

Minutes of May 19, 2014 Germantown Town Board meeting, held at the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig
Councilman Westmore
Councilman Phelan
Councilwoman Dunn

Absent: Councilman Mortenson

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

Motion to approve the April Town Board minutes was made by Councilwoman Dunn and seconded by Councilman Phelan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to paying audited bills was made by Councilman Westmore and seconded by Councilman Phelan.

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

Written Communication by Joyce Vale

The Columbia County Office of the Aging is doing a survey to improve senior services. The survey is available in the Town Clerk's office and in the Town Hall lobby.

Supervisor Craig introduced, Susan Brown, GCS Superintendant. Sue thanked the Board for being invited to give her presentation at the Town Board meeting. A handout was given to the Supervisor, Town Board and Town Clerk. Additional handouts were available to anyone interested. School budget vote is May 20th from 12-9pm, at the School.

There are 3 points she wanted to bring up tonight.

- 1.) Proposition I --- 2014-2015 School budget
- 2.) Proposition II--- Capital project
- 3.) Election of 2 Board of Education members

Sue also spoke about the proposals that would be funded in the proposed budget.

- 1.) Hiring a High School Social Studies teacher with English certification.
- 2.) Hiring a Library Media Specialist.
- 3.) Reorganizing Administration into three Instructional Leadership Teams.
- 4.) Providing high quality embedded professional development.
- 5.) Providing early intervention.

There was a discussion between Sue Brown and the Town Board.

Maintenance by Anthony Cidras

- Service the scag mower this month
- Werner was here for some warranty work on the lights.
- Titan was here and worked on Highway garage roof.
- All picnic table, grills and garbage can are in place.
- All water turned on.
- York rake debris at Anchorage, twice.
- Spoke with the exterminator about the Parsonage.
- Picked up the Town's new mower.
- River Sweep went well. Picked up 920 lbs of garbage and 4 tires.
- Have called Herrington's and Jennings contracting about doors.
- Furnaces have been shut down in Activity Building and fans put in.

Highway by Councilman Westmore

- Issued 2 driveway permits.
- Ditched Hilltop Road & cleaned shoulders, getting it ready for stone topping.
- Working on Old Sawmill, South Road, Orr Rd, County Route 8 and Best Lane getting it ready for stone topping which is scheduled for the 1st week in August, weather permitting.
- Picked up John Deere, started mowing
- Culvert pipe and catch basin were delivered for drainage on Cheviot.

- Have a safe Memorial Day

Sewer by George Sharpe Jr.

- Average flow 32,000 gallons a day.
- Received 4 call before you dig requests.
- Sludge being hauled out.
- Uncovering & cleaning tanks.
- Waiting to receive prices for repairs.

Police by Roger Rekow

- 122.5 hours of patrol time were logged in for April.
- 9 traffic tickets
- 17 warnings
- 1 trespass complaint
- 1 dog complaint
- 3 assist fire EMS
- 1 assist other departments

Park Patrols: Cheviot--36 times, Anchorage--35 times, School--29 times, Palatine Park--31 times, Dales Bridge--22 times

Police will be out in force on Memorial Day. Ceremony is 9:00am at the Memorial monument and a 10:00am ceremony at the cemetery.

History

No report

Business & Economic Development

Meeting Wednesday night

Community, Arts & Tourism by Corrine Curry

- Art Space is now where the library used to be.
- Open Saturday with Dawn Breeze.
- Plant Dust Magic, 5:00-7:00pm reception.
- Will be open weekends starting June 15th.

- Thank you to Lori Marchisio Crawford, Billy Kimmel, Norman Mintz, Adrienne Westmore, Ginny, Supervisor Craig & Anthony Cidras.

Scheduled events are:

Dawn Breeze

Juried Art Show in July

Peter Aaron, photographer, doing "Syria then & now"

Steven Walling

Holiday gift show chairs Helen Sacco and Judy Pedatella.

Supervisor Craig and Corrine Curry discuss the proposal for the new Town map.

Motion made to approve the proposal for the contract with Smarty Pants Graphic Design for the town map made by Councilwoman Dunn, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilman Westmore: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilwoman Dunn: Aye

Parks & Recreation by Councilwoman Dunn

- Working on the 4th of July celebration.

Emergency Preparedness by Councilwoman Dunn

- Getting names into the final plan, before presented to the Town Board.

Independence Day Celebration by Councilman Phelan

- Have been exchanging ideas, which include Bounce house, bands and DJ.
- Vendor registration forms on website.
- Working on finalizing a letter for local businesses.
- Well organized plan for parking.
- Will announce to public after plan finalized.

Old Business

None to report

New Business

- Camp director and assistant director interviewed all applicants for camp counselors.

- Pre-school camp directors:

Sharon Nordfors

Tammy Lyons

- Camp counselors:

Morgan Lynk

Emily Palmieri

Kylie Helsley

Chris McCullough

Logan Mead

Collin Lynk

Tyler Fuchs

Alexandra Braidt

Hunter Jackson

Richard Howarth

Motion made to hire camp staff made by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilman Westmore: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilwoman Dunn: Aye

Applications for summer camp are on the website or in Town Hall. Cut off date is June 30th.

Supervisor Craig stated that there has been an issue with wastewater and we don't have the money to replace right now.

A representative from Delaware Engineering, Brock Juusola spoke in regards to putting together a grant application.

A **Resolution**, to authorize a consolidated funding application for the clean water state revolving fund engineering planning grant administered by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and Department of Environmental Conservation.

WHEREAS, grant funding is available through the current round of Consolidated Funding Applications (CFA) from The Clean Water State Revolving Fund Engineering Planning Grant (CWSRF EPG) administered by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) and Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to support engineering efforts associated with the Town Wastewater System, the purpose of which is to support the preparation of an engineering report for application for financing for a future capital project; and,

WHEREAS, eligibility for the grant is limited to communities with a Median Household Income (MHI) less than \$65K according to the 2010 Census for which the Town qualifies; and,

WHEREAS, the grant provides up to \$30K to fund an engineering study and report and requires a 20% local match (\$7.5K if \$30K in grant funds is requested) which may be cash or in kind services; and ,

WHEREAS, the grant provides \$15K in funding after execution of a state assistance agreement and the remaining amount up to the total grant award after the study/engineering report is submitted to and accepted by DEC and EFC; and,

WHEREAS, funding priorities include communities with concerns identified by NYSDEC and that require improvements to a wastewater treatment plant; and,

WHEREAS, preparation of an engineering report will evaluate existing conditions and recommend improvements required to address the deterioration of the existing wastewater treatment plant and secure capital improvement financing; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Delaware Engineering is hereby authorized to prepare and submit a Consolidated Funding Application for the CWSRF EPG program.
2. The required 20% local match will be provided as in kind services by the Engineer conducting the work.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion was made to adopt the foregoing resolution was made by Councilwoman Dunn, seconded by Councilman Westmore.

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

Supervisor Craig stated there has been an issue with one of the laterals in town. Supervisor Craig is making a proposal for the town engineer to draw up the plans for the engineering project on Peter Fingar’s apartment building on Maple Avenue. The engineer will draw up the plans then will go out to bid for a contractor to do the job.

Motion was made by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

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

Supervisor’s Report

- Broadband survey available on Columbia County website.
- Grievance day is May 27th 2-4pm and 6-8pm.
- Second Town Board workshop is June 16th at 7:00pm.
- River sweep was a great success.

Supervisor Craig thanked the Overington’s for a job well done. Supervisor Craig received a letter from the Overington’s thanking the Town,

Maintenance department, Councilwoman Dunn and her daughter and all who helped out.

Open to Public

Kay Abraham asked which college was in charge of the environmental monitoring system in the river and what it does. Supervisor Craig told her, it was Clarkson. Supervisor Craig explained the tides, water temperature and atmospheric pressure would be monitored. Kay also asked if there was a decision for a solution for the sewer and waste treatment plant. There was a discussion in regards to the sewer system.

Peter Fingar addressed the Town Board in regards to his apartment building on Maple Avenue. His building has no septic tank and no sewer connections, without this, his tenants will have to move out. He is paying almost \$2500.00 a year for sewage that he can't get rid of. Mr. Fingar is asking for the Town Boards consideration to address this matter.

Supervisor Craig told Mr. Fingar the engineering was approved tonight. Supervisor Craig said, that he would contact the engineer tomorrow and that they will have to engineer the plan for that.

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

Respectfully submitted,

