

Town Board meeting minutes of October 11, 2005, held at the Germantown Town Hall, commencing at 8:00am.

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: Leslie Magson, Register Star

Supervisor Liepshutz led the Pledge to the Flag.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Lamberta, and seconded by Councilwoman Diehl, the minutes for September 12, 2005 and October 4, 2005 meetings were approved; all in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Liepshutz filed his monthly report with the clerk.

#### Miscellaneous Announcements/ Communications to the Board

- Defensive Driving Classes – October 26 and 28 from 6-9pm in the Activities Building
- Flu Clinic – October 19 from 1-2pm
- Halloween Senior Social – October 19 at 2:30 in the Activities Building
- Truckloads of wood available for \$25 a pickup November 4 and 5 from 7-1pm at the Town Hall
- Leaf pickup now being offered by Collin Brown-contact him for prices
- Cyber Security Awareness – October 20 conference in Albany
- Note of thanks received from Phyllis Taddeo for the Senior Citizen social, recognizing Carmen Caruana as Mistress of Ceremonies and thanked the sponsors

Supervisor Liepshutz explained there would be no privilege of the floor due to the time constraints of the early morning meeting. He made a motion, which was seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, with all in favor, none opposed.

#### New Business

Supervisor Liepshutz made a motion to purchase a bagger for the skag mower to keep the leaves out of the lake. The price is \$1790 for a 3-bag grass catcher with 16 bushel capacity. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marchisio.

Councilwoman Lamberta: Aye                      Councilwoman Diehl: Aye  
Councilman Cidras: Aye

The Columbia County Youth Bureau is looking for a representative. The Bureau provides youth aid for the camps, if anyone is interested please let the Supervisor know.

Supervisor Liepshutz discussed how the Sewer Station performed during a recent period of high-level water due to an extended period of rain. Pump Station #1 flooded but they were able to seal the manhole cover. There was a back-up on Camp Creek Road that will have to be addressed, and the flow went up to 8 times greater than normal, but there were no power or pump failures.

Councilman Cidras is looking into a more natural solution for the algae problem on the pond which involves barley. The chemicals currently being used are not fixing the problem.

Councilman Cidras is also investigating dog control officers and will discuss it at more length during the budget workshop.

October 24 from 7-9pm at the Activities Building the American Legion is hosting a Candidates Forum, with all invited to attend.

Supervisor Liepshutz indicated he had received a letter of resignation from the Planning/Zoning Board Secretary but was not going to accept it until he spoke with her about a possible misunderstanding that may have precipitated the action.

The Supervisor described how well the event for the families of 9/11 went at the Town Hall. Councilwoman Lamberta said the families relayed their thanks and gratitude for the hospitality they were shown.

The annual Thanksgiving Day dinner will be served, take-outs only, on Thanksgiving.

Supervisor Liepshutz said there was a request from a local grocery store for an easement to drill a well to alleviate their water problem. He offered an easement in the way the Flower shop was done, no cost to the town; their lawyer will handle the easement and the cost.

Councilman Marchisio is working with Niagara Mohawk to secure the easement for the work being done on Palatine Park Road – it's a generic easement and the town lawyer will look it over. Councilman Marchisio is also working on the Anchorage Road overflow.

#### Police Update:

Kenneth Cooper Bard, a State-renowned Use of Force Instructor, has volunteered his services to the town. He will be in attendance on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### Highway Update:

Round Top Road speed signs were fixed, and Mountain Road will be done in the next couple of weeks.

The Highway Department is waiting for the utility company to clear the way so that speed reduction signs can be placed.

Underground cables have been marked, and they will be working on Reuter Road.

Ford Road flooded during the recent period of heavy rain and Mr. Lawson had to barricade and close the road and alert 911 who then notifies the appropriate parties about the flood.

Councilman Marchisio made a motion to pay audited bills pursuant to the Abstract dated October 11, 2005; seconded by Councilman Cidras – all in favor, none opposed.

There will be a Public Hearing on the Budget November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.

Supervisor Liepshutz said the Tax Collector received a letter from the Office of Real Property about a charge for the new tax collector program for the computer.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Councilwoman Diehl and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, with all in favor, none opposed. Meeting ended at 8:46am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Diehl