



but it was not sufficient for the town's use. The State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) in Glens Falls lent the town a generator sufficient for the job; it's been hooked up and work has begun.

Valve repair in the Pump Station is needed; the plan from 2002 will be used once DEC approves it.

George did an inspection of the manholes in town to see if they were contributing to the excess rainwater coming in. He didn't see any leaks and is drafting a letter to send to those in the sewer district about the issue.

George contacted the manufacturer of the sludge tank as there is corrosion occurring, and they recommended a coating to use. Councilwoman Lamberta confirmed with Mr. Sharpe that the sandblasting and repainting work needed to be done will be contracted out.

On May 8<sup>th</sup> there was a power outage in the town for a few hours and everything in the Sewer district worked ok.

Plans for a new sewer hook-up were finalized on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Maintenance** - reported by Anthony Cidras

- During the River Sweep, 22 bags of trash, 9 tires and 4 computer monitors were removed;
- pothole repairs were done in the ball field parking lots;
- tree pruning continued in the park;
- grills and picnic tables are out in the park;
- fans installed in the Activity Building;
- met with H2O Operations about lake maintenance and putting in intern hours for Anthony's internship;
- mowing and weed-eating in the parks and grounds has started.

**Police Department** – reported by Roger Rekow

- 249.5 hours of patrol time was logged in for the month of April - a lot of this is due to the recruits and their training requirements. The number of 'ride along' hours has increased from 40 to 160, which means townspeople will see multiple officers in a vehicle.

Commissioner Rekow advised the board that Jason Garvey has been appointed to the Sheriff's Office and Officer-In-Charge Lawson and the Commissioner recommend the board fill the position with Arceni Polyak.

A motion to approve Arceni Polyak to the Germantown Police Department was made by Supervisor Brown and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder.

Councilwoman Lamberta: Aye Councilman Craig: Aye

**Park Commission** - reported by Mike George

- meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 to discuss Fall plans
- volunteers are being sought
- basketballs backboards are still being worked on

**Economic Development** - reported by Corinne Curry

Ms. Curry attended a meeting regarding a long-range, 10-year plan for economic development, but has nothing to report at this time.

**Emergency Preparedness** - reported by Joel Craig

Councilman Craig reported that Clermont has contacted us to discuss ways to work with them for emergency preparedness.

**Re-Zoning Committee** - Reported by Joel Craig

- April 27<sup>th</sup> was the last meeting, at which representatives from the Columbia County Health Department attended to discuss water and sewer in the area.
- working on a Table of Uses in various zones;
- will put public forum presentation on the town website and community channel - another is planned for the fall;
- next meeting is June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm.

**300/400 Anniversary** - reported by Roy Brown

- meeting scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm - it will be an open meeting concentrating on the 300<sup>th</sup> celebration planning;
- the Haalve Moon will be leaving New York City on June 6<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to arrive in Albany on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The date the ship will be passing Germantown is Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - if you have a boat feel free to ride out.

Councilwoman Snyder announced that the State Police had requested from the Fire Department that emergency vehicles be able to access the boat launch in case of an emergency involving the Haalve Moon passing by, and that there will be limited parking at the boat launch from midnight on June 10<sup>th</sup> to midnight on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Representatives Sherry Barringer and Jim Castle from G-Tel gave a presentation to the town board and audience about their new Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) system which is expected to launch in mid to late June of this year. This system will enable customers to get the programming they have been requesting and customers will be able to build packages to suit their programming needs.

Supervisor Brown received some quotes for a sign at the Roe Jan Kill Park, paid for with grant monies received for the park. The sign recommended is similar to that in the Municipal Parking lot for \$1,530 and will come out of the grant funds.

Motion made by Councilwoman Lamberta to move forward with purchasing the sign for the Roe Jan Kill Park by Dales Bridge and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder.  
Supervisor Brown: Aye                      Councilman Craig:                      Aye

Supervisor Brown has a quote for picnic tables for the Roe Jan Kill Park, paid for with the grant monies. The quote for 12 picnic tables is \$6,684 and there are sufficient monies leftover for the purchase.

Motion to approve purchase of 12 picnic tables for Roe Jan Kill Park made by Councilman Craig and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta.  
Supervisor Brown: Aye                      Councilwoman Snyder:                      Aye

Supervisor Brown confirmed with Anthony that clearing for the Park will begin on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and hopes for the park dedication this summer.

There is no signed agreement for the sidewalk project - it has to be sent back to the engineer for some review.

Supervisor Brown recommends the board accept the resignation of Fred Lang from the Board of Assessment Review, due to his being out of the country for personal reasons.

Motion to accept Fred Lang's resignation from the Board of Assessment Review and to fill his unexpired term with Michael McCagg made by Councilwoman Snyder and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder.  
Supervisor Brown:                      Aye                      Councilman Craig:                      Aye

Supervisor Brown confirmed that Mr. McCagg had completed the required certification course for the Board of Assessment Review.

Resolution #28 - Renaming the Germantown Community Youth and Activity Building in honor of the Paul J. Kellner family.

**WHEREAS**, the Germantown Town Board wishes to rename the Germantown Community Youth and Activity Building in honor of a family who have given back to their community after achieving the American Dream, and

**WHEREAS**, the Paul J. Kellner family provided an anonymous donation of \$50,000.00 to construct a community and youth activity building for all residents and organizations of Germantown to use, and

**WHEREAS**, it is most appropriate that the Germantown Town Board should rename a certain town building in Germantown to permanently commemorate the Kellner family's legendary accomplishments of giving to those communities, organizations and people to help them achieve their American Dream,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town of Germantown, Columbia County in the State of New York that the Germantown Community and Youth Activity Building, located at 54 Palatine Park Road in Germantown, New York is hereby officially designated the 'Kellner Community Youth and Activity Building' in recognition of the Paul J. Kellner family contributions to the Town of Germantown, effective May 1, 2009.

Supervisor Brown said the board would like to recognize the contributions of the Kellner family who had contributed \$50,000 in 1980 to the town, which was used to build the Community Youth and Activity Building.

Motion to approve the resolution made by Councilman Craig and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta.

Supervisor Brown:                      Aye                      Councilwoman Snyder:                      Aye

Councilwoman Snyder gave an update on the Germantown School GAP after school program. There are approximately 50 children enrolled in the program now and they enjoy a variety of projects and classes. They are now accepting reservations for the upcoming school year and those interested can contact Janet Crawford for volunteering or teaching a class.

Supervisor Brown presented Certificates of Recognition to:

Ellen Epstein - for her work as Planning Board Chairperson

Corinne Curry - for her work as curator of Points of View for ArtSpace

Joel Craig - for his service as Planning Board Chair for the period of 1993 - 2007

### **Supervisor's Report**

- Grievance Day for property assessment is May 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 at the Town Hall;
- School board budget and board member vote is May 19<sup>th</sup> at the school;
- inquiries into a bus line from Bard College to Germantown were made, but due to the economic climate it will not come to fruition;
- Lindsey Chubb was recognized by the Columbia County Youth Advisory Board for her achievements in her volunteerism with the school, community, church and academic accomplishments. She will be studying Pre-Med at Syracuse University.
- G-Tel was recently recognized for their 100 years of service to the community by a County Proclamation and congratulations to them.
- thanks to Anthony Cidras and Patrick Ebling as well as Martin and Cathy Overington for their help with the River Sweep
- effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, New York State will impose an increased fee of \$5.00 to the existing \$5.00 fee through your insurance company. This \$10 goes to a fund which is used for motor vehicle theft and fraud prevention by the NYS Police.
- The Columbia Land Conservancy is partnering with the Hudson River Estuary program for a two-part workshop for Planning and Zoning board members. The dates are June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup> and Supervisor Brown encourages all members of the boards to attend the training, and reminds board members that New York State requires board members to undergo annual training.

- Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-12:00 is the Columbia County Hazardous Waste Collection Day. A list will be posted at the Town Hall stating what will be accepted. This is for the Greenport station only.

### **Open to Public**

Art Schiff urges the board give consideration to the public interest over the request from the State Police to make access for emergency vehicles during the Haalve Moon journey up the Hudson River. Supervisor Brown stated the intent is not to shut down the Anchorage for visitors, but to make available spots for emergency vehicles. The board is giving residents a heads up that these vehicles have to be there and that cars cannot be double-parked or block the access of the emergency vehicles.

Mr. Schiff also inquired about the recent robberies and what can be done. Supervisor Brown said there is an ongoing investigation with the Germantown and State Police.

Ellen Epstein expressed her concern about the ditching and mowing along town roads by the Highway Department, and that serious cuts along the tree roots will destroy the trees. She feels this process could be done more wisely.

She also expressed concern about a property on Viewmont Road that contains three driveway cuts, and that the Planning Board has never seen the property, which may or may not meet code. She feels the Highway Department should communicate to the Planning Board about their oversight of driveways being installed, and Councilman Craig indicated he will touch base with Rich Jennings about the parcel.

Mike George thanked everyone for their support of the Cub Scouts pancake breakfast, and said that with some of the proceeds they had planted flowers in the parking lot.

The next town board meeting is June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilwoman Snyder and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,