

Minutes of Germantown Town Board meeting, held March 24, 2014 at the Germantown Town Hall, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig
Councilman Westmore
Councilman Mortenson
Councilman Phelan
Councilwoman Dunn

Recorded by: Town Clerk Joyce Vale

Supervisor Craig called the meeting to order and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Councilman Westmore made a motion to approve the February Town Board meeting minutes; Councilwoman Dunn seconded the motion, with all in favor and none opposed.

Councilman Mortenson made a motion to approve paying audited bills, Councilman Phelan seconded the motion.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Westmore:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye
Councilwoman Dunn:	Aye

Communications – Town Clerk

No written communications reported.

Department Updates

Maintenance reported by, Anthony Cidras

- Fixing what winter has broken, fixing outlets out in front of Town Hall
- Fixed handrail at the Parsonage, plumbing problem at the Parsonage
- Floors were waxed in the Town Hall. In the upcoming month going to wax the kitchen and the bathrooms in the activity building.
- Working on getting estimates for the doors. Has 2 of them, waiting for the 3rd one, should be getting it by the end of this week.
- Will be replacing front and rear doors of Town Hall almost half of it paid for by the J-Cap. Will be ADA compliant.
- Cleaning up, keeping things tidy.
- Spoke with Mr. Preusser about lake treatment, should be meeting with him next week. Water needs to be 45-50 degrees for treating.
- New plants put in, once the weather is warmer.

Highway reported by, Councilman Mortenson

- Getting sweeping equipment ready.
- They have started the brooming and will be continuing as weather permits.
- Roadside clean up scheduled for April 17, 2014 at 9:00am, anyone that wants to volunteer.
- Left a message for Martin to plan the River sweep, as soon as he gets a date, he will let us know.
- Patching edges of the road with screen fill
- John Deere tractor will be back in about 2 weeks
- Waiting for the State to call back about putting the docks back in at the Anchorage.

Sewer reported by, George Sharpe Jr.

- Average flow of 33 gallons per day.
- Received 2 calls before you dig requests.
- Completed request for quotes forms and mailed them out to 7 different contractors. Had two that called him, one is coming on Tuesday and the other on Thursday to meet with him.

the south and another replacing the sign for the cars coming from the north. Those would be an additional \$1700.00 and would not exceed \$1700.00.

Supervisor Craig asked if Otto had to spoken with other town business owners in regards to putting up the new signs, because they had paid money to have their sign there. Otto will find out from the other business owners.

Roger Rekow stated it would have to meet DOT requirements.

Roy Brown will get back with an estimate.

Community, Arts & Tourism reported by Corrine Curry

- Kiosks are back in place
- Two new benches. One in kiosk and the other in front of the florist shop, a gift from the Bank of Greene County.
- Racks are filled with tourist information
- Thank you to the Fingars for providing this space.
- Large map of town in Kiosk
- New Art Space, thanks to Lori Marchisio in the mall. A premier which Corrine hopes to be held on Memorial weekend, with art work from Dawn Breeze, contemporary painter.
- Looked into movie screen & movies. The cost would be \$1500.00 for movie royalties.

Councilman Phelan suggested an inflatable movie screen, like at Olana.

Councilman Westmore thanked Corrine for perseverance and her energy.

Janet Crawford said that the music in the park in Catskill is sponsored by different businesses.

Supervisor Craig said we could research how other towns do it.

Parks & Recreation reported by Councilwoman Dunn

- Sub sale had to foot 90% of the bill, usually donations come in, but not this time.
- Made a little over \$1300.00 net
- In need of more volunteers
- Money going towards Town 4th of July celebration
- Joint effort with Fishing Derby, maybe a breakfast on that day.

Jeremy Smith said there should not be 2 maps of the Town, just one good one. He had given documents for the hiking trail given to Councilman Westmore. A long term project is working on a plan for a walking trail from Clermont to Olana. History department would like to coordinate maps with the Community, Arts & Tourism.

Emergency reported by Councilwoman Dunn

- Met with the County representative, all had good ideas.
- Primary goal is to get volunteers-very important
- May have to take some kind of training for certain levels.
- Communications-shelters.
- Need to understand County and State level
- Helping self first, then help neighbors
- Community outreach
- Kits to give out- handout to make

Jeremy Smith asked if it is an update of the old plan? Supervisor Craig said it was picking up where they left off. Councilwoman Dunn said, they are just tweaking and updating it to meet State and federal standards.

Councilman Phelan spoke in regards to the 4th of July celebration. Have a lot of ideas, not finalized yet. Gates will open around 4:00pm. Work on starting time for the fireworks. Have to wait until dark. Would like to have activities after the fireworks to keep people here longer. Forming sub committees, would like to include food and alcohol.

Old Business

- Sidewalks- permission to finish the right of way work
- Tell property owners their options, they can donate it to the town or pay a certain amount of money.
- Once right of way work is done, then they can put out for bids- still hopeful to get something done this year.

New Business

Michael McCagg is not able to serve on the Board of Assessment Review.

Motion made by Supervisor Craig to appoint Claude DiMauro to the Board of Assessment Review, seconded by Councilman Mortenson.

Supervisor Craig: Aye
Councilman Westmore: Aye
Councilman Mortenson: Aye
Councilman Phelan: Aye
Councilwoman Dunn: Aye

We have a new director for the summer park program. Supervisor Craig and Admin Assistant Janet Crawford met with Linda Gerlach and were very impressed with her and her knowledge of the program. Supervisor Craig would like to appoint Linda Gerlach as the summer park program director and Lena Alessi as her assistant director.

Motion made by Councilwoman Dunn, seconded by Councilman Mortenson

Supervisor Craig: Aye
Councilman Westmore: Aye
Councilman Mortenson: Aye
Councilman Phelan: Aye
Councilwoman Dunn: Aye

Supervisors Report

- Town Board workshop held on March 17, 2014. Had a presentation from an engineering firm regarding the sewer plant upgrade. Had a good turnout, need more people to give input, it's very informal.
- A rabies clinic will be held on April 19, 2014. Cats will be from 10-11:00am and Dogs will be from 11:00am -12:00pm. Clinic is free, donations are welcome.
- Sub sale at Palatine Manor on April 4, 2014.
- Spring gardening day is April 5, 2014 at Columbia-Greene Community College, sponsored by the Cooperative Extension. There is a fee for this event.
- Several copies of the "Elder express", a newsletter put out by the Columbia County Office of the Aging, they are in the front of Town Hall.

Councilwoman Dunn mentioned the Chicken & Rib dinner at the Fire Department on May 3, 2014.

Open to Public

Jeremy Smith asked about the update to the Comprehensive Plan to expand the sewer district. Supervisor Craig said in 17 years there has only been 5 total hook ups. There are different reasons why it wasn't expanded in the past.

Brian DuBois had asked if the Park program is allowing swimming this year. Supervisor Craig's response to him, was no there is not.

GCS is presenting the play "The Wizard of Oz" on Friday, March 27th and Saturday, March 28th at 7:00pm, with a Sunday, March 30th 2:00pm matinee.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Phelan. With all in favor and none opposed.

Next Town Board meeting will be held April 28, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,