

Draft minutes of Germantown Town Board Meeting, held May 15, 2006 at 7:30 pm at the Germantown Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor, Roy Brown  
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 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: Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Snyder and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli.

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

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

Highway Superintendent Jennings thanked the volunteers and the Highway Department for their assistance during the Hudson River Sweep. He also mentioned that the 1962 water truck has been removed and disposed of properly.

#### Old Business

The next Sidewalk meeting will be on May 31<sup>st</sup>, at which time the date will be set for work to be done, and coordinated with the Highway Department.

The board members are currently reviewing the RFP's for a Town Engineer, and hopefully will have a selection made by the next town board meeting.

Councilwoman Lamberta mentioned some upcoming trips for the Senior Citizens: May 17<sup>th</sup> – trip to Whitestone Café; June 19<sup>th</sup> – trip to Valkill in Hyde Park; July – trip on Hudson Cruise line.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the next Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting.

Town Lawyer Jason Shaw responded to a question about spot zoning, in response to a proposed project that was presented at last month's town board meeting. The question is could the Town Board change the Zoning Law? Mr. Shaw said he believes the board can change the zoning, provided it's consistent with the current adopted comprehensive plan and consistent with the zoning immediately adjoining the property in question. If the board decides to consider a change in zoning, it would have to change the local law, go to the Planning Board for their review, and possibly go to the county for review as well. The Environmental Review Board has to consider any environmental impact and potential impact as proposed by the project sponsor, and it may require the sponsor to do a full environmental impact as well.

Police Chief Lawson mentioned that warning signs for speeding are out at various locations throughout the town.

Supervisor Brown mentioned that May 23<sup>rd</sup> is Grievance Day for those who wish to grieve their new assessment, and that packets for the process are in the lobby of the town hall.

Mr. Brown also mentioned that the videotaped town board meetings are replayed on the local cable channel the following week of when the meeting was, and runs about 5 times during the week.

### **Park Commission Updates**

Sportsman's Derby was held with 300 fish dumped into the lake and about 18 of them caught. There were approximately 53 contestants.

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Spring BBQ with chicken and ribs – collaborative effort with the Park Commission and the Fire Department.

There will also be a Yard Sale Day, with a car wash scheduled from 7:30-12:00, and the Garden Club will have a plant and bake sale, all are invited.

Celebration for Independence Day underway, with details to follow.

Applications for Park employment still continuing, with 45 applications received to fill 17 positions. Lifeguard positions currently being filled, and a class will be offered on-site for those hired as lifeguards.

Motion by Councilman Cidras, and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, to retain Police officers Jason Garvey and Ryan Chase for the duration of the year on the Police force.

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

In response to questions from the audience, Supervisor Brown responded that the board has not made any decisions regarding spot zoning; Mr. Shaw had just clarified a question regarding a proposed project that was presented to the board.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Supervisor Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta at 7:49, with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,