

Minutes of September 22, 2014 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 Dunn

Recorded by, Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

Motion to approve August Town Board Meeting minutes was made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Westmore. With all in favor and none opposed.

Town of Germantown
Budget Entries:
8/31/2014.

A3060 State Aid, Records Management	2,700.00	
A11104 Municipal Court, Contractual		2,700.00
To adjust budget for J-CAP money received and expended		
A2705 Gifts and Donations	1,674.00	
A7310.42 Youth Program		1,674.00
To Increase budget for donations received		
A2410 Rental of Real Property	185.00	
A7310.42 Youth Program		185.00
To Increase budget for rental fees received		
A2701 Refund of prior year expenditures	107.80	
A7310.42 Youth Program		107.80
To Increase the budget for ROPYE received		
A2110 Zoning Fees	14.00	
A7310.42 Youth Program		14.00
To Increase the budget for zoning fees received		
A7110.44 Parks Contractual-Other	1,206.20	
A5410.41 Sidewalks		1,206.20
To transfer budget for sidewalk expenditure exceeding budgeted amount		
A7110.44 Parks Contractual-Other	2,132.54	
A5132.43 Garage Contractual		2,132.54
To transfer budget for garage expenditure exceeding budgeted amount		

A7110.44 Parks Contractual-Other	1,528.51	
A73101 Youth Program Services		1,528.51
To transfer budget for salary expenditure exceeding budgeted amount		
A7110.44 Parks Contractual-Other	2,577.23	
A7310.42 Youth Program-Other		2,577.23
To transfer budget for expenditure exceeding budgeted amount		
A7110.44 Parks Contractual-Other	787.27	
A1620.13 Seasonal		787.27
To transfer budget for expenditure exceeding budgeted amount		
A7110.44 Parks Contractual-Other	5,370.60	
A75504 Celebrations		5,370.60
To transfer budget for expenditure exceeding budgeted amount		
DA51302 Machinery Equipment	3,305.36	
DA5110.41D Diesel		3,305.36
To transfer budget for expenditure exceeding budgeted amount		
DA51302 Machinery Equipment	12,999.13	
DA51304 Machinery Contractual		12,999.13
To transfer budget for expenditure exceeding budgeted amount		

One item to note: The Highway is close to exceeding the budgeted amount for hospital and medical insurance for the year.

Town of Germantown
Budget Entries
9/30/2014.

A14404 Engineer	5,919.00	
A8010.42 Zoning Engineer	1,000.00	
A8020.42 Planning Engineer	1,000.00	
A19904 Contingency	2,635.81	
A5410.41 Sidewalks		10,554.81
To record an increase for the sidewalk expenditure budget		

Supervisor Craig asked the Town Board if they had read over the accounts and the budget. He would like a motion to make the budget adjustments.

Motion made to make budget adjustments made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Westmore. With all in favor and none opposed.

Motion made to pay Town audited bills was made by Councilwoman Dunn, seconded by Councilman Mortenson.

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

Councilwoman Dunn: Aye

Written Communication by Joyce Vale

None reported

Maintenance by Anthony Cidras

- Still mowing and weed eating.
- Busy getting ready for the Apple Festival.
- 2 treatments done on the lake.
- Sign went in at the north end of town with the help from the highway department.
- Cleaned, primed and painted the roof over the beach house.
- Soccer fields all set up.
- Town Hall doors are in. Weather stripping needs to be finished.
- Met with Apex Solar about doing solar panels on the highway garage.

Highway by Councilman Mortenson

- Mowing and weed eating for the fall.
- Changed some driveway pipes.
- Installed welcome to Germantown sign.
- South sign will be installed soon.
- Leaf season has begun, have been patrolling the basin to keep the pipes open.
- Salt ordered for winter.
- Cheviot docks will come out in the next couple of weeks.

Sewer by George Sharpe Jr.

- Average flow was 34,000 gallons per day.
- Received 3 calls before dig requests.
- Work being done at the sewer plant. Working on welding and replacing the steel on railings and handrails.

Police by Brian DuBois

- 209.5 hours logged in for the month of August.
- 124 hours logged in training for field officers.
- 54 hours on patrol
- 6 traffic tickets
- 16 V&T warnings
- 2 EMS assists
- 1 domestic dispute

Park Patrols: Cheviot- 27 times, Anchorage- 26 times, School- 20 times, Palatine Park- 26 times, Dales Bridge- 19 times.

History by Sue Raab

- There will be another showing of the Germantown movie on October 12th at 3:00pm at the Library.

- Palatine Heritage Days on October 8th and a half a day on October 9th. Asking for transportation for the students, K-6 and Mr. Hansen's classes.
- Roof, trees, gutters and chimney needs to be taken care of.

Business & Economic Development Committee by Roy Brown

- Met at CGCC last week with all economic development folks from the towns and villages around the county. Will be meeting quarterly.
- Signs are up.
- Left over flowers from the Apple Festival donated to the town.

Community, Arts & Tourism by Supervisor Craig

- Art Space show will feature Stephen Walling on October 11th from 5-7pm. After that it will be opened weekends until November 2nd.

Parks & Recreation by Councilwoman Dunn

- Have a meeting coming up.
- Changing the date and location for the Christmas tree lighting. Lighting ceremony may stay where it usually is but the festivities may be at the park. Potential date December 13th.
- School Halloween parade collaborating with town event.

Emergency Preparedness

- Councilman Mortenson and Councilwoman Dunn met with the some of the folks from the County about how a Red Cross shelter works.
- Both Councilman Mortenson and Councilwoman Dunn recommended partnering with the Red Cross.

Old Business

- Form for the NYS Retirement System for setting retirement days for elected appointed officials had been approved by the Town Board but, Supervisor Craig left a column blank and it needs to be re-authorized. Supervisor Craig said that nothing will change he will just fill in the column that was left blank. Supervisor Craig is asking for a motion for setting the retirement days for the elected appointed officials.

Motion made for setting the retirement days for the elected officials by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilwoman Dunn.

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

- Last month it was discussed designating the Kelner Activity Building as a Red Cross shelter. Supervisor Craig tonight asked for a resolution designating the Kelner Activity Building as a Red Cross shelter.

Motion made for a resolution designating the Kelner Activity Building as a Red Cross shelter by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

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

New Business

- At a Town Board workshop Peter Volkmann came to talk with them about the Police department and make a proposal to hire him to do a study on the Police department. Over the next few months he would act as a consultant and give some recommendations of where they are at, where they can go and what they could do to get there.

Councilman Westmore commented on how Mr. Volkmann was very well qualified, very well spoken, well organized and he knows what he is doing. Councilman Westmore looks forward to his report.

Motion made to hire Peter Volkmann to work as a consultant for the Police department by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Supervisor Craig.

Councilman Mortenson spoke saying he is not in favor of it. He feels it is basically an audit. Councilman Mortenson would like to have some changes to it before going forward with it. He would like the Board to sit down in a workshop and discuss what direction to go in before hiring outside consult. Councilman Mortenson would like to get consult outside of the political arena, someone outside of Columbia County.

Councilman Phelan stated that they hadn't sat down as a Board and discussed what the objectives are and what strategic direction they want to go in. He feels it is important to explore the possibilities.

A discussion was held between the Board members in regards to this matter.

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

Councilman Westmore suggested they postpone this decision for another month.

Supervisor Craig said that we would need someone to look into this and get back to them next month.

Councilman Mortenson asked Police Chief DuBois if he knew of any other consultants. He suggested the Sheriffs department was a good place to start.

Councilman Phelan said that he would be happy to do some research.

Supervisor's Report

- Senator Kathy Marchione will be sponsoring a Golden Gathering on Saturday, October 11th at CGCC from 9:30am to 12:30pm.
- Chicken & rib dinner at the Firehouse on October 4th from 4 to 6:00pm.
- Flu Clinic at Town Hall on October 22nd from 10:30 to 12:00pm.
- Thank you to John Balazs for providing the wood furniture for the gazebo.
- Dates set for the Budget workshop, the dates are October 6, 13 & 17th at 7:00pm.
- Public hearing on October 27th at 6:00pm prior to Town Board meeting.

Public

Councilman Mortenson mentioned the Governor's training session. It will be held September 24th at 7:00pm in the Catskill High School gymnasium.

Roy Brown mentioned that the Lions Club will be playing the Germantown movie this coming Thursday at Club Helsinki starting at 7:00pm, the public is invited to attend.

Roy also commented on the Apple Festival and that it was a huge success. He thanked the Town Board, Rich Jennings and his crew and Anthony Cidras for all of their help. About 4100 people attended this event. The apple crate derby was a huge success. The kid's area was huge success, music was good and the vendors did well. Apple Festival will be held next year on September 19th. The Lions Club will be collaborating with Olana, Clermont State Historic Site and Hudson Valley Ag Development Corp to get them involved in this event. Roy had spoken with Ken Flood and Danny Cooper from the Columbia County Tourism and Dave Colby from the Chamber of Commerce.

Supervisor Craig thanked Roy Brown, his wife and all of the Lions for this event.

Next Town Board Meeting will be October 27th at 7:00pm.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Respectfully submitted,