

Minutes of Regular meeting of Germantown Town Board, held February 14, 2005 at the Germantown Town Hall, commencing at 7:30 pm.

Present: Alan Liepshutz, Supervisor  
Graceann Lamberta, Councilwoman/Deputy Supervisor  
Donna Diehl, Councilwoman  
Anthony Cidras, Councilman  
Joe Hull, Deputy Highway Superintendent  
James Peluso, Town Attorney

Not Present: Andrew Marchisio, Councilman  
Ocie Trimble, Highway Superintendent

Recording Secretary: Charlene Diehl, Town Clerk

Reporters: Debora Gilbert – The Independent

Supervisor Liepshutz asked for moment of silence and then led the Pledge to the Flag at 7:30pm.

The Town Clerk reported that Phyllis Tadeo will be joining the Town Clerk's office as a deputy and will be transitioning in April, before Stephanie Marasco, the Deputy Town Clerk now, leaves the area.

The Town clerk read a letter of resignation from Highway Superintendent Ocie Trimble, Jr., that is effective March 25, 2005. Supervisor Liepshutz acknowledged Mr. Trimble's years of service to the town.

Supervisor Liepshutz has miscellaneous announcements he'd like the board to go over at their leisure.

Supervisor Liepshutz filed his financial report with the town clerk, along with reserve fund balances and a printout of bank statements as of February 13.

The Fire Company exemption has been filed with Department of State.

The Fire Company wants to raise \$13,000 for a Thermal Imager, and may do a fundraiser through the Park Commission.

The Fire Company had an Ice Drill a few weeks ago, and the Blood Bank for February 15 has been cancelled.

There were 4 corrections to the draft minutes from last month: bond coverage has been issued for the Deputy Town Clerk and the Justices (2 separate bonds); Eli Fiezer is not the Officer in Charge, he's the Resident Deputy Sheriff; mileage was changed in a later workshop to reflect the current reimbursement rate of 40.5 cents per mile; and Graceann Lamberta is the Deputy Supervisor. With these changes a motion was made to accept the public hearing minutes and the town board minutes from January 10. Motion made by Councilwoman Diehl, seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta to accept the minutes. None opposed.

#### Standing Committees

Sewer - Moving forward with final as-built drawings with previous engineering firm; close to a settlement but still waiting for some finalized drawings.

Parsonage roof update – Town lawyer's firm is negotiating with Mid-State to resolve and they hopefully will reach an agreement soon. Executive session will be called later to discuss.

Town board reviewed and made corrections to the audited bills. Councilman Cidras made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to pay audited bills. All in favor; none opposed.

#### Old Business – some highlights of workshop discussions from previous month:

1/27: - brought back part-time wing man for the highway and raised the part-time pay to \$16.00/hr;  
- corrected the mileage for 2005;  
- generated a new fund line: .1 for sidewalks and funded it out of .4 and added 2 new lines for employee payroll expense, general funding and sewer;  
- the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the sidewalks was put on Internet;  
- advertised for Recreational Director for the Park program;  
- authorized town lawyer to negotiate with Mid-State

2/3: - approved repair for police car transmission;  
- approval for a defensive driving course at the Activities Building, not yet scheduled

Supervisor Liepshutz did some research into snow removal in the village and said that Local Law #3 of 1971 addresses the issue.

Master Plan Committee had two meetings, the Greenway is offering their services and will be sending interns to help. The next meeting is January 28 at 6:30pm and is open to the public.



