

Minutes of Germantown Town Board Meeting, held July 17, 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: Richard Jennings

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

The clerk read a note from the Saltis family thanking the lifeguards and complimenting the Palatine Park program swimming lessons and a thank you from the Greyhound Friends Association.

Local Law #1 to Establish Payment of Consultant Fees

Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Cidras

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

Local Law #2 – Increase Highway Superintendent Compensation for the year 2006

Motion to approve made by Councilman Zanchelli and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder:

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

Local Law #3 – Creates the position of Deputy Town Supervisor

Motion to approve made by Supervisor Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta:

Councilwoman Snyder: Aye Councilman Cidras: Aye
Councilman Cidras: Aye

Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown is located on the Hudson River south of the LaFarge Building Materials Inc. facility in the Town of Coeymans, Albany County and whereas LeFarge had submitted an application to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to burn tires and use tire derived fuels in its cement kilns and

WHEREAS the town board members, as well as many of our town residents, are very concerned about this project and the short term and long term impact it will have upon our environment and our health and whereas the town board of Germantown through the town supervisor has previously expressed to the DEC its opposition to the LeFarge tire burning application and

WHEREAS the DEC's recent determination to approve the aforesaid LeFarge application will permit LeFarge to burn tires and therefore pollute our air, water and soil as well as that of all communities on both sides of the Hudson river that are downwind of the facility and

WHEREAS we consider DEC's decision to approve this application to be reckless and certainly not in the best interest of our residents or the environment and

WHEREAS the incineration of tires as a method of disposal has not been proven to be safe and is impossible to monitor, and as numerous scientific studies have revealed releases carcinogenic substances into the air we breathe and

WHEREAS there are currently no air quality monitors in Greene or Columbia county and therefore there is no reliable way to determine if the air emitted from the stacks at the LaFarge facility is indeed within the standards that DEC has stated are acceptable at all times and is not endangering the health of the residents in the surrounding communities as we feel certain it will and

WHEREAS based upon the foregoing, the town board wishes to express its strong opposition to the DEC's decision to approve the LaFarge tire burning application.

Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder:

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

Resolution to establish a notification policy for computer technology per the New York State Technology Law.

Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli:

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

Park Commission Update:

Fireworks: Austin Sullivan reported a profit of approximately \$8,500 after all expenses were paid.

He also reported that swimming lessons at the park had started as well as the park program, and things are going well.

The Park Commission is looking to organize a hayride for the fall this year, and any interested persons should contact the town hall.

Austin also reported that a swim team has been organized and will compete locally with other towns.

The lake has been treated and will be treated again in a few weeks.

Supervisor Brown thanked the park commission for the fireworks celebration as he has only heard good things.

Councilwoman Lamberta stated that the senior citizens will have a trip on the Hudson Cruise line on Wednesday and will return to the park for a chicken BBQ.

The Highway Superintendent stated that a tree that had fallen on June 26, due to the heavy rains, had been cleaned up and that patching of the roads continue.

New Business

Motion made by Councilman Zanchelli and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta to appoint Stephen Sevors and Don Cruise to the Zoning Board.

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Snyder and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta to appoint Margaret DellaCioppa to the Planning Board.

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

Motion to approve the audited vouchers made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Cidras:

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

Town resident appeared before the board asking for an update on what can be done about unkempt property she previously brought before the board. The supervisor said he had talked with the code enforcement officer and the property owner in question is currently operating within the code and no violations currently exist that she can be cited for. Supervisor Brown said that the safety committee is still looking into matters and will make a presentation to the board and the town attorney once they have some recommendations/suggestions. Councilwoman Lamberta suggested contacting the county health department to see what options are available.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli, with all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,