOTE: 3 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**1 NO: Karl Brabenec**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Motion to approve the Salaries of Town Employees**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to approve the salaries of Town Employees as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Assistant Assessor	\$33,997.00	Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Building Custodian	\$34,442.00	Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Tax Collector	\$ 1,385.00	Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dog Control Officer	\$10.30 per hr	Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supervisor's Clerk	\$33,421.00	Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Town Clerk	\$29,151.00	Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Court Stenographer	\$125 per first hr \$25 per hr & \$1.75 per page	As worked

Discussion: Karl Brabenec: Just in case people are wondering why I am voting no on these salaries is there was an issue with the longevity pay during the budget process and I still very strongly about that, I still feel that people aren't being paid equitably, where we voted 3% across the board there are some salaries in here that do not reflect that. Liam O'Neill: Because they also reflect longevity. Karl Brabenec: Correct. Viola Sinsabaugh: Because longevity was not turned down and so these figures actually are with longevity and cost of living increase, so these are including that, so this is what the final outcome was. Karl did not want longevity, but that was defeated so this is what the board voted on. Gary Flieger: Well it was what was in the personnel policy, the people where entitled to it. Viola Sinsabaugh: And the rest of the board did vote on this and this is what the final outcome is.

**VOTE: 3 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**1 NO: Karl Brabenec**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to appoint Willard Wilson**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to appoint Willard Wilson (Skip) to the Planning Board.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to appoint Willard Wilson**

Motion made by Viola Sinsabaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Brabenec, to appoint Willard Wilson (Skip) as the Chairman to the Planning Board.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to approve Municipal Board Salaries**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to approve Municipal Board salaries as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning Board, ZBA, BAR	\$30 per mtg	As Attended Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning Board, ZBA, BAR Chairs	\$20 additional per mtg	As Attended Quarterly

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to accept Department Head Appointment**

Motion made by Viola Sinsabaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Brabenec, to accept Department Head Appointment Jerianne Baumgardner as Deputy Town Clerk.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to accept Department Head Appointment**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Brabenec, to accept Department Head Appointment Jerianne Baumgardner as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to accept Department Head Appointment**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Brabenec, to accept Department Head Appointment Dominick Santini as Unpaid Deputy Town Clerk.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Motion to accept Department Head Appointment**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liam O'Neill, to accept Department Head Appointment Robert J. Decker as Deputy Highway Superintendent.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to accept Department Head Appointment**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to accept Department Head Appointment Joan Cunningham as Deputy Tax Collector.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to accept Department Head Appointment**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to accept Department Head Appointment Janina Garrity as Bookkeeper/Confidential Secretary.

Discussion: Karl Brabenec: I have a question on that, I do believe, and this is my personal opinion, that those positions should be two separate positions and I would be happy to vote in favor of Mrs. Garrity for your confidential secretary but not for bookkeeper. Viola Sinsabaugh: It's put together, it's one thing, she doesn't get paid for two separate jobs she gets one salary for doing both jobs; and you want to separate it, you're going to vote for one and you're not going to vote for the other, it's one item you're either going to vote yes or you're going to vote no. Karl Brabenec: Correct.

**VOTE: 3 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**1 NO: Karl Brabenec**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to accept Department Head Appointment**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Brabenec, to accept Department Head Appointment Pamela Platt as Assistant Assessor.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to re-appoint Robert Emerson**

Motion made by Viola Sinsabaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liam O'Neill, to allow Robert Emerson to continue as Building Inspector for the Town of Deerpark.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to appoint Toni Marion**

Motion made by Viola Sinsabaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Brabenec, to appoint Toni Marion as Assistant Historian.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to appoint Norma Schadt**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to appoint Norma Schadt as Town Historian.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to set Mileage Reimbursement Rate**

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liam O'Neill, to set the mileage reimbursement rate at the rate given by the IRS.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to adopt Fee Schedule**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to adopt the Town of Deerpark Fee Schedule. A copy of the fee schedule is attached to the minutes.

Discussion: Karl Brabenec: The way I see it the board, by majority, passed some major tax increases and to increase fees like this on businesses and also on individuals I think that's absolutely ridiculous.

**VOTE: 3 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**1 NO: Karl Brabenec**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Motion set Official Media**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liam O'Neill, to set the Official Media for the Town as follows:

- Newspaper Times Herald Record
- Radio 96.7FM
- Television Tri-23

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion for Town Depositories**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liam O'Neill, to authorize Town Officials who handle funds to deposit funds in the institution of their choosing provided it is located in the Town of Deerpark or the City of Port Jervis and meets the requirements provided by the Office of the New York State Comptroller.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion for payment of bills**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liam O'Neill, to authorize the Supervisor to pay, on demand, utility, postage, and expenses prior to audit by the Town Board; all claims to be presented at the next regular meeting of the Town Board.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion for Investment Transactions**

Motion made by Liam O'Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to authorize the Town Supervisor to make investment transactions for the Town of Deerpark; funds to be deposited in FDIC insured commercial banking institutions as per requirements of the NYS OSC; Investments shall be collateralized as per regulation and requirement of the NYS OSC.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion for Petty Cash**

Motion made by Liam O'Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to maintain Petty Cash drawers in the offices of the Town Clerk & Supervisor in the amount of \$100.00 per office.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to designate polling places**

Motion made by Liam O'Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to designate the polling places as follows: Sparrowbush Fire Company, Main Street in Sparrowbush, the Huguenot Fire Co., Route 209 in Huguenot, Deerpark Town Hall, 420 Route 209 in Huguenot, and Deerpark Building #2, 231 Route 209 in Huguenot.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to re-appoint Court Officer**

Motion made by Liam O'Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Brabenec, to re-appoint Dean Sinsabaugh as the Court Officer for the Town of Deerpark.

**VOTE: 3 AYES: Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**1 ABSTAINS: Viola Sinsabaugh**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to re-appoint UDC Delegates**

Motion made by Liam O'Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Brabenec, to appoint Phil Chase as the Delegate to the UDC and Mel Decker as the Alternate to the UDC.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to adopt 2009 Holiday Schedule**

Motion made by Liam O'Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Brabenec, to adopt the 2009 Holiday Closing Schedule, a copy of the schedule is attached to the minutes.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to appoint Police Commission Member**

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liam O'Neill, to appoint Patti Sabilia to the Police Commission.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to re-appoint ZBA Member**

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to re-appoint Martin Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Motion to re-appoint ZBA Chairman**

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to re-appoint Martin Smith as the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to re-appoint Recreation Members**

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liam O'Neill, to re-appoint all the current Recreation Members.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to re-appoint Cable Commission Member**

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to re-appoint Louise Vandemark as representative to the Cable Commission.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to appoint BAR Member**

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to appoint Matthew Zacharia to the Board of Assessment Review.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to appoint BAR Member**

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to appoint Robert Barchiesi to the Board of Assessment Review.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Gary Flieger: Something we still have to work on that I haven't completed yet was the liaison to each of the departments.

Liam O'Neill: Also, I would think that at the next meeting we would be appointing someone to this seat.

Viola Sinsabaugh: We're doing the interviews on the 12<sup>th</sup> for this seat. Karl Brabenec: We still have a number of people who still need to be interviewed for the council, so I'd like to make a motion that the Town Supervisor contact the remaining applicants for the town board seat by telephone to invite them to the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for the purpose of an interview.

Gary Flieger: I think Flo already did that. Karl Brabenec: You already did that Flo? Flo Santini: Yes, you made the motion and I have the list together, you start your interviews at 7:00pm and the last one is at 9:00pm.

Karl Brabenec: Also, on another note I just wanted to bring something up, I had sent a memo, it went out today, I sent it by e-mail, and I believe the board members did get a copy in their boxes, you may not have read it yet but I did want to put it into the minutes because it is the re-organization meeting, it is to Supervisor Gary Flieger from Councilman Karl Brabenec, it's carbon copied to all town board members, town clerk Flo Santini and to the town attorney and what it is regarding is a request of monthly reports; read the memo, the memo will be attached to the minutes. I would like to request the following reports from you to be given to all council members and a copy to be filed with the town clerk; fist report, a report on all revenues and expenditures for the preceding month. Also, when a motion is to be made concerning the payment of all bills with three or more signatures, a report should be issued listing all the vouchers that we're actually voting on, when the motion is passed this actual report will be submitted to the town clerk to record in the minutes, this report should list the voucher number, who the bill is payable to, the amount and a small description, a lot of other villages and towns in Orange County do this, what happens is it gets put in the minutes so that if you want to look up something that happened three years ago, all you can look up right now is that the board made a motion to pass with three or more signatures but you don't know what bills were paid, so what this does is it gives a copy to the board to see what we're actually voting on and it also puts a copy in the minutes that way if somebody wants to come by ten years from now and look up what we actually paid out it's in the minutes. Also, on all payroll vouchers a detailed report outlining each individual check that is being paid out, this includes the employees name, the amount of the check, and if it's a weekly salary check or any special check such as an over time check or a comp time check, sick time, or a longevity bonus and what that report does is makes it a little clearer for the councilmember's that are signing the vouchers what we are actually signing that there are no checks that are kind of slipped into the voucher that we don't know about, it's all in black and white and it's FOILable, anybody can see it, all town employees anyway are public employees and their salary is public knowledge. Also, every month an updated report on all accrued time for each employee this would include all sick, vacation, compensatory and personal time, and basically councilman Cunningham had requested this numerous times over the years and what would happen was these reports were given to the councilmember's and it kind of faded out and now we're not getting the reports anymore, so I want to make that request again that we do get that report each month because we want to make sure that the times are accurate according to our personnel policy, so this is something, these are all reports. Gary Flieger: I think what you've got there is a lot more intense

than what Mr. Cunningham had suggested, and before this board votes on this I would like to see an estimated time period that it would take to put it together so that this board understands what the dollar value of this is per week that they're going to be laying out for it and it's more or less a not trusting the numbers you're getting.

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Karl Brabenec: Well really what this is, is a request from myself as a councilmember, I have a duty to the people that voted for me that I keep track of all revenues coming in and out of here, that I know monies that are being spent, that I know that everything is being done according to how it's supposed to be done. That's one of my duties and a duty of every town board member and I don't want to see the excuse anymore that the councilmember's didn't know what was going on, and I think what this does is this prevents that from happening, that way everybody's on the same page, all the information you have is the information that we have and then there are no excuses anymore that we can say oh well we didn't know that.

Gary Flieger: Ok, but Karl this information is there, Vi is in that office all the time and she just goes in and says I have a question about this check and it takes her 2-3 minutes to look it up. For you to get a report on every single employee and go to this extreme, it's available to you all you have to do is walk in that office, stand before the bookkeeper and say what's this or what's that. Karl Brabenec: I shouldn't have to ask for it, it should be just given to me because I'm a councilmember here.

Gary Flieger: It's not that you are asking for it, she doesn't know, this way here you could walk in and you're asking a specific question to a situation that you are having and this thing is such a blanket thing that it's going to cost a lot of time and money to put together weekly. Karl Brabenec: Really this is what happens, the report for the vouchers, all you do is when somebody fills out a voucher you have an excel spreadsheet and when you fill out a voucher you put the corresponding information to the excel sheet that does not require a lot of work, also all revenues and expenditures from the proceeding month, there's a report that comes out that I have seen that the bookkeeper has access to that she can easily print out for us every month, also she also has a report that she does on accrued for each employee that she does update on a weekly basis and this can also be given to the board members through e-mail or however, and then also on the payroll vouchers we do pay paychex and I know that they have to have some way of printing out a report on our software that we use.

Gary Flieger: That's why I'm saying, you're saying we must have, we should have, but do we, and before we vote this in I want to make sure that this board is understanding of the hours it's going to take or what software we've got to purchase to make this thing happen. Viola Sinsabaugh: Number 2, motion concerning paying of all bills, Flo question to you, isn't there a draft sheet on that, you have on one or two pages what every check is and to whom it's paid. Flo Santini: Yes, but it's done after you sign the vouchers, and that can be incorporated in my minutes, that could be one of the things that's on here, when we copy the minutes it could be copied with the minutes to you. Viola Sinsabaugh: Okay but we do already have that.

Karl Brabenec: Okay but I've never seen that. Viola Sinsabaugh: You've got to look; you've got to come in here.

Flo Santini: He does not see what I do, he knows that I will not do the final abstract until I have the three signatures and that's when I call people and say I need one more signature, I will not do it until they are all signed, but the abstract has the check number, who was paid, how much was paid and what date it was paid and then the total of what all was paid. What you see in the minutes now is just the total amount, but starting this week I can insert that abstract in the minutes and that can take care of the one part. Karl Brabenec: I just think we need to know what we're voting on, that's very important number one. Viola Sinsabaugh: Okay, so what you want here is already done, so she's going to make a copy of that for you after that.

On the payroll vouchers, I think something came up a long time ago when the initial payroll for a department was done but there was comp time that was already put into that check that was issued and we were not aware of it at the time, so I think in all honesty, I just would like to see, we don't need to have every employees name, the amount of their check and all that, what we need to know is just who collected over time or comp time, we don't have to do all this extra book work, we just need to know over time and comp time, and if you want to know when the longevity bonus is paid to a person I agree with that, but I don't think it has to be done for every person because not every person is going to get over time or comp time, that's just going to be a waste of time printing out for every employee, we may need to just have anyone that got over time, comp time or longevity bonus, a list for us to look at so that we could check that out. Gary Flieger: One of the things I have on this, basically the detailed information you have is you want a detail of each paycheck? Karl Brabenec: Yes.

Gary Flieger: What my problem is, to Bill, when we pay these individuals, we have child support and other issues that come out of peoples paychecks, is that information open to the public and is it open to this board for me to hand out? We've treated it very secretively in there so that we don't let everybody know that someone has a court order that they have to pay or child support or what not, I don't think it should be public information. Viola Sinsabaugh: That's not what we should be looking at; we should only be looking at over time and comp time. Bill Bavoso: What you're looking to find is really what the compensation paid is. Gary Flieger: But for him to get a look at that whole paycheck and how it's being paid out, all those little facts are in that. Bill Bavoso: Maybe I'm wrong, but is that what you looking for Karl? You're looking for how much is paid out in gross. Karl Brabenec: I'm looking to make sure that their salary should stay constant from week to week, or however they're paid, it should stay constant and what I'm looking for in the report if there's any addition, any special check that's cut, that kind of thing because we've had issues in the past with this and I want to clear up these issues, especially since we have the State Comptroller coming down here, I think we need to be as thorough as possible with our records, this board needs to know what's going on, in the past it hasn't known what's going on and I think this is a step we need to do especially since that State is coming in here and taking a big look at us. I understand the Viola doesn't think that we should go to this extent, and Gary I don't think feels we should go to this extent and I don't know how Liam feels.

Gary Flieger: I have concerns over people's rights. Karl Brabenec: I would like this report because I need to know what's going on here. Viola Sinsabaugh: Would you settle, number 2, we have a draft; she said she would put it in our box, number two is done.

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Karl Brabenec: This is the deal, when we make a motion we vote on vouchers that have three signatures on it, usually what happens after that is that we start signing vouchers after we make that motion so technically we don't know what the heck we're voting for. Gary Flieger: Sure, you don't sign it. Karl Brabenec: That's not the point.

Gary Flieger: Yes it is the point, it's for three signatures or more, so if only two people sign it then it doesn't get paid.

Liam O'Neill: People who are available during the day have traditionally just come in before the meeting so they know ahead of time what the vouchers are. Flo Santini: And if there are only two signatures I will not do the abstract so they will not get paid. Liam O'Neill: You have something in there for the revenues and expenditures, the only thing I saw in that, you're

asking for a month, I think right now going forward with the Comptroller's Office I think we're ready to do it on a quarterly basis. Karl Brabenec: It's required by Town Law that the Supervisor needs to distribute that report to the town board and the town clerk for public record, and we're not getting this. Gary Flieger: That's produced by the Accountant, not by my office, the Accountant comes in and upgrades our books and does the report. Karl Brabenec: Isn't the bookkeeper responsible for that? Gary Flieger: No. Karl Brabenec: Then what is the bookkeeper responsible for? Gary Flieger: The bookkeeper posts the bills and gets the books ready; the Accountant comes out and makes the reports. Viola Sinsabaugh: Okay, so when our Accountant does this can we just have a copy then of what this report is and distribute it to the board.

Gary Flieger: When ever he's produced them we have done that. Basically, if we have busy month he's in here a couple of times but if we do not have a busy month he's not here, so we'll just make sure he's here on a certain day every month and hopefully we'll keep it in the budget. Viola Sinsabaugh: I don't have a problem with the first one, have the Accountant just give everybody a copy. The second one is done; Flo will attach that to the minutes for us. Now on the payroll vouchers...

Bill Bavoso: Vi, going back to number one you're going to have to make sure the Accountant does that every single month, because Karl is correct about the Town Law that it does say that the Supervisor has to copy that each month.

Viola Sinsabaugh: Again, on the payroll vouchers, I don't think we need to go over fifty employees, all we need to know is who had over time, how much, was there any comp time paid, and if a special check was given what was it given for, that's all, if we only have three people that fit that then we only need those three people, we don't need everybody else who does not get any of that. I don't think we need to do every person that works here because it's not going to pertain to them, I don't want to know anything else about these people, I just would like to know about comp time, over time or if a special check was written or longevity.

Karl Brabenec: Right now what we're doing is we get a payroll voucher and we're signing both line items, we don't know where any money is going we don't know who it's going to, we don't even know if there's a phantom person on the payroll, I know there isn't, I'm just saying it has happened in other places. Gary Flieger: I think you've got to spend a little more time in here so you feel a little more comfortable. Karl Brabenec: Listen, I have a full time position I work an hour away, Liam has a full time position and works an hour away, we try to spend as much time as possible doing town business, either through e-mail or whatever, I just can't believe that there's this much discussion over this, because this is just simple elementary stuff that we should be getting anyway that's not going to cause a lot of time and effort. Viola Sinsabaugh: Yes it will, I'm not saying it shouldn't be done. Liam O'Neill: Karl, you put this to the Supervisor just four hours ago, I think we should just give him time to digest it and to figure out how he's going to print it out and how much work it's going to require from him. Karl Brabenec: Here's the problem, we constantly shelf things and they are forgotten. Viola Sinsabaugh: It's not going to be forgotten if we're going to do it at a workshop. Karl Brabenec: These are just simple reports, some of these reports are already being done and we're not seeing them, this accrual time for each employee is already being done, I haven't seen it, the only time I saw it was when it was e-mailed to me by one of the department heads, this should be given to all board members. Councilman Cunningham requested this report numerous times and we're not getting it, I just don't understand why, as far as I'm concerned if I don't get this list with the payroll vouchers then I don't know what I'm signing so I can't sign these payroll vouchers, because I'm not going to be responsible when the State Comptroller comes in and starts asking questions and I don't have the answers to them, so I won't be responsible for it, I won't sign the payroll voucher, I need justification for signing it. Viola Sinsabaugh: And if you look for it you will have it.

Gary Flieger: Okay, now, earlier Vi brought up that she would like to have a meeting every Monday. Viola Sinsabaugh: Usually we meet twice a month, the first and third Monday's; the following Monday of each meeting we should have a workshop, we did this for years when Mr. Chandler was Supervisor and it worked out very well, if a town board workshop is needed, but we were able to discuss things, like what you brought up tonight, at the workshop it would have been handled and we wouldn't be sitting at the regular meeting discussing and bickering about something that was not on the agenda given to the public at a public meeting, and then voted on at the next regular meeting. My suggestion is that we do have our two town board meetings and the following Monday's be workshops; we should put all our meetings on Monday nights, this way it's a lot easier, we're all over the page, we're coming in on Thursday, we're coming in on Wednesday, so Monday nights would be the government night, you know that you're government night is that night, I'm just saying we make all of our meetings on Monday's no other night. Gary Flieger: I think what I'd like to do is I'd like to try this for one month or two months to see if it shortens our meetings up so we're not here until 11:00pm, and our workshops should be very short because it would just introducing materials. Viola Sinsabaugh: And anything we get during a meeting,

we should have an agenda on Friday, so that we know when we come in Monday night we already know what we're going to discuss, anything else that is brought up that is not on that agenda we should not be discussing that night we should be working on that at a workshop. Gary Flieger: That agenda will be generated from that Monday night meeting.

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Viola Sinsabaugh: Right, and I think we could lessen the time frame of our meetings and get a lot more accomplished.

Flo Santini: I have to look to see what I have because I'm not necessarily available every Monday night.

Viola Sinsabaugh: Well if you can't make the workshops we'll get somebody else that's all. Flo Santini: You can't.

Viola Sinsabaugh: What about your Deputy? Flo Santini: It's not in the budget to pay her. Karl Brabenc: I think we can do work sessions as needed and I know other towns will have one regular business meeting per month and one workshop meeting per month for a total of two meetings. I just think a meeting every single Monday is a little excessive.

Viola Sinsabaugh: Only if needed. We're having workshops on any given day because this one can't be here this day and that one can't be here that day, so if we know that Monday's are the only meeting nights then we shouldn't be planning much else on those nights so that when we need a workshop we can easily schedule for a Monday night.

Karl Brabenc: I have no problem scheduling meetings on Monday's but only if needed, not every single week.

**Motion to designate Monday's only as meeting/workshop nights**

Motion made by Viola Sinsabaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liam O'Neill, that for the next two months we designate Monday nights for town board meetings, the first and third are already town board meetings, the second and fourth Monday's will be designated for any necessary workshops.

**VOTE: 3 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**1 NO: Karl Brabenc**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Flo Santini: We had the opening of the RFP's for the Hazard Mitigation Plan's on Wednesday, December 31, 2008, we received 6 bids, one bid did not arrive until Friday, January 2, 2009, but my Deputy pulled documentation off of the UPS website, they did mail it out on time but some how UPS sent it down to Kentucky first and it didn't get back up here to us until the 2<sup>nd</sup>, I called our Attorney and he said that we can accept it because it wasn't their error, it was UPS's error, so we have 6 bids, we did the minutes. Showed the Board the packets that came in, there are seven copies of each bid, I need to know from the Board who gets them, who's going to look over them, who's going to see what needs to be done.

Gary Flieger: We also have to forward these to Jack and Joyce. Flo Santini: I figured Jack and Joyce will get one, the Attorney will get one, the Highway Superintendent is also involved in this. Gary Flieger: There are a lot more players than just Jack and Joyce on the Emergency Management end. Flo Santini: Okay, well there are seven copies; you let me know who you want them to go out to. Gary Flieger: If we have one copy for the Board members, and we can just share it back and forth that would be okay. I think it's very important that the Emergency Management people have as many copies as they can get. Flo Santini: Okay, one for the Board, one has to stay in my office, one for the Highway Superintendent, that leaves four copies. Gary Flieger: Well it's Emergency Management that needs them. Bill Bavoso: I don't need my own copy; I can just take a look at the Town Clerk's copy. Gary Flieger: I would just give all the extras to Emergency Management. Flo Santini: Okay so I can call Joyce to come pick them up and she can give them to anyone they think needs them.

**Public Comment:**

Gabor Ruszan: Commented on his tax bill screaming and the taxes of the Town. We like to invite all of the public to join the organized taxpayers association of Deerpark. The Government can do only what we the people, by acceptance, will tolerate.

George Lombardi: On this agenda thing, I thought we settled that, we were going to have it on a Friday, and the one thing is, and Karl you keep bringing things up at every meeting and you're one of the ones that you should have what you're going to bring up here like you keep doing on that agenda sheet on Friday, every councilmember has the right to get something on the agenda, and Gary somehow you've got to find the time before we have a meeting to do this. Anything that's brought up here that's not on an agenda shouldn't be allowed. We didn't even know if we were going to have a public comment tonight. That thing has to be out there Friday and if Karl has something he wants to bring up he shouldn't send it to you before the meeting, it should be there on Friday and we all know what it's about. Now the one thing Karl is right on, when I sat at the budget thing with Mark the last couple of days, the town laid out checks for compensation and over time for a ton of money that went back five years on some of the compensation times that no one knew about, now I don't know how that happens, now when you people come in here, I've seen board members for years, you've got to have three signatures, you're never seeing those vouchers because you sit at that table and start signing them, you don't read, those things should be looked at before you come in here, it's your job to look and see what all those things are, it's not one person, that's why you need three signatures, that's the checks and balance. The Supervisor in this town, with a \$30,000 salary is crap in this day and age; it takes too much time to do the job right pay the Supervisor more. It's only a two-year job, he runs the town he makes a lot less money than most people in here and he puts the work in. You say you don't have money but some things you've got to spend money on or we're going nowhere. But I think Karl, we cut out over time and all that stuff last year, which was right,

but I think that ended it, but you're right if it's going to happen I think someone had to okay it, and I thought it was just police and highway that could do that on emergencies. One other thing, on October 28, this stuff with the flood stuff, we had these bond issues you were supposed to do, on the 28<sup>th</sup> you came up with something and Vi and Karl didn't go along with it

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they were forced into something, and you had a gag order for thirty-days, that things two months now, and if you had something to say I think at the next meeting you should let it out. My point is, I come here all the time, I ask you people questions but I don't get answers to them. I've asked why is the town paying all this money out on these lawsuits and the insurance companies aren't, we should have an answer to that, obviously the insurance company isn't paying it because something was done wrong the way things were handled; and Karl's right if it's a town law and it should be filed and we should get those reports, and my question was why wasn't it done for years, if it's procedure that we're supposed to do then it should be done, if it's a law you've got to do it, there's no way of getting around it.

Lee Space: I would just like to ask the Board, when you have the discussion on Park Fees could you include the Recreation Commission, when we start talking about changing the recreation fees there were several different proposals brought up, one was the two check system, one for \$25.00 fee and one is returned to them after the park is cleaned. The park is one of the few things that we get for our taxes, I don't think the Deerpark residents should have to pay, people from other towns should pay, but not residents.

Louise Vandemark: I would like to see you work harder this year to get that budget down more so that there is a surplus that can be used to help start paying off this huge debt, I'm tired of hearing about it, I'm tired of hearing blame, we know where the blame goes, but I'm not hearing solutions except borrowing, I don't live my life that way and I hate the town putting me in that position to. The other thing, Karl I agree with you, the Law's the Law, to have a discussion on should we follow the law or shouldn't we follow the law is the most discussion I've ever heard of here. If the law states that this report is to be issued then the report should be issued. Also, the reports that Karl was talking about I do for the County, my budget is a couple of million dollars at the board of elections, put it in excel, maybe when you first set it up if you don't know what you're doing maybe it'll take two hours, if you know what you're doing then less than a half hour, now when you're doing your bills you enter that and you have your program ready, all you do is push a button, we're not talking hours of time, you're talking about the payroll, you get a report make copies, we're getting into the same thing, no you don't need this information, oh we don't trust somebody, it's not a matter of trust, it's a matter of you taking responsibility, you are the elected officials, you have the final say, not the bookkeeper, not the accountant, not the attorney, that buck stops with you, if you don't have the information, if you don't know what's going on, you could set this up so easy where it shows you the differences, you put in the formulas, I even have a book I'll give to the town so they can set this up, this is the simplest thing in the world once you get it set up, and if you don't know how to use excel you don't belong in the bookkeeping department, it's the simplest thing in the world to do. Also, I have to defend Karl and Liam, I constantly hear 'come in my office and ask questions' if they're working how can they come in during normal business hours, \$6,000 a year they're making, they both have two children, and families to support, they don't have the luxury in their lives right now not to have another full time job to pay their bills, you can not expect them to come in your office all the time; Liam can't say 'I'm not going to go teach today I have to go to town hall to find out what this bill is' that information should be readily available for them to have. On agenda items, I don't like coming in here and not having an agenda, we have three minutes before a meeting to speak on agenda items, if we don't have an agenda we don't know what's on it, that's not right to the public. I think the Councilmember's should have whatever they want on the agenda put on there but they do have to bring it to the Supervisor before Friday to get it on there.

Tony Cea: I'm here tonight to comment and straighten out the erroneous facts that were provided in print by our supervisor; in an article in the Gazette some claims were made and I'd like to rebut them, the supervisor contended that all departments had been cut back but that's not true, here are just some that have been increased; the offices of the Supervisor, the Assessor, the Courts, Buildings and Grounds, Auditing, Unallocated Insurance, Judgments and Claims and there are other departments; so your information was incorrect and devious in my opinion, you misled the public. Mr. Flieger also makes special mention that the police department budget was cut \$210,000, again not true, it rose from \$722,000 to \$771,000; we still don't see the cuts. According to an article from the Gazette, on Friday November 8, 2002 we budgeted on \$282,000 for the police department as compared to \$771,000 this year, if this rate of growth were allowed to continue the police department budget would nearly triple to \$2,105,000 in just the next seven years alone, Mr. Flieger and the Board should stop looking backwards and pointing fingers of blame but start looking forward to control future costs of this town. That would take real leadership ability and tonight you're so disorganized I wonder where it is, Mr. Flieger also proposed an 11 ½% salary increase or increase in compensation for two town hall employees and up to 7 ¼ % for others, he also proposed a pay increase for himself, I guess he just wanted to cover his personal tax increase for this year, while we struggle economically our Supervisor and Town Board members borrow and spend, in 2008 alone they borrowed \$2,178,000 that we will have to pay back with interest over the next ten years, as a result of their borrowing the town's debt service will increase 340% from last year to this year, and that comes to \$3,750.00 per month in 2008 and \$16,547.00 per month in 2009. The Board thought

they could borrow their way out of debt, they were wrong again. Mr. Flieger claims that one of the two events that could have the largest impact on our budget and taxes is a \$868,000 deficit created in the past, the truth is it was from the year before and it was created by the same board members who made up the majority of this year's board, this board cannot shed

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the blame or point the finger at someone else, they were and are the problem, the net change in the town taxes that Mr. Flieger and the council have discretion over is an increase of 125% for 2009, and if you'd like to dispute it it's in your budget document that's certified by the town clerk and it shows on page 2 125% tax increase for the residents of this town this year. Mr. Flieger you also claim an accomplishment is not filling two positions in the highway department, the fact is that Mr. Hughson is the only elected official in the Town of Deerpark with the authority to hire and fire in his department, we think he and his hard working highway crew deserve credit for doing more with less, sorry no bow here either. Mr. Flieger you also listed as an accomplishment the elimination of the zoning officers position, the fact is the individual who occupied that position resigned on March 24, 2008 and it has remained empty since, primarily because we were in a severe financial state at the time. Mr. Flieger we feel that your administration has been a costly and abysmal failure we can only expect from you more of the same in the final year of your term, we feel that all the taxpayers that can should come out to town and school board meetings to look over the shoulders of those who would tax us out of our homes, we ask you to please get involved.

Dave Hoovler: Karl, I like the citation to town law, Gary and Karl and the Board, actually having the revenues and the expenditures the town has been complying with the law because somebody's been doing it, I think what everyone here really wants brought out is they just want to be able to see it, so I think that's what you need to do. When you went to your class on being elected officials they told you a couple of things, they told you that government should be open, transparent, and visible. What's happening is it's really not open, transparent and visible, even though the information is there it's just not getting out, if Rob Schultz completes the monthly report on revenues and expenditures then all you have to do is bring it in and staple it to the back or mention it, I don't think that anyone would mandate that you read it line by line, but I think that's the jest of what everyone is saying. I think you have to go back to when you went to your training, they said open, transparent and visible, that is the way government should be and I know that at least some of you went to that training and I know when you look at it that way complying is very easy because the information is there it's just a matter of getting it out to the public. I want to talk about the CDTF, we have a meeting tomorrow night, we talked about our spring lunch at the last meeting, I'm asking everybody in the town that owns a business or does business in this town when we get together in the spring and we do this luncheon I want to try to get a list of everybody as early as possible so we can start doing the invites, because I know Mr. Spears and I have talked about it and we want to get as many people as possible to attend this meeting. I think in the future we're going to bring in some building union leaders that potentially want to come in and talk about some ideas, I'm going to make a recommendation that we bring in some guest speakers to come in and talk about planning for the future and strategic management for development. Finally, only two towns last year went to deficit spending in the State of New York, what's interesting about it is, in Deerpark we always talk about the fact that maybe we don't have as much, one of the other towns that went to deficit spending is one of the richest towns in the New York State, it's East Hampton, they had deficit spending, so it shows that mistakes are made, but the key is you have to learn from the mistakes, fix the mistakes and most importantly the most important person that this board has as a resource is the experience of the two attorneys that sit over there. I would like to see a lot more times when you don't know the answer to a question just send it over to Mr. Bavoso, and he may not have the answer right then but he can get it, and he is the best resource you have; and if people come up here and they expect and answer in two seconds to some very complex questions they need to understand that a lot of times the answers are not that simple, like were we complying with town law, well yes we were complying with town law, the reports that everyone is looking for have been generated for years they just need to be brought here so that everyone can see. I'd like to see Mr. Bavoso's experience used much more for this board because I think it would help, and I know that this board wants to be open, transparent and visible with everything you do.

Jerry Vandemark: I was a little surprised to hear tonight that you weren't involved in the paper that was sent in to the Comptroller's Office, the rest of the board. You said it just got done today and nobody really seemed to know anything about it. Gary Flieger: Well the board knew about it, that we had to have it done. Viola Sinsabaugh: We knew it was being done and it was just finished today. Jerry Vandemark: Right but it didn't seem like you didn't know too much about it, it doesn't seem like you had much input. Viola Sinsabaugh: We didn't have all the knowledge because it was just completed this afternoon. Jerry Vandemark: So how could expect to vote on it today? And if this report has been done in the past why did we get in this situation. I can't believe that it has been done in the past because we wouldn't be in debt, somebody would have seen it, how could you not see that? So I believe that the reports weren't being done. Gary Flieger: It wasn't mandatory to be done. Jerry Vandemark: According to the Law Bill said it had to be done. Gary Flieger: Are you talking about the three-year plan? Jerry Vandemark: Not the three-year thing I'm talking about the monthly thing, well if it was done how did we get in this trouble? Gary Flieger: Because the door wasn't open to the board, this door has always been open to this board. Jerry Vandemark: The bookkeeper must have had the information, she should have come out with it, I believe that's illegal not to come out with it if she had that information. Also your accountant must have had the information, I can't believe he didn't have the information. Gary Flieger: No. Jerry Vandemark: You can say no all you want but I can't believe

they didn't have it. The bookkeeper should have told the accountant, this is ridiculous, and I would like to know about that \$300,000 because I think I know what happened.

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Mary Mason: Most of what I was going to say has already been said, I think Louise said it especially well, the only other thing that I would like to add is that I'm dismayed to come and hear suggestions made that would give you more information and give you a better handle on what's going on that could involve abuses of expenditures and where the money is going and things like that and having you come up with reasons not to do this, that it'll be an invasion of somebody's privacy that we'll find out that they're paying on judgments or child support payments or something like that, when what's being suggested is commonly done all over the place, it's very easily accomplished; I just want you to know that my husband and I are going to come to every meeting that we possibly can this year whether it's a workshop or whether it's an open meeting. I would hope that everybody in this room is going to do the same thing, because by the time we found out what happened with the budget last year it was too late to do anything, but we want to be involved, we want to know how something like that can happen, and we're hoping that you're going to be able to get a better handle this year and do something to at least contain the expenditures and try to work our way out of it, if we can't work our way out of it to keep it from ever happening again.

Flo Santini: Can I just say something about these reports, I'd like you to know, for the era of 4 years I would go to the Supervisor and show him the town law and say I'm supposed to get a report every month, and it was a detailed report, and what I would get was just the revenues and expenditures, I would tell them that wasn't the report that I was looking for, and up until this year that's all I ever got, now this year I get that report plus the revenues and expenditures report, so I get a report of every check that is written out, what the expenses where, etc..., I can go get the book now and show you, it took me six years but I do get that now, the accountant did set the system up to produce this for me; I'm just trying to help out here by saying that yes I do get that report and I do have it on file in my office and that this was the first year that it was done correctly.

Gary Flieger: Okay, now you mentioned that you are going to be here at every meeting, and I like that, I want to go a little bit further with that, probably when the meeting is over and you go home you're going to have questions, come talk to me, we'll get it figured out, I'm here at all different times and even on the weekends.

Karl Brabenc: One, with the CDTF we are having meeting tomorrow at 7:30pm, we're going to be discussing two big important things, one that Dave outlined which is our marketing luncheon for the businesses in the town; the second thing is we're going to start working up on some legislation that's going to start paving the way on working on bringing businesses back to this town and helping the current businesses in the town. I want to thank our Town Clerk, Flo Santini and Ed Hughson for keeping operations in the town hall going on Friday January 2, 2009. I believe the Town Board had voted to close on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, I voted against that but I know there weren't employees here, but I want to thank Flo and Ed for coming to work and keeping their departments open. Also, as far as the gag order on the bonding issue for the lawsuits, I have to defer to our attorney on that, I do want to speak about it in the worst way but I don't think I'm going to be able to, I think by law we're going to be prevented from talking about it. Also, on another issue, I've been getting a lot of e-mails and phone calls about the three reservoirs surrounding us, they are at capacity and this has the potential for causing another flooding issue, but I think what our board needs to do...Gary Flieger: I got a call last Thursday about that and they are doing releases, they brought the Neversink up quite a bit, they just dropped it back down a little bit, but they're still above their normal releases on it, I'd like to see it a lot more than what it is but I've got to be happy with what we've got, they are doing releases, they're working on it, they recognize it they're not ignoring it. Viola Sinsabaugh: I do have to say something in recognition of Gary here, today I also received calls on the overflowing of the dams, I did call Phil Chase, I called Gary, one woman was very concerned about flooding at her home, Gary did go to the stations to check and see what the water flow was so today out of doing everything that had to be done he was also running and checking the stations to see how high the water was in the Neversink. I want you to know that there are things that do come up that are not on paper that you're going to do this today and this and this and this, there are things that come up and they have to take a priority, so the safety of the residents was another thing that he did go out and look at today. Karl Brabenc: Now the DEC is responsible for that right?  
Gary Flieger: No, New York City is responsible. Karl Brabenc: Okay, can we make a motion tonight to encourage NYC for more relief in that area, I know they kind of ignore it but at least we're taking affirmative step in the right direction by trying to at least voice our concern over this. Gary Flieger: I think we're voicing our concern a lot by appointing a gentleman like Phil to attend these meetings and he does voice it, not only for our community but for the whole area, and he is so knowledgeable about it that they do listen to him. If you can get some time to sit down with him you'll see the whole network the way it's set up that the local state government has very little say about this, it all has to do with New York City and what they want to do. Karl Brabenc: Okay, well it's good that they're releasing it a little bit, it's a start in the positive direction, we can only hope for more. Also, I'd like to appoint Toni Marion to the CDTF.

**Motion to appoint Toni Marion to the CDTE**

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to appoint Toni Marion the Community Development Task Force Committee.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

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Karl Brabenec: Lastly, just a happy, healthy 2009 to everybody, we're going to need your help and your input and your suggestions, thank you very much for everything.

Gary Flieger: One other thing I would like to bring up with the Community Development, brought something else into it, it's something Gary Spears has been a big factor in and that has to do with the roads, the roads in our town actually slow down development, if you can't get from point A to point B you have nothing, so one of the things that I've been doing with the Community Development, and I've been doing it on my own, is I'm down working with the businesses in that area, I've stopped in many of the businesses, I'm starting to get some letters from them to voice how the traffic situation in that area is affecting their businesses and I have meeting with a representative out of John Hall's office on Friday, we have a couple other projects that we're going to go over and we're going to go look at that. We're still working on that 84 intersection down there, that thing's torture.

Karl Brabenec: And as far as that 84 intersection with County Route 15 nothing is officially in stone yet but there is possible good news coming on that so just keep your eyes and ears open, but I think we may have a resolution sometime next year on that, so just keep your fingers crossed.

Flo Santini: I went down the hall and got my book so you can see and the public can see, in this book I have all my monthly reports and banking records and in the back I have the revenues and expenditures monthly reports I get from the accountant and this is what tells you what's in the budget, what the departments have spent and what's left over; this year I finally got the monthly report to the Town Clerk from the Supervisor's office funds received funds disbursed, in this book it will tell you general fund, highway fund, for 2008 and we already started 2009, but it will give you every check that was written, what department it was, what account it came out of and things like that, so this is what's being produced now, it did take six years to get it but it's here and it is in my office. I just took out my yearly report for my office and my office did 1,581 copies and brought in \$395.25 for that, so all of your quarters help. But we do have this, they are produced this year and I do have it here, the last revenues and expenditures that I got was November so I'll probably get them caught up in the next few days. They are in my office and anyone can come in and look at them any time they want.

**Motion to adjourn 10:10PM**

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Viola Sinsabaugh, to adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill and Gary Flieger**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini  
Town Clerk