

Minutes from Public Hearing held by Germantown Town Board on May 9, 2005 at 7:15pm regarding the Germantown Park Use Rules and Regulations.

Present: Supervisor, Alan Liepshutz  
Councilwoman, Graceann Lamberta  
Councilwoman, Donna Diehl  
Councilman, Anthony Cidras  
Councilman, Andrew Marchisio

Recorder: Town Clerk, Charlene Diehl

Reporter: Debora Gilbert, The Independent

Supervisor Liepshutz led the Pledge to the Flag

Town Clerk read the public notice:

Please take notice that the Germantown Town Board will hold a Public Hearing April 11, 2005 at 7:15pm at the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Rd, Germantown, NY 12526 presenting an updated Germantown Park Use Rules and Regulations Guidebook affecting the 5 recreational facilities under the administration of the Germantown Park Commission: Palatine Park, Beach/Lake Facility, Cheviot Boating Dock, Dales Bridge Recreation Area, and Half Moon Anchorage Dock/Lasher Memorial Park.

All interested persons may attend, listen and speak on this matter at the above-stated time, date and place.

Supervisor Liepshutz listed some of the recommendations from the public:

- Senior citizen discount for age 65 and over - \$5 fee
- Disabled discount
- 2-day visitor pass - \$10 fee
- Seasonal yearly pass - \$50/non-residents
- Replacement pass - \$5 for those already in database

Supervisor Liepshutz said the board reviewed the present regulations, approved in 1983, and there was no reference to a park pass at all.

Barbara Zalewski asked about family reunions/large gatherings - \$1 a head.

Sally Drummond asked where to get the passes – available at Town Hall.

Roger Rekow asked if residents of the town would have preference over non-residents – if an event has not already been confirmed residents would get first choice, but it is a first come-first serve basis.

Rao Gaddipati asked about park costs and if taxes are enough to maintain the park – Supervisor Liepshutz said the park costs about \$100,000 a year to run.

Mr. Rekow asked how to tell people who have a park pass about the fee –

Councilwoman Lamberta said if they show a park pass they will pay \$9.00.

Ms. Zalewski asked how the park will be controlled once word gets out and what about insurance – Supervisor Liepshutz said the town insurance would cover it and the fee would hopefully control the volume of people.

Doug Dodge mentioned a problem at Cheviot with the fishing and asked that it would be controlled.

Phyllis Taddeo asked how to monitor people on premises getting passes – Supervisor Liepshutz said signs are posted and lifeguards police the park when they're working.

Sally Drummond asked about signs for passes and where to obtain and Supervisor Liepshutz said that info will go into the regulations.

Supervisor Liepshutz said the regulations should be rewritten and presented again to make sure everything is correct so everyone can live with it. He asked residents to come forth with any suggestions to include in final law.

Motion made by Councilman Cidras, seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta for a special meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> to pass the Park Rules and Regulations in their final form.

Meeting ended at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlene Diehl

Minutes from regular Germantown Town Board meeting held May 9, 2005 at the Germantown Town Hall – meeting scheduled to commence at 7:30 but started later due to Public Meeting held prior.

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

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Supervisor Liepshutz started the meeting by amending a few things from last month's meeting:

The Comprehensive Analysis Committee meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month;

General Fund \$5658.44  
Sewer \$1682.98  
Lighting \$442.46

Local Law #4 is actually Local Law #2.

Motion made by Lamberta, seconded by Marchisio, to accept the amended minutes, all in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Liepshutz welcomed Mike Lawson as Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Liepshutz filed the monthly report with the clerk and included a break-out history of the highway department for budgeting

#### Miscellaneous Announcements

Supervisor Liepshutz thanked the Highway department and Cub Scouts for the road clean up they participated in.

#### Communication to the Board

The Hudson River Sweep was a success as was the Senior Trip to Whitestone, and the Garden Club planted a cherry tree by the memorial.

Cornell Cooperative Extension training will hold a teleconference useful for board members.

June 5 – Freedom rally ride thru Columbia County and Germantown  
May 24 – zoning planning workshop  
May 12 – Youth Provider presentation dinner  
June 18 – Tivoli Days – fireworks and parade at 6:30pm

Motion made by Councilman Marchisio to approve audited bills from abstract dated May 9, 2005, seconded by Councilwoman Diehl, all in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Liepshutz said when the spare tire comes in for the new truck payment will be made to the Ford Motor Corporation, per the company.

Sewer update – Final meeting with David Crawford, 3 or 4 are still undecided on. Supervisor Liepshutz spoke with those people and they will be redrawn to settle. There will be an executive session later to discuss the parsonage settlement.

## Old Business/Workshop actions

April 14: Phyllis Taddeo appointed Deputy Town Clerk.  
May 5: ordered 2 traffic calming devices  
Phyllis Taddeo appointed Tax Collector until November election  
Bids for lawn maintenance – went to award bid and one company  
withdrew their bid  
1994 maroon truck designated surplus.

Park regulations tabled until May 19.

Park water testing: Water sample currently at Bender's Lab, board awaiting results.

Sidewalk bids: Lawyer would like to review the bids first before a selection is made.

Roger Rekow stood and announced point of order - upon acknowledgement from Supervisor Liepshutz he said according to the agenda and organizational minutes Privilege of Floor should go before new business. He asked the town attorney if the board had the power to suspend that privilege and the attorney said he will check into it. Supervisor Liepshutz said the privilege of the floor would be granted after new business and executive session and made a motion to move to new business, Lamberta seconded.

Councilwoman Diehl: Nay                      Councilman Cidras: Aye  
Councilman Marchisio: Nay

### ***Resolution #9 of 2005***

Councilwoman Lamberta read the resolution requesting the town lawyer prepare a letter for corrective action at County Rte 14 and 9G for immediate placement of safety signs and to investigate permanent changes to the site be sent to the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT). Supervisor Liepshutz said the DOT had the project on their schedule and it hasn't been done yet - letters have been sent since 1999 to DOT. DOT plans to remove 2 spruce trees as well as the wall to alleviate the problem.

Supervisor Liepshutz announced the resignation of Bill Muirhead from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Interested candidates are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk. Councilwoman Lamberta made a motion to accept Mr. Muirhead's resignation, seconded by Councilman Marchisio, with all in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Liepshutz announced the Parents who Host Lose the Most awareness campaign to inform the public that parents are accountable for hosting parties with alcohol at their house for underage drinkers. A proclamation will be posted in the town hall and police will participate in a survey for assistance and guidance in this area.

Review of items for executive session:

Union contract negotiations  
Lawn mowing bids  
Parsonage roof settlement  
Purchase of land-locked parcel

### Privilege of Floor

Rich Jennings asked about the bids for lawnmowing – no insurance or worker's comp requirements listed. Supervisor Liepshutz said liability of \$1 million needed for insurance.

Doug Dodge relayed an episode on Round Top Road with speeding vehicles. Mike Lawson said 5 roads on schedule to be addressed in next meeting or two with traffic safety.

Doug Dodge mentioned microphone to help audience hear.

Allen Schuenhoff said the silent policeman in the past proved effective at slowing people down. Supervisor Liepshutz said the town is in the process of acquiring 2 of them.

Mr. Schuenhoff was also concerned about a FOIL request he submitted for the Weiner endowment and why no letter was sent to the family thanking them. Supervisor Liepshutz said a letter was sent personally from him and wasn't included in the FOIL request.

Motion made to go into Executive session at 8:50pm by Supervisor Liepshutz and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, with all in favor, none opposed.

Motion made by Councilman Cidras, seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta for Supervisor Liepshutz to sign the settlement for Mid-State.

Motion to end Executive session at 9:15 made by Donna Diehl and seconded by Councilman Cidras; all in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Liepshutz relayed discussions from the Executive session:

Town lawyer filled the board in on contract particulars and has reached a tentative agreement with Mid-State and Frasier Associates and will make the details know when the agreement is signed.

Needs were clarified for lawn mowing bids.

Possible land acquisition – north of Cheviot Dock – Supervisor Liepshutz looking into details to acquire the land - most of the land is underwater/shore line.

Mike Lawson thanked the board for filling the highway vacancy and indicated he wants to help mend fences between the highway department and town board and thanked them all for the help in getting up to the speed with the paperwork.

Mr. Lawson mentioned some current works in progress:

- Bids out on 2 paving jobs, with 5 more deemed in-house jobs
- Doing sign survey on roads
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – EnCon will be coming for the float installation
- The signs at Anchorage and Cheviot were put up but then torn back down

Supervisor Liepshutz thanked Taconic Farms for the truck donation.

Phyllis Taddeo confirmed with Supervisor Liepshutz the procedures for the Board Assessment Review and Allen Schuenhoff said he would consider being an alternate on the board, if needed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Diehl to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, all in favor, none opposed - meeting ended at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Diehl