

November 20, 2006 Minutes of Germantown Town Board meeting, held at the Town Hall, commencing at 7:30.

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

Recorded by: Charlene Diehl, Town Clerk

The Supervisor led the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to approve minutes from previous month's meeting as well as the Public Hearing minutes for the Budget made by Councilman Zanchelli, and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder, with all in favor, none opposed.

Motion to approve Budget Status Report made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Cidras.

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

Motion to pay audited bill from abstract made by Councilman Zanchelli and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder.

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

The clerk read a letter from Karen Scofield thanking the board for the Senior excursions.

Highway Communications

Mr. Jennings reported that painting and winterizing of the highway trucks had occurred, as well as a 4-way stop sign installed at the East Camp and Round Top road intersections.

Police Communications

At the December meeting, all police officers and cadets will be present.

There is a public safety meeting on November 21, 2006.

Old Business

9/11 Memorial Update: At the November 9th meeting a vote was taken to use Mike DelPozzo's drawing. Measurements at the site have been taken to determine height and landscaping design and the steel from New Jersey has been picked up.

On December 5, Councilwoman Snyder and Supervisor Brown will be looking at a memorial to bring ideas back to the community. The current design by Mr. DelPozzo has been well received by local community groups.

Sidewalk Update

Earlier in the month, Congressman Sweeney made a presentation for a grant to the town for the sidewalk project for \$909,705, with \$227,700 being the town's share to contribute. The Committee had reapplied for the grant money since the original project in 1999 was underfunded and prices had risen. Construction is due to start in early spring.

Parks/Maintenance

Truck replacement issue had been tabled from last month so the board could review the truck and evaluate the purchase of a new one. It was determined that a truck will be needed in the next few years and the issue was tabled so more information can be gathered.

The only bid for a furnace for the Highway garage came from Valley Oil. To replace and remove the existing furnace it will be \$4,300. At the present time only one furnace is running, non-stop.

A motion to accept Valley Oil's bid for removal and replacement of the furnace made by Councilman Zanchelli and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta.

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

A motion for a fund transfer was made by Councilwoman Lamberta, with a second from Councilwoman Snyder.

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

A resolution to adopt the budget for 2007 was made by Councilman Zanchelli and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta.

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

Resolution for Chargeback Agreement for Northern Dutchess Rescue Squad

Supervisor Brown met and discussed proposals put forth due to reports received about the level of service and met with other town supervisors about the issue. The decision was made to give a 15% increase as opposed to the 100% they had requested, and Supervisor Brown will revisit the issue in January when Northern Dutchess will provide response times along with expenditures.

Motion to approve the chargeback made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder.

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

Zoning Board member Tom Bower reported that he had checked with other towns and found that their zoning and planning board members are paid. He also expressed concern that decisions made by the Board of Appeals/Zoning Board are not being enforced. Supervisor Brown suggested that Mr. Bower sit with himself and the Building Inspector to make sure decisions made are being reinforced.

Resident Larry Osgood verified with the Supervisor that the new sidewalk will go to the site of the new library, coming down the Town Hall side of the road and crossing over and continuing to 9G.

He also verified with the supervisor that the chargeback monies will be taken out of the county tax; it doesn't affect the town's operating budget.

Motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder, with all in favor, none opposed.

Motion to end Executive Session made by Councilman Cidras and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli, with all in favor, none opposed.

Motion to adjourn the town board meeting made by Supervisor Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, with all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,