



Councilman Smith asked if the board needed to act on any of these problems before funding opportunities are secured and was advised to start implementing what the town can afford to, and that using the rust prohibitor to stop the rust should be done at the earliest opportunity. Highway Superintendent Rich Jennings indicated that he has some rust prohibitor for George to use, after pictures are taken to document the rust damage.

The engineers from Delaware Engineering will work with George on developing a temporary solution to some of these issues and they will do more research and come back with next steps needed.

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

- Letter of appreciation from Stephanie Marasco regarding the summer parks swimming lesson program.

**Department Updates**

**Highway Department** - reported by Highway Superintendent Rich Jennings

- mowing leaves, clearing ditches and drainage pipes for winter;
- docks at both boat launches are out of the water for the winter;
- trucks are inspected for the year;
- crews are cutting dead trees and limbs – he has a list of where wood is located for those interested, contact him for information.

Mr. Jennings submitted some price quotes he had gotten for a soft-sided cab and snow blower, which is needed to help in cleaning snow from the village. Of the three quotes he received, he recommended Keil's Equipment as the best quote, for \$5,039, and asked for the town board's approval to purchase.

Motion to approve the purchase of a cab and snow blower from Keil's Equipment, for \$5,039, was made by Councilwoman Snyder and approved by Councilwoman Lamberta.

Supervisor Brown:           Aye                   Councilman Craig: Aye  
Councilman Smith:         Aye

**Sewer** - reported by George Sharpe, Jr.

- average daily flow - 33,000 gallons;
- 45 home inspections have been completed;
- working on fixing the old fence;
- clearing out leaves and preparing for winter;
- meeting with the school next week.

George reported that flows have gone down since the home inspections began and that homeowner's have been accommodating during his inspections.

**Parks & Maintenance** - reported by Anthony Cidras

- split rail fence and bench rail is fixed;
- starting to build picnic tables for Dales Bridge;
- light is working outside of Town Hall;
- worked on a bathroom problem at the Parsonage;
- started bench rail system at Cheviot – the poles will be bumper height and Anthony will replace the 3 rotting poles.

Anthony reported that he is still waiting for a reply from NYSERDA about the grant money for furnace replacements. Rich Jennings asked that the Highway be put on the list for a furnace cleaning.

**Police Department** – reported by Commissioner Roger Rekow

- 276 hours of patrol time logged for October – Mr. Rekow informed the board that ever officer had received 4 hours of mandatory training this past month.

**Economic Development** - reported by Corinne Curry

- ArtSpace reopened on October 9<sup>th</sup> with Picture Books by the Crews family to much success, with a class of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students attending as well. Thanks to the sitters, Austin Sullivan, Anthony Cidras and the Einhorn's for letting their space be used.
- Discover Germantown was very successful, though it was held on the rain date of October 25<sup>th</sup>. The Germantown Library sale, held both days, was successful as well, as was the Lion's Club Apple festival. Thanks to those who participated: Central House, Blue Stores, Cue to Go, Hailey's, Emma's Garden, Otto's, Palatine Pizza and Santa Fe and G-Tel. Corrine also thanked the Lewick Brothers and their realtors for donating the funds to have Central House available. Supervisor Brown thanked Corinne, Austin and Don Crews for their help in making the event successful.

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

- Meeting scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup> – this will be a 4-hour session to start wrapping things up for early next year.

**300/400 Anniversary** - reported by Jerry Smith

- Meeting scheduled for December 1st;
- Well in hand with projects the board has been informed about, and the committee expects banner will be on Main Street soon, with the help of Rich Jennings and the staff of G-Tel;
- Contributions have continued, with approximately \$20,000 donated to date and fund raising is going well.

**Parks Commission** – reported by Jerry Smith

- Meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, and Jerry thinks the time is coming to think about the future of the Parks Commission and the long-term goals of the Park. There are funds available for specific purposes and a direction for these projects needs to be mapped out.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel and Litigation issue was made by Councilwoman Lamberta and seconded by Councilman Craig, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilwoman Snyder and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta, with all in favor and none opposed.

**Board Intern Updates**

LeeAnn and Taylor reported on the presentation they did on teen dating violence for grade 7-12. The presentation was so successful they have been asked by a representative of the Greene County Office of Domestic Abuse to give the presentation at another school. They reported on the questionnaire that had been sent to students, and indicated that girls in grades 11 and 12 were in a higher percentage of abusive relationships than those in the lower grades, though most were not aware they were experiencing violent relationships. The interns thanked Councilwoman Lamberta for suggesting this presentation.

Supervisor Brown and Councilman Craig said they had seen the presentation as well and everyone involved did a great job.

Joseph, Patty and Max reported on their project, which was a questionnaire on local services provided by the town, namely the Police and Highway Departments. Of the feedback they received, the majority of residents were in favor of the services, saying the departments were needed, although not to the current staffing levels they operate at.

Supervisor Brown thanked the students for their work and the update on the projects to date.

Mr. Brown indicated there had been a public hearing earlier on the Analemma memorial proposal and that those in attendance had been in favor of it. Councilman Craig said the memorial is important to commemorate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Germantown and it promotes the arts as well.

### Resolution #36 - Analemma

WHEREAS, the town board approves the building of an Analemma on an approved location on town park grounds in celebration of the 300 years that the town has existed since the arrival of the Palatines in 1710, and

WHEREAS, the Analemma will be built of donated stones, and constructed by volunteer labor at no cost to the town or its taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, students from Germantown Central School will be invited to participate in the design and building of the Analemma, and

NOTING, that the design, an elongated figure eight, will depend on the shadow cast from a twelve foot pole which will remain part of the final Analemma, and

NOTING, that the design will be approximately thirty feet long by ten feet wide and stand at a height of approximately three feet with an appropriate width, and

NOTING, that the foundations will be adequate to eliminate subsidence, and that the completed Analemma will be surrounded by a base of shells or small stones to minimize upkeep and maintenance, and

NOTING, that a local contractor has offered to advise on construction details and materials, and

NOTING, that the town Engineer, Mr. Edward Butler of Tectonic Engineering, has offered his technical advice as necessary,

THEREFORE NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Germantown Town Board hereby approves the building of an Analemma to commemorate the 300<sup>th</sup> celebration of the arrival of the Palatines, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

**Motion to approve the Analemma memorial stone wall was made by Councilwoman Snyder, with a second by Councilwoman Lamberta.**

Supervisor Brown:           Aye                   Councilman Craig: Aye  
Councilman Smith:           Aye

Supervisor Brown brought up the Behlin property update, which is a piece of abandoned property on Rte 9G, site of the First Lutheran Church cemetery, which has been condemned by the Building Department. The County Attorney's office has the property ready for bid and Supervisor Brown wanted to know if the board was interested in the property, and if they were he would speak with the county to see if an agreement could be reached to eliminate the back taxes owed on the property.

Councilman Smith said he had reviewed the property with some folks from the History department, as this is the site of the First Lutheran cemetery and there is interest from an historical point of view. Mary Howell, the County Historian, reviewed the property, as did John Fieser from the Building Department and Anthony Cidras. Mr. Smith asked Scoob's Excavating for an estimate on demolishing the house, as Alvin Sheffer says the barn can be restored, and received a price of \$5,000. Two major aspects that need to be looked into further are the asbestos siding and the location of the cemetery, and Councilman Smith asked for a deferment on any decisions for a month so he can look into the matter further. He feels the town could sell the property once they have secured the location of the cemetery for the History Department, and wants Supervisor Brown to inform the county that the town is interested in the historical aspect of the cemetery.

Councilwoman Snyder indicated her position that if the county wants to put the property for sale they should, and she is not in favor of the town taking over the property.

Town Lawyer Jason Shaw has questions about how this transaction would work and that the sale of the property would be subject to permissive referendum.

Councilman Craig said the town is not in the real estate business and the property could sit on the market indefinitely.

After Supervisor Brown queried the board members, no board members other than Councilman Smith are interested in pursuing talks to obtain the property from the county.

Councilman Smith brought up an issue he had previously raised which was having a public input on items on the agenda, rather than limit public comments to the end of the meeting.

Supervisor Brown said this was an issue to be addressed for the reorganizational meeting, but in the past this was not something the board was in favor of.

Councilman Smith inquired about the town's property on Saw Mill Road and if there was any possibility to develop it. Supervisor Brown said that nobody has asked about the property except the Sportsmen's and that anyone interested should bring a proposal to the town board.

Supervisor Brown said that three budget workshops and a public hearing had been held on the 2010 budget, and thanked the board for working with him to keep the budget the same as last year, with no net increase. The rate will remain at \$2.85 per thousand.

Motion to adopt the 2010 budget as presented at the public hearing was made by Councilwoman Snyder and seconded by Councilwoman Lamberta.

Supervisor Brown:	Aye	Councilman Craig:	Aye
Councilman Smith:	Aye		

Councilman Craig said that although kudos goes to Roy for a no net increase budget, the board needs to review departments and services the town provides and how to proceed in the future. Supervisor Brown said the town provides a lot and the board will drill down and look at services and departments next year to see where cuts can be made.

Councilman Smith said he was disappointed that more wasn't cut from the budget but he will support this budget.

### **Supervisor's Report**

- Gary Tuthill from NYS Department of Health has been hired to help the county health director with a response plan in case of an H1N1 outbreak. They have been monitoring school attendance and recently performed an exercise with 911 officials in the county that would respond to such an incident.
- Thanks to G-Tel for setting the pole in the town hall parking lot, to Martin Overington for donating the light, Anthony for providing the power hook-up and to Betty Ahrens for being persistent in getting the pole up and lighted for public safety at night.
- Lauren Beck from the Office of the Aging was here on November 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss HEAP opportunities to our residents.
- December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:20 pm will be the public hearing on the County budget at 401 State Street.
- The County passed a resolution authorizing the administrator of Pine Haven Nursing Home to request proposals for architectural services as it relates to building a new nursing facility at the current Pine Haven site.

- The County Board passed a resolution to establish the Department of County Audit and Control and the creation of County Auditor/Controller. There are currently ads in local papers as well as the NY Times and Wall Street Journal seeking applicants.

Councilman Craig reminded the public that new regulations are in effect for burning brush and debris and they should check the DEC website to make sure they meet them before burning.

**Open to Public**

Otto's Market is having its one year anniversary on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a celebration planned from 6:00-8:00 and folks should stop in.

The next town board meeting is December 14<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,