

Town Board meeting minutes of July 11, 2005, held at the Germantown Town Hall, commencing at 7:30pm

Present: Supervisor, Alan Liepshutz
Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman, Graceann Lamberta
Councilwoman, Donna Diehl
Councilman, Anthony Cidras
Councilman, Andrew Marchisio
Highway Superintendent, Mike Lawson

Recording Secretary: Town Clerk, Charlene Diehl

Reporter: Debora Gilbert, The Independent

At 7:30 Supervisor Liepshutz led the Pledge to the Flag

On a motion made by Councilman Cidras, and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, the previous month's minutes were approved, all in favor, none opposed.

Communications to the Board

The board received thanks from Marguerite Riter for sending flowers celebrating her recent birthday.

Supervisor Liepshutz said there was a request from Livingston for an update of camp participation from their area and he will deliver it at the next Livingston Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Liepshutz mentioned a letter of appreciation he received from Carmella Montello who will be heading up the Erie Canal Greenway.

Motion made by Councilman Marchisio and seconded by Councilman Cidras, to pay the audited bills from the abstract dated July 11, 2005, with all in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Liepshutz presented a copy of this year's fireworks festivities and said it was tentative since there are more donations coming in and again thanked the volunteers who served.

Privilege of Floor

Resident Roger Rekow mentioned the State law regarding the opening of pools and Supervisor Liepshutz referred him to the Code Enforcement Officer.

Resident Greg Fingar asked about the liquor liability for the fireworks celebration and Councilwoman Lamberta confirmed sufficient coverage had been purchased.

Supervisor Liepshutz mentioned that Jeff Haneman will be taking a licensing class and is expected to assume the responsibilities of the sewer maintenance.

Councilwoman Diehl informed the board and public that Saturday, September 17th Columbia Greene Community College will be sponsoring "The Mystery of Medicare Part D" and everyone is welcome.

Old Business

Supervisor Liepshutz mentioned some actions/motions taken at the previous month's workshop meetings:

- ultraviolet system is expected to be installed soon
- a new dock for the lake is also expected
- sidewalk meeting to be scheduled with Dept. of Transportation and the engineer

Supervisor Liepshutz said the county is getting involved in the sidewalk project and will rework the catch basins, especially in front of the schools, since they want to redirect the stream. He said he would like to get some portion of the project started this year and that the county will assume the cost of their reconstruction.

New Business

Motion made by Councilman Cidras and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta authorizing Police Chief Lawson to interview cadets, since the town will be losing three of its current recruits and one officer. The only expenditure the town is responsible for are the uniforms and Chief Lawson will see if he can use the existing ones for the new hires.

Supervisor Liepshutz: Aye Councilwoman Diehl: Aye
Councilman Marchisio: Aye

Mr. Lawson requested approval from the board to invest in 2 breathalizers for the police cars, and stated the judges concurred with his request. A motion was made by Councilman Cidras and seconded by Councilwoman Diehl to purchase one breathalizer, mouthpiece and battery.

Supervisor Liepshutz: Aye Councilwoman Lamberta: Aye
Councilman Marchisio: Aye

Wendie Knack-Lawlor, speaking on behalf of the Comprehensive Analysis Committee, requested approval from the board to hire a consultant to assist them with the plan. The money will come from the Greenway grant and from the town, and significant time and effort would be saved.

After verifying that \$7,500 from the grant and \$3,000 from the town would be allocated, a motion was made to move forward and entertain a contract by Catherine Daniels for professional planning to assist the Comprehensive Analysis Committee by Councilwoman Diehl. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta.

Supervisor Liepshutz: Aye Councilman Cidras: Aye
Councilman Marchisio: Aye

Resident Robert Knizel mentioned a culvert on Best Lane that was causing a problem for him as well as adjacent land owners. Highway Superintendent Lawson said he will take a look at it but indicated it's private property and he is hesitant to get involved in the matter. He is aware of a small hole but doesn't feel the need for action at this point. Supervisor Liepshutz indicated that if the water posed a problem to the road then the town would have to address the issue.

Resident Martin Overington asked about the Roe Jam project and Supervisor Liepshutz said he had visited the Sportsmen's and was waiting for their response regarding assistance with the project.

Mr. Overington also thanked the Park Commission for putting on a fantastic celebration for Independence Day.

Mike Lawson indicated speed calming signs were in transit with guaranteed delivery for that week. He also said work on Young America would commence this week as well as Palatine Park Road.

Supervisor Liepshutz indicated Executive Session would be called regarding a union contract matter.

Resident Cheryl Rekow, along with a local business owner, expressed displeasure that access to the business was nearly eliminated during the fireworks festivities. Supervisor Liepshutz said that was not the intent; stated his first concern was the safety of pedestrians walking along the road, and hopefully a more workable solution can be reached for next year.

Councilman Marchisio made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a union contract matter and was seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta at 8:35pm.

Executive session ended at 9:04 from a motion by Supervisor Liepshutz that was seconded by Councilman Marchisio, with all in agreement, none opposed.

Supervisor Liepshutz said he had received a letter from the union regarding an improper practice charge that will be reviewed and responded to accordingly.

Supervisor Liepshutz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, with all in agreement, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Diehl