

**TOWN OF DEERPARK  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009**

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

**Attendance:**

**Supervisor:** Gary Flieger

**Councilmember's:** Viola Sinsabaugh, Karl Brabenc, Gary Spears and Liam O'Neill

**Attorney:** Glen Plotsky

**Call to Order 7:40PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Workshop Discussions:**

**1. Website:**

**Gary Spears:** Three other Townships' website policies were provided to us by our Attorney, they were very good, they fit the bill of what we need to solve this dilemma and also to set a policy that's going to serve us in the future. All three were somewhat different and all had different categories, we may need all the categories.

Went over the policies from the other towns; Invited Noel Malsberg to join in at the table; talked about what applies to our town and what does not apply. Each board member will make any changes to their copies of the policies and send them to the Attorney who will then put something together that can be proposed as the official Town policy for the website.

**2. Fire Inspection Fees:**

**Viola Sinsabaugh:** I did go in and talk to Bob Emerson and I have to tell you this, I was in the office for approximately ten minutes and in that ten minutes there was little talking going on because most of the time he was answering the phone, when I left he had approximately 25 calls and his machine that he had answered, I got out of there as quickly as I could. A couple questions that were asked at the last meeting were; on the fire inspections has he done them all? No. Can he do them all? Yes with the proper staff in his office he could have time to do them. He called other townships and asked about fees, some do not charge at all, some do charge, a suggestion was made that perhaps for the fire inspection you could set a fee and hire someone, an outside person, to go in and do all the fire inspections, but that person would be paid by the fee that was established. An outside agency could cost anywhere from \$75.00 to \$150.00. Other towns whose building inspectors do the inspections charge between \$25.00 and \$45.00 for the inspections. This is up to the Board to decide whether we want to pay or not. **Gary Spears:** I want to see a list of businesses that need fire inspections, do you have that?

**Viola Sinsabaugh:** He gave that to us a while ago, I can get that for you. **Gary Spears:** On that list if you could highlight the businesses that are already paying a \$300.00 business fee to the Town of Deerpark for yearly permits. Before I vote I'd like to see that list first so I can see what businesses there and which ones already pay a fee. **Viola Sinsabaugh:** So you want to put this on hold until we get this list. While we're on this office, he definitely needs help in that office.

**Gary Spears:** Staying on topic I don't think we should be charging businesses an additional fee, they already pay enough fees and probably more taxes than everybody else, and if they have insurance they're already paying the insurance company to provide that service. **Viola Sinsabaugh:** One of the questions brought up was who's responsible if the fire inspection is not done, are we liable? The town is liable if the inspection is not done and something does happen.

**Gary Spears:** We're not saying to not do the inspections, we're talking about whether or not we should charge for it.

**Karl Brabenc:** This is a little off subject but I would be willing to give the Building Inspector the authorization to hire another part time person because we have it in the budget, we've been talking about it for weeks, it hasn't been done so I think it's something we should definitely bring to the floor. We're not going to expend all the money that we put in to the budget because now we're half way through the year and that's a good thing and that'll free up some time for him to do some more inspections. But as far as a fee for a fire inspection I don't think there should be a fee.

**Gary Flieger:** I just have a problem with, we charge the same per thousand for businesses as we do residential, if the business creates a burden I can't see the homeowner having to take on that burden. If we had a split tax system here where we had a different rate, and a lot of towns do, for businesses and residential but right now that business is in business and it should carry its own load, the residents of this town have go out and work 40 hours a week to support their homes, I can't see putting that extra burden on them; and if a business looks at a \$35-\$40 yearly fee and not come into this town because of that fee then I don't want them because it's not going to be very profitable to begin with, if they can't support a \$35 fee per year.

**Viola Sinsabaugh:** I think we're getting a head of ourselves, we're talking about fees for something that the man can't even find the time to do because he doesn't have the help in the office. **Karl Brabenc:** I think we should nix the fees and then what we should say is at the next board meeting is that we give him authorization to start interviewing candidates for a part time clerk.

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Karl Brabenec moves that the fees for fire inspections be zero dollars. Viola Sinsabaugh: No we're getting more information before we make a decision, we already said that. Gary Spears: As long as we get more information I agree with that, I've asked for a list of businesses that need fire inspections and a list of the businesses that are already paying a permit fee. Karl Brabenec withdraws the motion.

**Motion to add discussion of Building Inspector Clerk to next meeting Agenda**

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liam O'Neill, to place on the agenda, for the next town board meeting, discussion and possible vote on authorization for a part time clerk in the building inspectors office.

**VOTE: 5 AYES** Gary Spears, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill, Viola Sinsabaugh and Gary Flieger

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Resolutions for Peenpack Trail Bridge Replacement, Lead Agency and SEORA:**

**Gary Flieger read Resolution #12-2009, Lead Agency**

**Motion to adopt Resolution #12-2009**

Motion made by Gary Spears, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Brabenec, to adopt Resolution #12-2009 declaring the Town of Deerpark as lead agency for environmental quality review with regard to the Peenpack Trail bridge replacement.

**VOTE: 5 AYES** Gary Spears, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill, Viola Sinsabaugh and Gary Flieger

**MOTION CARRIED**

**A copy of the Resolution is attached to the minutes**

**Gary Flieger read Resolution #11-2009, SEORA**

**Motion to adopt Resolution #11-2009**

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Spears, in that the Deerpark Town Board, as Lead Agency determines that there will not be any significant adverse environmental impact with regard to the Peenpack Trail bridge replacement.

**VOTE: 5 AYES** Gary Spears, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill, Viola Sinsabaugh and Gary Flieger

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**4. Resolution for Hazard Mitigation Team**

**Viola Sinsabaugh read Resolution #13-2009**

**Motion to adopt Resolution #13-2009**

Motion made by Viola Sinsabaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liam O'Neill, to adopt Resolution #13-2009 for forming an All Hazard Mitigation Plan Team.

**VOTE: 5 AYES** Gary Spears, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill, Viola Sinsabaugh and Gary Flieger

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Flo Santini: You put out an ad back in December 2008 for a full time police chief, I had 18-20 applicants, the board never told me what to do, people are hanging, I've gotten phone calls, never told me to make a response. Second, you did have a few applications for a full time lieutenant, so I hope it's not another 6 months before something gets said or done. Board will check with Police Commission and Police Chief to see what's going on.

**Motion to adjourn 9:10PM**

Motion made by Gary Spears, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liam O'Neill, to adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE: 5 AYES** Gary Spears, Karl Brabenec, Liam O'Neill, Viola Sinsabaugh and Gary Flieger

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini  
Town Clerk