

Minutes of Germantown Town Board Meeting, held August 21, 2006 at 7:30 pm at the Germantown Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor, Roy Brown
Councilman, Anthony Cidras
Councilman, Patsy Zanchelli
Councilwoman, Graceann Lamberta
Highway Superintendent: Richard Jennings

Recorded by: Deputy Town Clerk, Donna Diehl

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

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

Budget Status Report: Motion to approve made by Councilman Zanchelli and seconded by Councilman Cidras.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Lamberta: Aye

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

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Lamberta: Aye

The Deputy Town Clerk read a thank you note to Councilwoman Lamberta and Supervisor Brown from Mrs. Conklin expressing her thanks and the good time she had on the senior trip and cookout at the park afterward.

The Deputy also read a note from Roger Rekow of the Police Department, informing the board that Officer Mark Harvey has requested a 7-month leave of absence effective July 12th and offered several scenarios to the board for police coverage during the leave of absence.

Also read was a letter from resident Mr. Sharpe expressing his satisfaction with the new 'Welcome to Germantown' sign and thanking the highway/maintenance departments. A letter from Suburban Propane was also read, stating their regret that they will be unable to deliver gasoline or low sulfur on-road diesel fuel after September 1, 2006. They will continue to deliver off-road diesel fuel.

Supervisor Brown indicated that the town can 'piggyback' on the county's gasoline and diesel fuel rate so the town will not see any loss of service.

Highway Dept. update:

Highway Superintendent Jennings indicated the need for oil pan repair on the 93 International dump truck . Councilman Zanchelli made the motion to have it repaired and was seconded by Councilman Cidras.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Lamberta: Aye

Police Dept. update: Mr. Rekow updated the board on the leave of absence, as well as applicants interested in attending the police academy and upcoming recruits.

Supervisor Brown indicated Ryan Bedner's interest to be brought on-board the Germantown Police Department and Councilman Zanchelli made a motion to approve his appointment and was seconded by Councilman Cidras.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Lamberta: Aye

A motion was made to go to Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli, with all in favor, none opposed.

In Executive session 7:45pm/Motion made to end Executive session at 7:55 made by Councilman Cidras and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, with all in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Brown makes recommendation to board to accept Officer Harvey's leave of absence and motion is made by Councilman Cidras and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli to do so.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Lamberta: Aye

Supervisor Brown also indicated his acceptance of the recommendation by Commissioner Rekow to appoint Mr Dody and Mr VanWagner as cadets to the upcoming academy. Motion made by Councilman Zanchelli and seconded by Councilman Cidras to approve their appointments.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Lamberta: Aye

Supervisor Brown indicated the revision to the Policy manual and his willingness to accept it. Councilwoman Lamberta made a motion to accept the policy manual as placed before her and the board on August 21 and was seconded by Councilman Cidras.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilman Zanchelli: Aye

Supervisor Brown mentioned the kennel contract the town has with Pine Plains Veterinarian. The Deputy Clerk read the new contract and Mr. Brown suggested that in sub-paragraph f of the first paragraph the word negligent be placed before intentional and willful and then asked for approval of the contract as read. Councilwoman Lamberta made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Cidras to approve the contract.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilman Zanchelli: Aye

A resolution regarding Circulation Printing was read by the Deputy Town Clerk:

WHEREAS, Circulation Printing manufactured screen-printed t-shirts in Germantown from December of 2005 until the Spring of 2006, and

WHEREAS, Circulation Printing employed 1 person within close proximity of Germantown, and

WHEREAS, physical problems prevented Circulation Printing from remaining at 2 Main Street, Germantown beyond 2006, and

WHEREAS, Circulation Printing attempted to relocate in Germantown, but could find no comparable space, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has heard public comments that extraordinary circumstances existed to warrant the relocation of Circulation Printing into the Kingston/Ulster Empire Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Germantown consents to the relocation of Circulation Printing from Germantown to the Kingston/Ulster Empire Zone. Motion made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli to accept the resolution.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilman Cidras: Aye

9/11 Memorial update: Chairman Jennings asked for the board's permission to move ahead and gave a location of Main St. and Palatine Park Rd. A sketch, designed by Mike DelPozzo, was submitted to the board and a request for the highway and maintenance departments to assist in the landscaping portion. There would be a gazebo behind the monument. A campaign has been started to raise funding which approximates \$10,000. Supervisor Brown indicated the total support of the board to go forward with the project and to keep them updated.

All board members have a copy of the Germantown Survey Report from the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Supervisor Brown mentioned a resident wishing to tap into the sewer system and his request for the town to assist in the expense of it. He also invited Eagle Scout James Schneider to approach the board with his project of building platforms to put by the trail to present a dry, flat surface for campers to pitch a tent on the grounds. Mr. Brown recommended James meet with the Park Commission to get their input and approval as well as give them a heads up. Austin Sullivan will set up a meeting between the parties.

Highway Superintendent Jennings mentioned an opening for a full-time employee on the Highway Department to replace Denis Crawford who will be leaving on September 5, 2006. Supervisor Brown congratulated Denis and thanked him for his years of service to the town.

Councilwoman Lamberta mentioned Clay Highless, of the Hudson River Foundation, which gives grants to communities along the Hudson River. He contacted her about a new grant coming out and if the board was interested. Supervisor Brown indicated his support and will pursue the application process.

Board Workshop on September 11th at 6:00pm to go over preliminary budget for 2007 and engineer from Tektonic will meet with board members and Planning and Zoning boards to review the SEQR process.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to adjourn the town board meeting and Councilwoman Lamberta seconded, with all in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,