

December 18, 2006 Minutes of Germantown Town Board meeting, held at the Town Hall, commencing at 7:30pm.

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 made by Councilwoman Snyder, and seconded by Councilman Cidras, with all in favor, none opposed.

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

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

Motion to approve purchase of Dell laptop computer for Town Clerk made by Councilman Zanchelli and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta.

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

Motion to pay audited bills from abstract made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder.

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

The clerk read a letter of resignation from Planning Board member Shirley Kasper, indicating her intent to leave by the end of the year. Supervisor Brown stated his regrets for her resignation and thanked her for her years of service to the community. Motion to accept her resignation made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Snyder, with all in favor, none opposed.

Police Communications

All police officers and cadets were present, and introduced themselves to the Board and those in the audience

Highway Communications

Highway Superintendent Jennings requested the board approve \$1,000 for a new control valve for the John Deere mower – it has to be ordered and he would like it done by the end of the year.

Motion to approve purchase of a new control valve made by Councilman Zanchelli and seconded by Councilman Cidras.

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

Mr. Jennings also noted the highway crew was working on Viewmont Road since the stone there was coming loose. He noted in the December 1st storm that 14 trees went down and had to be cleaned up and put through the chipper.

He also noted that the new furnace was being installed Thursday.

Old Business

Mr. Trezza, representing Mr. Terranova, wanted to speak to the board regarding Mr. Terranova's request for a local law to be created amending the zoning now in place on the property he is interested in developing. The engineer from LCR Group hadn't arrived yet to explain the proposal to the board and it was decided the board would wait until he arrived.

Supervisor Brown said that David Stocks, who owned property on lower Main St. by the sewer plant, was interested in purchasing .13 acres of land from the town to increase his acreage. Mr. Brown said the property in question was appraised at \$3,500, it doesn't affect the entrance to the sewer plant or any future expansions the plant may have.

Councilman Cidras and Councilwoman Lamberta indicated they would like to look at the property in question. It was noted that the sale would be subject to a permissive referendum. The issue was tabled for further discussion at January's meeting.

Supervisor Brown recommended appointing Rao Gaddipati to the position on the Planning Board being vacated by Shirley Kasper. Motion to approve Mr. Gaddipati's appointment made by Councilman Cidras and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli.

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

The Supervisor indicated there is a committee looking for someone to take over the Town website and keep it current. Since no one has indicated an interest, the Supervisor suggested seeking bids for a new carrier to update and maintain the website/community calendar via a Request for Proposal (RFP). Motion to issue an RFP for the website made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Cidras.

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

New Business

Local Law #1 of 2007: Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Motion to accept the law made by Councilwoman Snyder and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta.

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

Local Law #2 of 2007: Adoption of Planning/Zoning Board Application Fee Schedule. Motion to accept the law made by Councilman Cidras and seconded by Councilman Zanchelli.

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

Resident Larry Osgood asked that there be a period for public comment on the 9/11 memorial, due to the importance of the project. Supervisor Brown said there will be a public hearing for comments about the 9/11 memorial on February 26th at 7:00pm.

The end of the year board meeting will be held December 28th at 12:00pm. Reorganizational meeting to be held January 22nd at 6:30pm and the next town board meeting will be held on January 22nd at 7:30, due to the holiday the week before.

Supervisor Brown thanked all who came to the tree lighting ceremony and also thanked Brian DuBois for police presence and said that the Garden Club had put the tree together.

Mr. Trezza and the engineer with LCR Group gave a presentation on the Terranova project and what the 2 options for the property would look like. Mr. Terranova would like the property zoned as Village Residential, and plans to put in 48 units, leaving half of the property undeveloped.

Town Attorney Jason Shaw said he and the board would have to see the results of the SEQR process before reviewing any option to change existing zoning boundaries. He stated that they could attach a proposed re-zoned map to the local law and that the first part of SEQR and a proposed map would have to be submitted to the board before further discussions could take place on this matter.

Motion made to go into Executive Session to discuss legal issues made by Councilman Zanchelli and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, with all in favor, none opposed.

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

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Cidras, with all in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,