

Minutes of August 17, 2009 Germantown Town Board meeting, held at the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm

Present: Supervisor Roy Brown
Councilwoman Joan Snyder
Councilwoman Graceann Lamberta
Councilman Jeremy Smith
Town Lawyer Jason Shaw

Not Present: Councilman Joel Craig
Highway Superintendent Rich Jennings

Recorded by: Town Clerk Charlene Diehl

Supervisor Brown opened the meeting and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to approve the June town board meeting minutes made by Councilwoman Snyder and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to approve the July town board meeting minutes made by Councilwoman Snyder and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to approve paying the audited bills as written made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder.

Supervisor Brown: Aye

Councilman Smith: Aye

Communication - Town Clerk (letters available at the Clerk's Office)

- note read from Linda and George Sharpe on their enjoyment of the flowers at the Martha Lorenz-Van Allen Memorial and a thank you to those involved in the project
- Hunting licenses went on sale August 17th and DEC has revised fee schedule

Department Updates

Highway Department - reported by Graceann Lamberta

- roads oiled and stoned;
- sealed East Camp Road where leveled;
- sealed Saw Mill Road on new blacktop;
- Reuter Road finished to state specs;
- replaced a 5ft x 60 ft culvert on Hunterstown Road on an emergency basis. Visage helped out by supplying an excavator at a low cost - thanks to Charlie Lent;
- a claim has been filed with the county for possible reimbursement for the flood damage on Hunterstown Road;
- Maple Avenue has been ditched and seeded
- another round of mowing is planned to be completed before school starts, weather permitting;
- drag boxing to save the edges will be finished on Sawmill Road in the next two weeks.

Sewer - reported by Joel Craig and George Sharpe Jr.

- average daily flow - 35,000 gallons;
- one new lateral connected to the system;
- repairs made to Pump Station #2

Maintenance - reported by Anthony Cidras

- a leak in the roof of the Activity building was patched;

- a light for the Town Hall parking lot has been attached to the pole and is waiting for G-tel to install it;
- lake has been stocked with about 30 grass carp;
- lake was treated on August 5th so the carp could go right to the water chestnuts; Anthony is trying to figure out a better way to deal with the problem, and Supervisor Brown suggested several alternative methods of keeping the geese away;
- quart sleeves for the UV systems were ordered;
- one of the basketball courts has been lined;
- clearing and grading at Dales Bridge is being done;
- someone removed all the signs from the ball field but they were not stolen or damaged;
- Anthony confirmed with Councilman Smith that an official grand opening is planned for Dales Bridge once all work there is done and the park is getting some use. The park will be named the Roe-Jan Kill Park.
- Two old Sears mowers should be declared as surplus to get rid of and the Crown Victoria will be going on the county's web site as such;
- Handicap-sign stencil and paint has been ordered for the allocated spaces in front of the Activity Building and Anthony is ensuring the signs are lawful;
- Anthony wants to stock the lake with bass and minnows, which will be good for fishing. He can get 1,000 minnows for \$90 and from \$1.00-\$2.25 apiece for the bass and it will help keep the sunnies at bay.

Anthony would like to order two more basketball hoops and backboards for \$1,090, and requested the board approve the purchase – he is comfortable the funds are in the budget.

Motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,090 to purchase two basketball hoops and backboards made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Smith.
 Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Snyder: Aye

Police Department – reported by Roger Rekow

- 264.5 hours of patrol time were logged in July

Commissioner Rekow indicated he had received a request from the Sheriff's Office to sponsor a cadet, Joseph Kilmer, at this year's academy. Supervisor Brown said he had also received a call requesting this sponsorship, as the Sheriff's Office had reached their maximum number of sponsored cadets.

Councilman Smith expressed his reservation about sponsoring another cadet and asked Commissioner Rekow if he had met with the candidate. Mr. Rekow said he would be meeting with him shortly and that if Mr. Kilmer passes his physical he would then be a cadet.

Motion to approve sponsoring Joseph Kilmer at the Police Academy made by Councilwoman Snyder and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta.
 Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilman Smith: Abstained from voting

Economic Development - reported by Roy Brown

- meeting on Wednesday, August 19th at 10:00am at the Town Hall;
- Corinne Curry and Supervisor Brown went to Troy and met with the folks from River Street;

300/400 Anniversary – reported by Jerry Smith

Councilman Smith reported that the group is looking at alternative sites for the placement of the analemma and he would like to defer any decisions made until the next month so that the board can visit the other potential locations, including the school. He would like to speak with the school about the project as well. Mr. Smith brought up two of the projects the group would like to initiate: putting a logo on the side of the salt

building, and hanging banners referencing the celebration on telephone poles, and said there would be more to report at next month's meeting.

Sidewalk Project

Supervisor Brown said he had the plans were with DOT Region 8 in Poughkeepsie and that some revisions were being done. Mr. Brown spoke with Assemblyman Lopez, who contacted DOT to get the project moving forward. It is hoped the contract will be awarded during the upcoming winter months and that the town can break ground in the spring.

Supervisor Brown told the board he is preparing for the budget and getting copies of each department's expenditures to date. He will be meeting with Councilwoman Snyder and setting up the budget workshops.

Resolution #33 – Justice Court Audit

Whereas, the Germantown Justice Court had an audit for 2008 as required by New York State Office of Court Administration by the Town Financial Officer, now

Therefore be it resolved, that the Germantown Town Board hereby accepts the 2008 Town Justice Court audit as required by the Office of Court Administration, this 17th day of August, 2009.

Motion to approve the resolution made by Councilwoman Lamberta, with a second by Councilwoman Snyder.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilman Smith: Aye

Resolution #34 – David Robinson

Motion to approve David Robinson the Sewer District Project Consultant made by Councilwoman Snyder and seconded by Councilman Smith.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Lamberta: Aye

Supervisor Brown reported that an emergency expenditure for culvert repair of \$7,000 was necessary to replace 60 feet of culvert on Hunterstown Road as a result of the July 31st rainstorm. As Highway Superintendent Jennings report stated, Visage assisted with a large excavator and the project is being finished up and the end of the road will be resurfaced.

Verbal motion ratifying the emergency expenditure of the \$7,000 for pipe replacement and to apply for FEMA funding due to the storm made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilwoman Snyder.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilman Smith: Aye

Councilman Smith remarked that the school board allows the attending public to make comments on the agenda items and he would appreciate the public input to help in facilitating decisions.

Councilwoman Snyder said she had received another sewer reduction request from a deceased resident's daughter since the home is currently vacant. Joan would like the board's approval to temporarily reduce the rent.

Motion to temporarily reduce the sewer rent on the Poucher residence made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Smith.

Supervisor Brown: Aye Councilwoman Snyder: Aye

Supervisor's Reports

- Funding for the police car was received;
- Three Town Economic Development Committee funding of \$11,000 was received from Senator Lopez. The town supervisors and business folks will work on ideas for economic development and all meetings will be publicized. A three-town overlay map is being drawn up for the project as well.

- The request of stimulus money made to Senator Gillibrand's office for Phase 2 of the Sidewalk project was turned down. The grant request will be reviewed during the next open cycle;
- The town is waiting to hear back from Congressman Murphy's office regarding funding for Phase 2 of the Sidewalk project;
- A meeting with Mr. Beaury regarding continuation of the student intern program was held recently, and Mr. Beaury will get back to the board regarding the upcoming school year.

Councilman Smith said he would like for the board members to meet with Mr. Beaury to get the expectations for the board and from the board on this program. He said the program could be of considerable benefit but more time should be spent on defining expectations from both sides. He feels it's an excellent program and everyone should be operating from the same page and that anything that can be done to foster this type of program should be done.

Councilwoman Snyder said the interns were very enthusiastic about the program and it deserves continued cooperation from all parties.

Supervisor Brown thanked Councilwoman Snyder, George Sharpe, Anthony Cidras and the highway crew for their efforts during a recent rainstorm during which flooding conditions necessitated some emergency actions that Mr. Brown was not in the area to facilitate.

Open to Public

Art Schiff confirmed with Supervisor Brown the information on the culvert repair on Hunterstown Road that was reported on earlier, and Mr. Schiff inquired if there were records available to see how this road issue has transpired over the last few years. Supervisor Brown said his own inquiry found no such records, and Councilman Smith suggested the Mr. Schiff get together with Highway Superintendent Jennings to discuss the matter.

Mr. Schiff remarked about the serious budget shortfall that Copake is experiencing and asked about the town's budget status and his concern about the sales tax and mortgage tax revenues. Mr. Brown answered that we are in good standing budget wise, thanks in part to the conservative projected revenues that were used to make up last year's budget.

Mr. Schiff stated his concern about the county's decision not to move Social Services to the old Ockawamick School and that the building remains a major problem.

David Forman thanked Supervisor Brown for letting him sit in on the last Economic Development committee meeting and he will go to the school to speak about participation in the art project.

The next town board meeting is September 21st at 7:00pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,