

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2009**

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

Attendance:

Supervisor: Gary Flieger

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

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Call to Order 7:01PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to enter Executive Session 7:01PM

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2nd by Gary Spears, to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing office personnel and to invite Stewart Waxman and the Town Attorney.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to end Executive Session 8:25PM

Motion made by Gary Spears, 2nd by Karl Brabenec, to end Executive Session and re-enter Regular Session.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to approve minutes

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2nd by Karl Brabenec, to approve the minutes from June 15, 22, 2009.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to pay bills

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2nd by Karl Brabenec, to pay the bills that contain the signature or initials of at least three councilmember's in the approval for payment section of the voucher or purchase order.

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

MOTION CARRIED

General Fund Abstract # 13 Voucher #'s 348-399 in the amount of \$124,777.73
Highway Fund Abstract # 13 Voucher #'s 187-201 in the amount of \$74,853.45
Engineer Fees Abstract # 9 Voucher #'s 20A-20B in the amount of \$59.00
Attorney Fees Abstract # 5 Voucher #'s 9-11 in the amount of \$300.00

Wayne Decker: Orange County Legislator: By now everybody has probably gotten gas in New Jersey in the last few days and seen that we did get a turning lane and the whole section of County Route 15 repaved. I know it was a little trying when the actual paving was going on but I think it's a great improvement on the situation down there. I've been hearing very positive comments from folks. We've been working on the problem for years, Melissa Bonacic and myself have been working in the County and the State for folks to try to get some solution to this, one of the reason it took this long to get the paving done was our DPW wanted to get the design of all those lanes approved by the State because it's still our hope that they will install a traffic light for that turning lane and that will really solve the problem down there. I'm glad to see they're putting things in writing now, we're getting close to seeing that design for it. They are doing the design and proceeding, the trouble has been getting the money committed to actually do it. But I think we're getting closer to that and the key was that we wanted the lanes designed so that when they're ready to put the traffic light in they can just do it, now we don't have to go back and change the design of the lanes or add a lane or anything, it is ready for that. So I'm real happy about that first step and hopefully we'll see the final step of the traffic light in there soon and that'll again make another big difference. It's still going to be a problematic area because once you get into Jersey there's another whole set of problems that we have no control over, but it's what we can do to help alleviate the problem. **Gary Flieger:** Thank you, and on the same note I'd also like to thank Mayor Joe down in Montague, I've attended several meetings on this with Melissa and Mayor Joe was right there by our side all the way through with the New Jersey input on this; and I'd like to thank the Police Chief he put together accident reports in the area of which we came back to the office here and added a little more information to it and sent that over; I also went down and polled all the businesses down there and I want to thank the different businesses that gave us letters of support for this, and letters to show how this affects them. So thanks to everyone.

Wayne Decker: When you get everybody pulling together you can get stuff done.

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Public Comment – 3 minutes on Agenda Items Only

Daniel Cea: Gary I just wanted to know if the Board is going to explain the new website policy prior to adoption or are you just going to adopt it? Gary Flieger: That will come out here on the floor, what our website policy is, on here this evening, what is was is we had a June 8th workshop and this is just me asking the Board member's where they are with it, I talked to the Attorney tonight, and it's basically we're trying to gather up the input from each of the board members. What we have is several townships website policies and we're going from them to make up our own, so we are going to give the attorney the information that we've all come up with, the attorney is going to give us a rough draft, we're going to have a workshop on it and from the workshop we'll bring it out on the floor and adopt it.

Ray Bowley: This is only my second or third time here, I just wanted to say that I live on Lime Kiln Road, and I'm from Deerpark. I'm just interested in seeing how you guys are doing.

Jay Ortiz: This is my first time here, I have nothing to say, I'm just observing.

Correspondence:

New Business:

PBA Meeting July 15, 2009 at 7:00PM

Gary Flieger: We've been contacted and need to set up a meeting for the PBA negotiations.

Motion to have a special meeting

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears, that the Town Board has a Special meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 7:00PM here at Town Hall for the purpose of presenting a motion to go into Executive Session for PBA negotiations.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Letter from Bavoso regarding Collateral Source Legislation

Karl Brabenec: Mr. Bavoso has sent a letter to the Supervisor and the members of the Town Board regarding Collateral Source Legislation. Read the letter out loud.

Motion to send letter

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears, to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter to the Governor of the State of New York and to CC this coalition that we're doing this letter that we support the proposed legislation.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

Town Car

Gary Flieger: What we're going to discuss is, right now what we've been doing is paying \$0.50 per mile for use of your own car in the town, there are times that this has to happen but what I'd like to do is put a policy out there that if the town car is available that it is used, not your private car, it doesn't sound like it's much of a big deal but I have a bill in front of me from the Town Clerk for going to the bank, picking up maps in Goshen and a luncheon she attended, \$316.00 of it could be fuel expenses, so many of these trips the town car was available, it would cut back on our expenses, just to give you an idea the trip to Goshen is \$30.00, a trip to Port Jervis is \$6.00, so the number of bank deposits that goes on here it gets up there. There's a lot of town employees that do use their own cars and don't put in for it, I'm one of them, I go along with different people and we collect garbage along the road and I've never put in for the gas yet. I do put in for the tipping fees, they get a little expensive, but we do use our own vehicle, I know Janina uses her own vehicle a lot and doesn't put in for it, but the Town vehicle is here most of the time. So I like to make a motion that we put a policy out there that if the town car is available that is be used and if it's not available we do appreciate you using your own car. Viola Sinsabaugh: Isn't that in the personnel policy already Gary? Gary Flieger: Well if it is then it's not being followed. Viola Sinsabaugh: I think when this was brought up before, sometimes you're going to have a few people wanting to use the vehicle on the same day and then it's going to be that you're going to have to use your own vehicle, that's a given; but in the town vehicle, the town bought a vehicle, it's filled with gas, and that's to be used by the employees if they want to go somewhere, to the bank, on official business, and I'm sure there will be times when more than one person will need the vehicle, if that is the problem then maybe a head of time maybe a schedule could be given to your office that says that one of the offices needs to use the car on a Thursday that they let you know a head of time that they need the car from 10-1, so you won't be hearing that 'well there was no car available to me'. Gary Flieger: We've had several times where we've had conflicts and they've always worked out. I've had to use the car to go to Goshen, and Kathy, especially at a certain time of the years uses it to go out in the field, and if I had to go in the morning she would go in the afternoon, and the Judges have used it to for their schooling.

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Viola Sinsabaugh: There is a log so the community does know, there is a log in the car and that was brought out a long time ago that when you use that vehicle you put in the time, the mileage, the purpose and when you come back you log in, so there is a given record so someone can't turn around and say 'the car wasn't available' because there's a log that you can go by, you can see that. It does get to be costly for the town, I think last year it was approximately \$800 in extra money that was dished out, not all of that was for mileage, but that was for say like luncheons or maybe buying a tape recorder or something like that, but there's extra money that could be used for another purpose and if the car is there it should be used.

Gary Spears: How much does the town car cost us a year to operate? Is it feasible to have a town car or should we be using private cars? Gary Fliieger: It's very feasible to have a town car. Gary Spears: How much does it cost a year?

Viola Sinsabaugh: Just your gas and your insurance. Gary Spears: We got a free car? Free insurance? Free tires? I mean how much does it cost to run the car for a year? Gary Fliieger: How long have we had the car? Two years?

Viola Sinsabaugh: Longer than that. Gary Fliieger: We haven't had to change the tires yet; so far the only thing we've done is change the oil and put some fuel into it, other than the cost of the vehicle. Gary Spears: So we don't what it costs a year then? Viola Sinsabaugh: So you're saying you want to see a cost estimate? Gary Spears: Well I want to know what we're discussing. Viola Sinsabaugh: That's fine, and I think then we should have a cost estimate versing the people that do charge for the gas, that's what we need to have put in front of us then. Gary Spears: It would make sense to have all the facts before we set a policy. Gary Fliieger: I think the other thing you've got to worry about to is when you set that policy of getting rid of the town car. Gary Spears: I didn't say that. Gary Fliieger: But when you're looking at that you're assuming that everybody in here has a vehicle that they can drive it to Albany and there are people in here that their work car, I wouldn't want to drive it to Albany and there are times when they do have to make those trips. Gary Spears: I think we have to see what the costs are, and you're not going to eliminate people taking their own car anyway. Viola Sinsabaugh: And I think you should look at the personnel policy, it's in there, we discussed this prior. Liam O'Neill: Vi how do you figure that \$800 was spent last year? Viola Sinsabaugh: That's only one person, actually you could check with Janina and see the cost above and beyond. Liam O'Neill: Like the salary you mean? Viola Sinsabaugh: Some of the put in for mileage, what was spent...

Gary Fliieger handed Liam a copy of a voucher Gary Fliieger: That's just one ticket. Viola Sinsabaugh: Where if they used the town car we wouldn't have to be dishing out that money. Gary Fliieger: You're talking about the whole year, I'm talking about two or three months. Viola Sinsabaugh: I'm not saying there could be a savings, there would be a savings to the town if there was a car available you're paying for gas. Gary Fliieger: Well to begin with we're not going to be able to eliminate the town car, you're always going to have that expense. Viola Sinsabaugh: No, you need the town vehicle that's why it was gotten in the beginning. Gary Fliieger: And what we're trying to eliminate is if we've got the town car, you've got the expense, make sure that you're not paying double. That you've got the town car, now you're paying people to also not use it and I don't want to do that and that's where my problem comes in because we're paying people to not use the town car at a much higher rate than it costs us to run that car. Gary Spears: If I had those facts I might agree with 100%.

Gary Fliieger: The thing that hit me alongside the head, I know my other half works in Goshen and it doesn't cost her \$30.00 a day to get to and from work with the expense of the car and her fuel, and that's basically what a trip to Goshen costs a day. Gary Spears: If somebody had to go to Albany and took the town car, you would still have to pay \$30.00 to go to Goshen. Gary Fliieger: Yea. Viola Sinsabaugh: I think the big thing is if the car is there then use it. Then you're not getting any extra money for mileage but you're accountable. Gary Spears: All I want is the actual cost of the car to the town for the year 2008.

Website Policy

Gary Fliieger: I asked Glen about this today and nobody has turned anything over to them or to me, I'd like to see if we can't get this together as soon as possible. They were looking to get a rough draft from all of us on what to do off of the policies and information they had given us. Liam O'Neill: Glen, I thought we said that you were going to draft something.

Glen Plotsky: I was confused and not sure what you said, we can do it either way. The way Supervisor Fliieger interpreted it as that was favorable to me was that you guys were going to give us idea to use to prepare a draft for your review, the alternative, which Mr. Spears indicated he thought it was, is that we were going to put a proposal together for your review and comment and then revise it. I'll do whatever the board directs you should just clarify the instructions. I'll just prepare a policy for review and then you can comment on it.

Police Lieutenant

Charles Carlsen: Police Commission: On Thursday June 25, 2009 the Police Commission had a special meeting regarding the Police Lieutenant position, we sent an application of Mr. Richard Szyndor, to the Supervisor as our recommendation to fill this position as of July 12, 2009.

Motion to appoint Police Lieutenant

Motion made by Viola Sinsabaugh, 2nd by Liam O'Neill, that we appoint Richard Szyndor to the title of Lieutenant for an appointment starting July 12, 2009.

Discussion: Liam O'Neill: What is this about some of the applicants were qualified but they didn't fit the bill with the 211 waiver? Charles Carlsen: They weren't qualified based on the County of Orange Municipal Job Classification for Police Lieutenant title 1471, they didn't fit those qualifications. One other important thing to keep in mind is that there is no salary increase. Gary Fliieger: I do have to add to this motion; I need to add that it is at no change of pay.

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Viola Sinsabaugh I will rescind my motion.

Motion to appoint Police Lieutenant

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2nd by Liam O'Neill, to appoint Richard Sztynodor to the Police Lieutenant position starting July 12, 2009 at no change in pay.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Department Head/Committee Reports:

Gary Spears: Read the Highway Department report for Ed Hughson, report is attached to the minutes.

Viola Sinsabaugh: Read the Building Department report.

Lee Space: Today was the first day of the program, in Sparrowbush we had 11 kids, several other people picked up registration papers, we had an offer from a parent to do the mowing, and I told them to call you. We also had an offer of help, everyday she would come and stay and help, so it went fairly well, Gary had to come get rid of the bees for us before we could get in the shed, but other than that it went very well.

Jerry Vandemark: I had one thing to add, we need somebody to clean them bathrooms, the girls had to do it themselves today, they're not really hired to do that, I believe if we're not going to take care of these parks we shouldn't have them, it's time that we start taking care of them.

Karl Brabenc: Just a quick question, in case people are watching, if they want to have a child go tomorrow or the next day are you accepting anymore? Lee Space: Every day.

Flo Santini: Last month at my Town Clerk's meeting in Middletown, Orange County Sheriff's Department were there, it was very informative, this stuff that we do learn when we go to our town clerk's meeting, they talked about security in the workplace, they gave us heads up on what to do, we have panic buttons in our offices and they were teaching us what to do, by the time we hit a button to the time somebody might come to the office. One of the phrases one of the officers kept insisting on is not if but when something would happen in the workforce, as we all know that it happens in the schools and it happens in town halls and it happens in many places where people accumulate and come to meetings and stuff. They offered to come at any time to any of the departments, work with our own town police and see if they can get a meeting together during the course of the day to just give everybody a heads up on how we could secure our own offices in between if anything ever happened. They also had information on child safety, and they offer the program where they come and ID the kids, so if they recreation committee would like that to happen I have the information in my office. Port Jervis Mayor sent me up a flyer, they're calling it "City of Port Jervis Summer in the Park" and it's Riverside Park events throughout the summer. My next meeting, Orange Sullivan Town Clerk's Meeting is going to be at West Point, if you remember me saying last year is what we try to do is when we go to different towns and whoever hosts our town clerks meeting we get together and we go to a facility that if somebody moves to the area we could tell them where to go or what to do, last year I was very impressed when we went to the Purple Heart Museum. So this month we're going to West Point and we're having a tour by West Point and we're going to their Museums and stuff so I'm sure I'll have brochures and all that information when I come back. Last but not least, I'd like to talk about my September 11th service. My nephew had the flag that Mayor Lapriore donated flown down at the Trade Center Site, and when he sent that flag back to us he also sent us aerial view pictures of the site and where the flag was flown and also a World Trade Center Site Flag that was flown down there for us to incorporate into my September 11th Ceremony as well. This will all be in my office, I got frames for the pictures so people can come in and look at them.

Viola Sinsabaugh: Senator Bonacic had put in a grant for the Deerpark Shuttle and we have finally received, on July 2nd, the beautiful bus for our senior citizens and I have to say that thanks to the perseverance of Hilda Lehn and Senator Bonacic we were able to get that bus, and congratulations to all the senior people who want to use it give Hilda a call, it's really beautiful, and Senator Bonacic was unable to come to the dedication but Melissa was there, and it was very nice.

Liam O'Neill: Now, that new bus is parked where? Viola Sinsabaugh: Should be here? Gary Flieger: Tracy took it home. Some of the issues that made this a very scary ordeal is that right now, even though a township is promised money and you can start your projects, to come through with the money from the State is another issue, this one here was a lot of fights, a lot of telephone calls, a lot of meetings to keep this money in tact, to make this project happen. Where I'm going with this is I have an \$100,000 grant from Sparrowbush Fireman's Park, and we were asked to fill out the grant papers, we did, we were awarded the grant, we started some of the preliminary work for that, put it in, it was okayed, then the money was taken away, a month or so later it was reinstated, we took that same money and started the project again, did a project design, we even did our environmental study on it to move it forward, the money is now gone again, it's back in Albany, that's the turmoil that's going on up there; and to keep the senior citizen money for this bus out of the hands of going back to the State was quite a bit

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of trouble, it was actually moved into the Office of the Aging and then brought back out when we needed it, so it was a lot of paperwork to get this thing through. This was a lot of work and Hilda was right on top of it at all times, she's a remarkable lady, so I'm real happy to see that bus out there, the other one was giving us a lot of trouble and it was starting to get very costly to us. I'd like to go back to the Town Clerk's report, you said they would be willing to come here and go over the office safety with us here, how long would it take to do that? Flo Santini: About two hours. Gary Flieger: I would like the board's approval to ask Flo to invite them in to do this.

Motion to contact Sheriff's Department

Motion made by Karl Brabenec, 2nd by Gary Spears, to have the Town Clerk contact the Orange County Sheriff's Department to invite them here to do a class of workplace safety.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Gary Flieger: Thank you Flo.

Public Comment – 5 Minutes on Any Subject:

Gary Flieger: Tony, I should have said this in the very beginning but I didn't, we want to make sure this doesn't get very political. Tony Cea: Three quick items; 1st, on the PBA meeting for Wednesday July 15th, that's to go into executive session, can we be certain that there will be no business conducted after the executive session in public session? or should we, the taxpayers, be here to observe that portion of the meeting? Are we going to have any public portion regarding the executive session subsequent to the executive session? Gary Flieger: By law we can't vote on any money items in executive session so there won't be any voting on whether or not we're going to accept a contract. What it is, is back and forth to see where we're going, we will not be taking action afterwards. Tony Cea: The next question was, on the position of the lieutenant you said it's not going to cost any more, is that as per the current PBA agreement? and might it cost us more with the agreement that is under consideration to replace the existing PBA agreement? Gary Flieger: No. Tony Cea: The third thing was regarding the \$316.00 the Clerk billed the town for mileage, am I correct? Gary Flieger: Well no she didn't, let me correct that, there was a mistake in her math and we did catch it and she let it go at the incorrect amount that was smaller instead of correcting it and taking the actual amount of \$316.00 that she was entitled to, I think she only took \$162.00. Tony Cea: Okay, that would be approximately half of the initial figure, but I did the math on the \$316.00, so I think it would not be productive to only consider fiscal year 2008 when considering what it costs us to have the town car because we have to monitor it based on usage by all of our town hall employees rather than giving them the option of using their own vehicle and being reimbursed at \$0.55 a mile, so what I did was I divided the \$0.55 a mile, I came up with approximately 574 miles to come up to \$316.00, even though that's hypothetical, at 574 miles, if I assume the vehicle got 19 miles per gallon it would be about 30 gallons of gasoline to drive that number of miles, and at about \$2.50 a gallon for the gasoline, it would have cost the town, if we provided the gasoline, only \$75.00 which is less than 25% of the \$316.00 if we allowed employees to be reimbursed at \$0.55 a mile, so I think it'd be very worthwhile to look at encouraging, and I think the town policy is long overdue doing something with that, we have to stop talking about finalizing it and in fact do so. I think it would save if we compel them to use our vehicle, so I think that's direction to go in to or at least to look into.

Jerry Vandemark: I was wondering how we made out with that, they had to do a bill on that in Albany, was that ever passed?

Gary Flieger: Twice. Jerry Vandemark: Twice? Both the Senate and the Gary Flieger: Yes, but you have to have the Governor sign it and he hasn't done so. Jerry Vandemark: Okay. So it might not be, the money is due soon.

Karl Brabenec: Senator had an open forum a few days ago, the Supervisor, myself and the town accountant attended that meeting, and he was basically saying that because of the stalemate that's going on in the Senate, Town of Deerpark is potentially a victim of this because our bill is stalemated in the Senate because you have two sessions going on, two factions basically trying to run a meeting up there, so they're trying to negotiate that up there and it's just a big ridiculous thing that's happening up there. Jerry Vandemark: That money is due soon isn't it? Gary Flieger: We're in pretty good shape yet, the BAN isn't up yet. We're still good, and the accountant is on top of it, we're talking to other banking, everything's in place, we just need some signatures on it. Jerry Vandemark: Another thing, I brought it up a couple of months ago, one of the employees got paid their sick time and I never really got a good answer on that, I know he's paid the sick time, I have the papers home, it was quite a bit of money and you're really not supposed to get paid your sick time unless you retire, and I'm just wondering how something like that would happen. Gary Flieger: Jerry what I can tell is that the Comptroller's Office was in here and went over every transaction that has to do with any retirement just about three weeks ago and we haven't received that report yet, so when that report comes in, whatever it is that's what it is. I've invited the Comptroller's Office in here, I want them to do a complete on the town and I'm having a real tough time doing that, they've come in and they've done some of the finances to prove out our deficit, with that they've looked at a lot of our policies; some of our policies they told us were not good enough and we've already changed them, but in a little while we should be getting a written report on them and that will put that question to bed for you. Jerry Vandemark: Okay because I have a problem with that.

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Chris Murphy: Just to touch on the Shuttle bus, does the insurance company know that it's parked at this young lady's house?
Gary Flieger: I believe they do. Chris Murphy: And it's a busy road where she lives, and it's just such a big vehicle, I'm shocked that it'd be allowed to be parked at someone's house, like a town vehicle. It is the town's right? Gary Flieger: Yes.
Chris Murphy: And how do we okay people from the town taking vehicles home? Gary Flieger: Well, very easily, your highway supervisor takes one home, you have the town building inspector takes one home... Chris Murphy: Which I think is wrong too, how does he not drive to work and then pick up the car? Gary Flieger: Well basically because he does go out quite a bit in the middle of the night, on calls, several times a year, whenever there's a house fire, whenever there's an accident that involves a structure and most of those happen at night. He takes the town vehicle out to make the inspection to see if the inhabitants can be there, Karl had in at his house at whatever hour in the morning, the neighboring apartment next to him the heat was off and the pipes froze and it was coming through and he was called out at that hour by the fire department to see if there was an electrical or what other type of issue that situation would create. So yes he does make those inspections at night. Chris Murphy: I just don't get with the bus how she could park it at her house, it just seems like a busy road to pull out. As long as the insurance is covered, as long as they know it's at her house. Gary Flieger: I will make that call, it's at her house between runs at times instead of running back here, I'm sure it's covered but I will check it out.

Closing Comments from the Board:

Karl Brabenc: I want to give my thanks out to our Town Clerk, Flo Santini, for again organizing the September 11th Ceremony, she does a fantastic job doing that. This ceremony is actually one of the last ones that kind of remains, I know a year after September 11th every municipality had a ceremony, nobody really forgot what happened, it seems like along the way as the years progressed more and more people are starting to forget what happened that day, but I want to thank our town clerk for keeping that alive, for keeping the ceremony going, one of the best ones in Orange County. The summer recreation program, it's an excellent program, if you have young kids definitely bring your kids down there, as it was confirmed today you can still put your kids in the program, it started today and runs through Friday August 7th it's 8am-12pm Monday through Friday, and it's open to all Deerpark residents ages 5 and up, and you go either to Harriet Space Park or Fireman's Memorial Park in Sparrowbush, Jerry Vandemark can be contacted at 754-8836 or you can call the town clerk's office at 856-2210, you do have to pick up one of these applications to get your child in. Also, this past May the Community Development Committee, we held a luncheon, it was very successful, over 153 people attended, we got a lot of feedback and at our last meeting we went over a lot of the survey's that we got back, it was very insightful to what we can do to move forward in the future, one of the things that was mentioned is to have an open forum for small business owners in the town and for large business owners in the town to come here, voice their concerns, let us know what Deerpark is doing right, what Deerpark is doing wrong for attracting business in the community or for keeping present business in the community so what we have done is we organized and open forum which is going to be held on Tuesday July 28th here at Town Hall, it's going to start at 7pm, we're inviting all small business owners in the community to attend, we'll have members of the committee here, the members of the town board are invited to attend as well, I know if we have more than three we're going to have to make it a public meeting, but I encourage you to come out voice your concerns on zoning laws, on sign laws, on anything that's being a hindrance to your business, that way our committee can come together in the next couple of months and try to draft up some meaningful legislation to try to change that. Also, the Deerpark Family Festival is going to be this week, July 9th starting at 5pm at New Hope Farms, it's going to go to July 12th, there's going to be fireworks on Saturday night at desk, it's always a good event, Skip Wilson is one of the organizers of the event and thanks to him and his committee for organizing that this year again, they did a wonderful job reviving it last year and are doing a very good job bringing it back to the public this year. Also thanks to all of our elected representatives and all the people that fought for County Route 15 to get repaved and redone, that's been a very long process and I know many administrations have sent resolutions and letters and finally it's getting done. Also, the Beer Festival is July 25th at the Neversink Valley Museum, it's the first of it's kind that they're doing here, that information is on the town website. Also, one last thank you to Senator Bonacic for holding that special open meeting and kind of letting us know what's been going on in Albany, it is actually very disgraceful and I would encourage everybody that's watching to send a letter to your State Senator's, send a letter to the Governor, tell them to stop the nonsense and start getting back to the peoples business because it is ridiculous what's going on up there.

Gary Flieger: I think Karl covered just about everything; does any of the rest of the board have anything to say?

Viola Sinsabaugh: I agree with everything Karl said but I don't think you said it in the context that it was meant, you said people are forgetting about what happened that day, in reference to September 11th, I don't think anyone will ever forget what happened on September 11th, whether there's a gathering of people or whatever, I think everyone will always hold in their heart what happened on that day, so I differ with you on that, I think all people know and will never forget.

Gary Flieger: Flo, have you heard anything on our officers on how they're doing, we had two injured.

Flo Santini: Jessie is home; Matt is still in as far as I know.

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Gary Flieger: Okay, we had two of our officer's involved in accidents over the weekend, Jessie Cramer, she was in a police vehicle and it overturned, the report I had was that there's no broken bones, she's very sore, she's home now; and Matt, his motorcycle skidded out and he's got a very nasty cut on his arm from what I understand and he's in the hospital, it's pretty serious and he's still in the hospital so our prayers go out to the pair of them for a speedy recovery.

Motion to adjourn 9:40PM

Motion made by Gary Flieger, 2nd by Viola Sinsabaugh, 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