

Minutes of December 22, 2015, Germantown Town Board meeting, held at the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

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

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Craig asked for a moment of silence for past Councilman George Nahlik.

Supervisor Craig then opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to approve the November town board meeting minutes was made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Westmore with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to approve paying town audited bills was made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Mortenson with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communication by Town Clerk

Nothing to report.

Supervisor Craig then opened the floor to Mary Beth Biancone the representative from Delaware Engineering. Mary Beth said the waste water treatment plant is about 20 years old and is in a state of disrepair. She was pleased to announce that the Town of Germantown was awarded a grant for \$30,000 to support preparing an engineering study on the plant. Need regulatory improvements and secondary document what spending money on. No cost to the town associated with this plan. Mary Beth handed out a packet of information to the Town Board. Prepare the check list in January and submit that list back to the State. It will take a couple of months for the State to review it usually takes 3 months for this process. By July a good draft of the report should be done, then submitted to the State. Get working on the plan now. Mary Beth will be back in January to help with the plans.

Maintenance by Anthony Cidras

- Christmas decorations are up in the village.
- Helped with the set up for the tree lighting.
- Titan put a new cap on the Highway garage. So far, so good, with no leaks.
- Cleaning up the Activity Building.
- UV filters put in.
- Treated the lake.

Highway by Councilman Mortenson

- Taking care of the snow and ice from December 9th - 11th.
- Cutting hangers and branches from the ice and snow.
- Wishing everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

Sewer by Councilman Mortenson

- Average flow for the month was 45,000 gallons per day.
- Received 6 call before dig requests.
- Repairs at the plant have slowed down due to the weather. Everything is running good.

Police by Roger Rekow

No report this month. Roger said on behalf of the Germantown Police Department wishing all a Merry Christmas. Supervisor Craig mentioned the 2 NYC police officers killed in the line of duty. Roger expressed condolences on the passing of Butch Harrison.

History

No report this month.

Community, Arts & Tourism by Corrine Curry

After a successful, and often recalled, run of ART space in the original gallery on Main Street from 2009 to 2011, Lori Marchisio of Marchisio Properties came forward and offered a new and perfect space at 71 Palatine Park Road in Germantown. The gallery reopened on May 24th, 2014.

ART space is a project of Germantown Economic Development and has been directed by Corrine Curry and, this season, with the help of Community, Arts and Tourism (CAT) committee. Committee members for 2014 were Corrine Curry, Billy Kimmel, Norman Mintz, Ginny Sibbison and Susan Raab.

Like the credits at the end of a film, each show required an army of talented artists, artisans and dedicated volunteers resulting in a successful series of five shows between May and December 2014. Over 40 artists were featured and each show offered unique and individual perspectives. Each presentation required attention to detail and presentation of art as well as biographical information.

The parts that made the whole included very successful receptions that heralded each opening and needed many hours of preparation. Opening receptions were managed by Adrienne Westmore with assistance from Melanie Mintz, Marianne Thorsen, Cheryl Jean, Norman Mintz, Don Westmore and Dorothy Monatague. Attendance at receptions was remarkable. There were literally hundreds of guests including over a hundred for the Peter Aaron show alone.

The press was significant and inclusive. It made a difference. Each show was covered, often with photos.

The unsung heroes of the shows were the gallery sitters. Each show was open for ten hours each weekend for four or five weeks; that is almost 200 hours in all of volunteer efforts. Special thanks to Ginny Sibbison for keeping track of the ART space finances, particularly the Holiday Show with so many transactions. And, for recruiting the sitters.

Billy Kimmel designed the logo and many of the cards. Many hands helped place posters and distribute postcards. There were releases to write, calls to make and take and many, many

evites sent to a long list. Thanks to Joel Craig for help above and beyond. Thanks as well to Anthony Cidras.

A brief review of the exhibits.

“Plant Magic Dust” A solo exhibit by Dawn Breeze opened the season. A highly individual presentation informed in large part by her life’s personal transformative experiences. May 24- June 15, 2014.

Celebrating Summer: a juried show chosen by judges Dennis Elliott, Susan Seidel and LuRaye Tate. A series of individual impressions of summer in various mediums. July 4- July 20, 2014.

Artists shown:

Melanie Mintz
Dea Archbold
Emily Carvajal
Lily Guerin
Marie Cole
Silvanna Tagliaferrie
Scrap Wrenn
Lindsey Brown
Jane Dodds

Syria- Then and Now, photographer Peter Aaron, a trip through Syria in 2009 capturing what was and also depicting current scenes, showing destruction of centuries of history. Included in the show, a book by Brooke Allen, with impressions visits to Syria, August 16th to September 7th.

Stephen Walling- solo exhibition. Demonstrating the power of design and color in wooden constructions. October 11th- November 2nd.

Holiday Gift Fair featuring local artists and artisans. This mammoth undertaking was conscientiously led by Helen Sacco with assistance from co chair, Judith Pedatella. November 29th- December 14th.

Participants in the Holiday Gift Fair:

Claudia Krisniski	Tim Vose
Dea Archbold	Candy Systra
Elaine Homes	Melissa Brumaghin
Nicky Sacco-Brown	Steven Ignizio
Donald Crews	Kenneth Cooke
Laura Brown	Devem White
Melissa Forbes	Sally Lyon
Maribeth Blum Tuton	Martha Gifford
Marie Cole	Katherine Gerardi
Kristine O’Malley-Levy	Judith Pedatella
Susan Katulak	Helen Sacco

At the moment, ART space, proven to have enhanced the vitality of Germantown, is once again without a home. However, the when, what and the where are now being considered. The committee will search for appropriate space for visual art, but may take into consideration that

art also includes all ARTS such as music, theatre, readings, even dance. It is hoped that everyone will keep on the lookout for an appropriate space and share your thoughts about our next steps. Contact: artspace@gtel.net
Supervisor Craig thanked her for all the great shows and is looking forward to next year.

Parks & Recreation by Councilwoman Foley

- Wagon ride was a success.
- Kathy & Martin Overington decorated the Activity Building to look like a winter wonderland.
- About 150 kids got to see Santa, each got a small gift.
- Thanks to all that helped with the event.
- Joel and Town Board members.
- Thanks to Lori Marchisio Crawford, Rich & Ann Jennings, Highway department, George, Anthony, Gtel and the Bohnsack family, Martin & Kathy Overington, Pete and Adrianna, Germantown Jazz Band, Dennis Crawford, Linda Sharpe, Liz Bathrick, George Sharpe Sr., Don Westmore, Santa, Germantown Police department, history department, students from the National Honor Society, vendors, boy scouts. Great job all.

Emergency & Preparedness

None reported.

Old Business

Councilman Westmore spoke in regards to the Conservative Advisory Committee he would like more residents to understand what the CAC is all about. He would like to set something up for January or early February.

Councilman Mortenson said at the last Town Board Workshop the junk situations were discussed. He asked where we are with the situation. He would like to push it to the next level. Tal suggested as a Board to make a request to send John Fieser back to the property to re-evaluate. Supervisor Craig suggests to have John review the situation.

New Business

None to report

Supervisor's Report

Year end meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 30th at 7:00pm

Re-organizational meeting will be held Monday, January 5th at 6:00pm.

They had a good discussion at the Town Board workshop.

Supervisor Craig suggested take a look at your own property and clean up, if needed.

Public

A comment was asked if this junk is salvageable? Supervisor Craig suggested maybe we could have a spring clean up day. Councilman Westmore said would it be cheaper for the town to do the clean up on these properties, of course with the owners permission. Councilman Phelan would like to see if there are any other towns with there success on clean ups.

Kay Abraham spoke in regards to the CAC suggestions for revising the comprehensive plan. More discussion on this will be in January.

Motion to go into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history or a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation made by Supervisor Craig, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

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

After a discussion from the Police department the Town Board agreed to compensate their pay from October to December.

Supervisor Craig made the motion, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye
Councilwoman Foley:	Aye

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

Respectfully submitted,