

Minutes of Germantown Town Board Meeting, held February 27, 2006 at 7:30pm at the Germantown Town Hall

Present: Supervisor, Roy Brown
Deputy Supervisor, Jason Clum
Councilman, Anthony Cidras
Councilwoman, Joan Snyder
Councilman, Patsy Zanchelli
Deputy Highway Superintendent, Joe Hull

Not Present: Councilwoman, Graceann Lamberta
Highway Superintendent, Rich Jennings

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Charlene Diehl

Press: Debora Gilbert, The Independent

The Supervisor led the Pledge to the Flag at 7:30pm.

Motion made by Councilwoman Snyder and seconded by Councilman Cidras to approve the previous month's minutes, with a correction, with all in agreement, none opposed.

The Clerk read a thank you from the Hull family, a letter of resignation from Michael DeCheck, and a letter from Senator Saland regarding an air testing monitoring site study he has recommended to the Department of Environmental Conservation that Germantown be part of.

Councilman Zanchelli made a motion to go into Executive Session which will discuss legal and personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Snyder, with all in agreement, none opposed. Executive session entered at 7:40.

Executive session ended at 8:04 on motion by Councilman Cidras and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder with all in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Brown announced the Safety Committee members: Roger Rekow, Joan Snyder, Jarrod Smith, Anthony Cidras, and one more member is being sought.

The Technology Committee consists of Greg Fingar, Lynn Clum, and Carl Nabozny.

The Sidewalk Committee members are Bruce Bohnsack, Jim Lawlor, Lee Filliberti, Nick Jones, Jim Maroniak, Shirley Kasper and Joan Snyder.

Supervisor Brown said he is still interviewing candidates for the Planning Board and will hopefully announce them at the next board meeting.

New Business

Motion made by Councilwoman Snyder and seconded by Councilman Cidras, to pay the audited bills.
Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilman Zanchelli: Aye

Motion made by Councilman Cidras and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli to appoint as Town Attorney the firm of Rappaport, Meyers, Whitbeck, Shaw and Rodenhausen, with Jason Shaw representing them.
Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Snyder: Aye

The Annual Reports have been filed in the Town Clerk's office and will be available for review in the Clerk's office.

An open forum to discuss any issues important to the town will be held on March 14th at 7:00pm and all are welcome to attend.

Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor, Austin Sullivan, submitted a presentation on a video camera being offered for sale to the town by Wes Lorenz for \$400. It would be good to run tapes of the meetings on the Germantown cable community channel for those residents who are unable to attend the town board meetings. Councilman Cidras made a motion to purchase the recorder and was seconded by Councilman Zanchelli.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Snyder: Aye

Deputy Highway Superintendent Joe Hull gave a synopsis of the condition of the town highway truck the department wants to surplus. He recommended the minimum bid be \$10,000. Motion to surplus the 1996 Ford F350 truck made by Councilman Zanchelli and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilman Cidras: Aye

Supervisor Brown mentioned some old metal filing cabinets he would like the board to surplus and donate to the Germantown Fire Department. Motion made by Councilman Cidras to surplus and donate the cabinets and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Snyder: Aye

Larry Osgood, representing the Comprehensive Planning Committee, gave an update on the Survey that was sent in January to all residents. There has been a 45% return rate on the 860 surveys that were mailed out. They are currently tabulating the results and will meet on April 2nd to report the results and determine the top 2 or 3 issues of most concern to residents.

Josh Choinsky is working with the Technology Committee and the Supervisor on the town's web site and eventually the board meetings as well as zoning, planning and comprehensive meeting minutes will be put on the site.

There was a suggestion of a mulch recycling center and a request to investigate the burning of trash in town.

Supervisor Brown reiterated that he and Councilwoman Snyder are available to help people in heating their homes thru the HEAP program and to call his office for assistance or concerns.

Motion made by Councilman Cidras and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder to adjourn the meeting at 8:31, with all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,