

Minutes of Germantown Town Board Meeting, held June 19, 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

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Charlene Diehl

The Supervisor led the Pledge to the Flag at 7:40pm.

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 Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli.

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

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

The Clerk read a thank-you from the seniors for their trip to Whitestone Café.

#### Old Business

Jake Buhler gave an update on the Eagle Scout project, which is to build a bridge behind the Activities Building to replace the current one that's in disrepair, and submitted his proposal to the board. Mr. Buhler will have an engineer approve the specs and then send to the Scouts to approve before starting work. Supervisor Brown said he hopes the project will be approved and wishes him good luck.

Two Roof Bids were received to seal the Town Hall, Highway garage and Pavilion – one for approximately \$16,000 and another for \$5,500. The lowest-priced bidder, Derek Carroll, was only available for a short time so the work has already been done. The final price was adjusted to \$4,500. Motion for approval of the work made by Councilwoman Snyder and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta.

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

Sidewalks: Supervisor Brown said the board had just received material from the engineer on updated figures, since the material costs have increased from when the project originated, but it was received too late to make a recommendation on at this board meeting. He projects the project will cost approximately \$600,000 and they will have to do a bond to cover the portion not paid for by the grant.

Supervisor Brown reported that four submissions for the Town Engineer RFP were received. The board reviewed the proposals and checked references. Councilman Zanchelli made a motion recommending Tectonic, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Cidras.

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

Councilwoman Lamberta announced the following upcoming events for the senior citizens the board has planned:

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Trip to Hyde Park and Roosevelt's home

July 19<sup>th</sup> – Cruise up the Hudson River with a BBQ after at the Town Hall

Interested persons are advised to contact the Town Hall for further information.

Comprehensive Plan Update: Bruce Bohnsack announced there would be a Germantown 'Water Supply' update Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Town Hall for all interested parties.

### New Business

The *Welcome to Germantown* sign has been found, and a local artist will be reviewing it to see the possibility of repairing and reinstalling it. An update will be given at the next town board meeting.

Park Commission Update: Independence Day Celebration is July 1<sup>st</sup> from Noon to Midnight - \$3.00 per person and \$10.00/carload after dark. Plans are running smoothly, and volunteers are welcomed.

The following resolution was introduced to the Board:

WHEREAS, the residents of our community and of our neighborhood communities enjoy the benefits of a desirable quality of life offered by our rural Hudson Valley, free from the substantial negative environmental impacts found in more suburban and urban areas; our residents, neighborhoods, and visitors seek to ensure that this high quality of life and environmental is maintained, including the quality of the air we breathe; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Germantown, entrusted with the duty and responsibility to effectively represent its residents, supports their valuable interest in the quality of the environment and of the air, and recognizes that air monitoring will provide a viable means of assessing the quality of the air, providing us with the tools to undertake appropriate action should the quality of life in our community become threatened by the negative impacts of poor air quality; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief the current air monitoring actives established within the State of New York are not within close proximity of the existing cement processing facilities and power plant located approximately one mile due west of the southern portion of Columbia County, to wit, across the Hudson River from the Town of Germantown, and the communities impacted by the emissions of these operations do not presently, and have not for the past eight years, received benefit of air monitoring programs to adequately assess the current air quality and particulate matter size generated from these facilities; and

WHEREAS, upon further information and belief the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) routinely reviews and adjusts its air monitoring activities to ensure that the data obtained is useful to further the DEC's goals of identifying appropriate targets for emission reductions; and we believe that the activities impacting our community have changed significantly during the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, implementation of an air monitoring program, for the reasons described above, is a reasonable and prudent request in order to provide our community with the assurance that DEC supports the values and interests of the residents in order to provide or community recognizing that the air monitoring activities will additionally provide our municipality, our neighbors and DEC with the tools to work collaboratively with our industrial neighbors to identify and correct air quality issues.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Germantown hereby implores and encourages its elected New York State officials and the members and officers of the Department of Environmental Conservation to consider implementation of an air monitoring program in southern Columbia County, more specifically, to restore the air monitoring program to the former air monitoring location at Germantown Central School, located within the community most directly geographically and atmospherically impacted by the emissions at the facilities listed above.



Resident Karen Patrine approached the board and inquired about situations of unkempt properties and what can be done about it. Supervisor Brown indicated he had spoke with John Fieser, the Code Enforcement Officer, and that the local laws are not sufficient to enforce clean-up. He referenced the Safety Committee and indicated he would seek their recommendations as well as Mr. Fieser's on how to proceed.

Resident Martin Overrington inquired about materials bought last year with the intent to repair roofs, and Supervisor Brown indicated those materials will be used on maintenance buildings in other areas throughout the park.

Supervisor Brown also confirmed that the Germantown police would be involved in the Independence Day celebration.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Councilman Cidras and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder, with all in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,