

Draft minutes of Germantown Town Board Meeting, held April 24, 2006 at 7:30 pm at the Germantown Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor, Roy Brown
Deputy Supervisor, Jason Clum
Councilman, Anthony Cidras
Councilman, Patsy Zanchelli
Councilwoman, Graceann Lamberta
Councilwoman, Joan Snyder
Highway Superintendent, Rich Jennings
Town Lawyer, Jason Shaw

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Charlene Diehl

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli to approve the previous months minutes - all in agreement, none opposed.

Budget Status Report: Supervisor is requesting to transfer the Highway excess funds to an account for brush removal for maintenance work performed by the Highway Department. Motion to approve the transfer made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilman Cidras: Aye
Councilman Zanchelli: Aye

Motion made by Councilwoman Lamberta to approve the abstracts for the audited bills and was seconded by Councilman Zanchelli, with all in favor and none opposed.

The Clerk read a letter from George Sharpe commending the Highway department, a letter from Jake Buhler indicating interest in constructing a pedestrian walking bridge as part of his Scout program, and a letter from Wendy Nack-Lawlor resigning from the Comprehensive Planning Review Committee.

Old Business

Motion by Councilwoman Lamberta, and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli, to appoint Rick Jason and Stephen Reynolds to fill the unexpired terms of Patsy Zanchelli and Joan Snyder, respectively.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Snyder: Aye
Councilman Cidras: Aye

Motion by Councilman Zanchelli, and seconded by Councilman Cidras, to appoint Jeremy Smith and Dave Black to the Safety Committee.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Lamberta: Aye
Councilwoman Snyder: Aye

Motion made by Councilwoman Lamberta, and seconded by Councilman Cidras, to accept the Town Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Snyder: Aye
Councilman Zanchelli: Aye

Bid Opening for 1996 Ford Dump Truck

3 bids: Fleming - \$15,151
McLaughlin - \$10,557
Alger, Sr. - \$10,966

Motion made by Councilman Zanchelli, and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, to accept the high bid of \$15,151 from Fleming for the truck.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Snyder: Aye
Councilman Cidras: Aye

Councilman Cidras thanked the Fire department for the prompt response to a fire he recently had at his house and appreciates what a good job they did.

Supervisor Brown thanked the highway workers and Chad Lent of Visage Construction for volunteering their time to remove the old Halloween trailer.

The Supervisor noted he has received positive feedback from residents who are watching the recorded town board meetings on Valstar.

Motion made by Councilman Cidras, and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, to appoint Bruce Bohnsack as the Comprehensive Committee Chairperson due to the recent resignations of the co-chairs Larry Osgood and Wendy Nack-Lawlor.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Snyder: Aye
Councilman Zanchelli: Aye

In response to a question, the Supervisor confirmed that the Terranova property is included in the sewer district. He also apologized to Dorothy Montague, who was cut off during a presentation at last months board meeting. He reiterated that people/organizations who wish to make presentations must let the Supervisor know before the meeting so they can be added to the agenda and afforded appropriate time.

New Business

Members of the Germantown Library committee gave an update on progress they are making: increased hours, hiring of a new library clerk, search for full-time librarian and updating the website. They also informed the board of Movie night for children (2nd Friday of the month) and that the modular portion of the new library will be erected soon.

The Germantown Chapter of Reality Check gave an anti-smoking presentation and requested that the town board pass and sign a resolution stating the board will not accept tobacco money, due to the subliminal suggestions and methods of encouraging younger people to smoke through advertisements and movies, at great disadvantage to their health.

Motion to sign resolution made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Cidras.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Snyder: Aye
Councilman Zanchelli: Aye

Rodney Morrison, an engineer, gave a presentation on the Terra Nova project proposal, which would consist of two-bedroom condominiums located on Route 9G, adjacent to the Extra Mart. The engineer said the project would require changing some zoning laws or rezoning, and the town attorney responded he would give his presentation of what the board can and cannot do in response to their request to change zoning laws or rezone.

The Highway department indicated it wants to surplus and dispose as junk a 1962 water tanker, due to the severe state of maintenance disrepair. Motion to surplus and dispose made by Councilman Cidras and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Lamberta: Aye
Councilman Zanchelli: Aye

Supervisor Brown said that a 1990 Buick Century had been donated to the town and he would like to surplus and put it out for bid. Motion by Councilwoman Lamberta, and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli, to do so.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Snyder: Aye
Councilman Cidras: Aye

Ellen Epstein talked about the Keep Farming Grant, which is working to identify issues to keep farming alive. It is a collaborative effort between Clermont, Livingston and Germantown, with the funding based on Senator Saland's ability to secure monies.

The Supervisor indicated that four Requests for Proposal for an engineer for the town have been received. The board members will be getting copies of the RFP's. He reiterated that

planning and zoning issues the boards are faced with necessitate getting an engineer on board to help with future growth of the area.

Mr. Osgood stated that he is still serving on the Comprehensive Planning Committee, just not as a chair of it.

The Supervisor said the Sidewalk committee went and walked the project, he just got the engineering report, and hopes to break ground in the fall since they still have the original grant money to be used for the initial phase of the project.

The Highway department is doing a cleaning sweep through the village, from the hours of 5:00-7:00am; the new water tank has arrived, and the department thanks the scouts and other volunteers for their assistance with the roadside cleanup.

Mr. Cady announced that the Scenic Hudson River Sweep will be held on the upcoming Saturday from 9:00-12:00pm and the highway department will have a truck available for debris.

Councilwoman Lamberta is chairing a committee and planning some upcoming senior trips, among them a trip to the Whitestone Café, Hudson Scenic Boat Tour, McHayden Theatre and an excursion to the Christmas Tree Shoppe.

Councilman Cidras recommended that two of the police recruits, Mr. Garvey and Mr. Chase, be kept on through the summer, and will meet with Mr. Rekow and the department to see what needs to be done to keep them on.

Executive Session called to discuss legal and personnel issues at 8:53 on a motion by Councilman Zanchelli and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta. The town attorney explained to audience questions that executive session is called because it is a part of the meeting that is not public due to issues being discussed which could be detrimental to the town's interest if made public, i.e. employee's information or litigation, and that the lawyer is able to give the board legal advice at these sessions.

Motion to end executive session made at 9:45 by Councilman Zanchelli and seconded by Councilman Cidras, with all in favor, none opposed.

The Supervisor asked for a motion regarding the personnel matter with George Sharpe to authorize him to pass a stipulation signed by both parties over the matter and to settle and expend funds to allow the matter to be closed. Motion to authorize this action made by Councilman Zanchelli and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder.

Supervisor Brown:	Aye	Councilwoman Lamberta:	Aye
Councilman Cidras:	Aye		

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli at 9:49, with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,