

Draft minutes of April 11, 2005 Germantown Town Board meeting held at the Germantown Town Hall, started at 8:00pm due to the Public Hearings before the meeting.

Present: Supervisor Alan Liepshutz  
Deputy Supervisor Graceann Lamberta  
Councilman Andrew Marchisio  
Deputy Highway Superintendent, Joe Hull

Recording Secretary: Town Clerk, Charlene Diehl

Press: Debora Gilbert, The Independent

Not Present: Councilwoman Donna Diehl  
Councilman Anthony Cidras

It was agreed before the town board meeting started that there would be a continuation of the Public Hearing on the Park Rules and Regulations on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm.

Town Clerk announced that Thursday would be Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Marasco's last day, due to her leaving the area shortly, and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Councilman Marchisio made a motion to approve the minutes of previous month's town board meeting and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta.

#### Communication to the Board

Supervisor Liepshutz announced that the Great Hudson River Sweep would be held on Saturday morning, April 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at Anchorage Park.

Senior Citizens trip to Whitestone Café on April 26.

Town Clean-Up Day April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am at Palatine Park

PTSA – thanks

Valstar announced rate changes to basic line-up.

Park Commission Car Wash – April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Highway Gargae from 9-12.

\$7004.39 contribution Wheels and Racquet for possible future tennis courts/skating rink/nature trail – letter from Nicki Brown.

Councilman Marchisio made a motion to pay audited bills from the abstract dated April 11<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta with all in favor. General Fund expense \$14,136.40, Highway \$5,600, Sewer \$1,600 and Lighting \$1,442.

Sewer settlement – 13 residences that need to have a walk-thru regarding their location and the process is almost concluded.

#### Workshop Highlights

3/17 – Executive session regarding union negotiations; the lawyer is handling.

4/7 – Executive session regarding union negotiations.

Northern Dutchess Ambulance Service gave a presentation introducing themselves to the town and announced they will have 2 fully staffed and operational units available for the town during the day and 1 available for the evening and that all mutual aid agreements were intact. The town pays a stipend with third-party insurance used to make up the budget gap. They hope to meet with the Germantown Fire Department to see about stationing their operations there, as well as provide full-scale community training.

Wendie Knack-Lawlor and Mark Castiglione updated the board and audience members on the progress to date of the Comprehensive Analysis Committee, and said they're

developing a survey to gather information as they move forward in the planning process. They look forward to people submitting their questions and concerns.

***Resolution #7 of 2005***

Councilwoman Lamberta read a synopsis of the Greenway/Conservancy Planning Grant Application to secure grant funding. Motion made to adopt the resolution by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Marchisio.

Supervisor Liepshutz and the board decided to table the Park Commission Regulations pending the continuation of the public hearing on the subject.

***Local Law #04-05***

Motion made by Supervisor Liepshutz to adopt the law, seconded by Councilman Marchisio.

***Resolution #8 of 2005***

Association of Towns has a resolution urging action by the State legislature to allow the towns to regulate their own speed limits. Supervisor Liepshutz added that the town has been waiting two years to lower some speed limits in the town. Motion made by Supervisor Liepshutz to adopt resolution supporting the bill, seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta.

Supervisor Liepshutz reviewed the Lifeguard wage range of \$8.00-\$11.50/hour and lowered the salary of the Waterfront Director from \$15.00 to a range of \$10.50-\$12.00/hour. Supervisor Liepshutz made a motion to accept the new range and Councilwoman Lamberta seconded.

Supervisor Liepshutz made a motion to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Highway. He said that the state has directed that highway support should be segregated. Councilwoman Lamberta seconded the motion.

7 firms presented proposals in response to the sidewalk RFP, the board is currently reviewing the bid packages. Brian DuBois volunteered to help in the review process.

Water testing for ultraviolet will be done for a few days per Councilman Marchisio.

Councilman Marchisio made a motion to appoint Mike Lawson as Highway Superintendent until the election in November, seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta. Supervisor Liepshutz asked Mr. Lawson, who was in attendance, if he could start in two weeks time and the answer was affirmative.

**New Business**

RFP for lawn maintenance was announced by Supervisor Liepshutz. There are four locations in the town which would be addressed by this proposal, and specifying details would be composed before publishing it. Motion made by Councilwoman Lamberta to accept the RFP and seconded by Councilman Marchisio.

Resident Barbara Zalewski recited a section of the law dealing with potential conflicts of interest and asked Supervisor Liepshutz to clarify his relationship with the Germantown Telephone Company. Supervisor Liepshutz said stock he inherited was transferred, and he has no affiliation with the Germantown Telephone Company.

Motion made by Councilman Marchisio and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta to adjourn the town board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully,

Charlene Diehl