

Minutes of March 23, 2015 Town Board meeting, held at the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig
Councilman Westmore
Councilman Mortenson
Councilman Phelan

Absent: Councilwoman Foley

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Motion to approve the February Town Board meeting minutes was made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Westmore, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to paying town audited bills was made by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Phelan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communication by Town Clerk

- Letter of resignation from Fillipo (Tony) LoGuidice.

Maintenance by Anthony Cidras

- Placing and receiving orders for the summer.
- Floors stripped and waxed in the Activity Building.
- Making a lot of trips to the Greenport transfer station.
- Took the walls down in the Judge's office, next step is the electric and carpeting.
- Almost done painting in Town Hall one room to go.
- Consulted with Rich on putting a drainage line in on the 3rd base line.
- Turned on aerators in the pond.

Highway by Councilman Mortenson

- Hopefully winter will be coming to a close.
- Spring equipment being serviced.
- Cutting low hanging trees limbs and brush.
- Removed and taken the equipment out of the Maintenance building.
- In touch with DEC for installation of docks.
- Rich Jennings would like to thank everyone for all the love and support for the loss of his father.

Sewer by George Sharpe Jr.

- Average flow of 31,000 gallons per day.
- Received 4 call before dig requests
- Ed Harkins is going to begin working in the next couple weeks.
- Has been meeting with Delaware Engineering.

Supervisor Craig asked George to notify DEC when Ed Harkins will begin working.

Police by Roger Rekow

- Light work detail because of the consultant.
- 1 snow removal tow.
- 11 hours logged in for the month of February.

Supervisor Craig asked for the total hours for 2013.

History by Sue Raab

- Thanked Anthony for putting up the gutters.
- Minor grants came in, doing renovation work in the office.
- New intern through civic engagement program with Bard.

Business & Economic Development Committee

No report.

Community, Arts & Tourism

Art Space looking to partner with other events. Nothing definite yet.

Parks & Recreation Committee

No report.

Independence Celebration Committee by Councilman Phelan

Form for vendors will be on the Town website.

Old Business

Peter Volkmann reported that he had completed his initial report and evaluation for the Police department. He gave a copy of the report to Supervisor Craig to give to the appropriate people. Not going public with the report without the town attorney being present for officer and public safety. Peter suggested to the Town Board and the Police commissioners to make the decisions to bring the department up to speed.

Supervisor Craig said that we need a resolution for setting of retirement days for the appointed positions of Dog warden and Deputy Highway supervisor because these positions get stipends but no extra time out of it. He then asked for a motion to authorize setting of retirement days for elected and appointed officials.

Motion for a resolution to authorize setting of retirement days for elected and appointed officials was made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Westmore.

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

New Business

Don Crews and Patty Hinkein had been discussing the Anchorage Boat launch. The Anchorage is the most accessible entry in Germantown to the Hudson River. He would like to see the Anchorage get a "face lift". He would also like an investigation into the people who use it and any suggestions that they might have and what we could provide for them.

Supervisor Craig said that he would like Don and Patty to put together a small committee and let the Town Board know who is on it.

Supervisor Craig made a motion to put together an Anchorage Advisory Committee, seconded by Councilman Mortenson.

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

Supervisor's Report

April Town Board meeting is April 20th at 7:00pm.

Jazz event coming up in Germantown. Tickets will be on sale April 1st on line. First come first served.

At this time, Councilman Westmore would like to respond to several concerned citizens about updating, reviewing and modernizing the Comprehensive Plan and zoning law this is in response to the project going on along 9G. He believes this is a serious issue. He would like the Town Board to respond to this to consider updating the Comprehensive plan and zoning law in reference to commercial development. He suggested the Town Board establish a committee to ensure that purposes and goals are consistently applied for the hamlet and the 9G corridor.

Councilman Westmore made a motion to do a study on the Comprehensive plan. No second from Councilman Mortenson or Councilman Phelan.

Rabies Clinic will be held on April 18th at the Activity Building.

Town wide yard and plant sale held on May 16th.

Thoughts and condolences to the Jennings family on the passing of Larry Jennings.

Congratulations to Councilwoman Foley and Peter Dedrick on the birth of their son.

Public

A gentleman commented on the appreciation of Councilman Westmore's proposal. This may be a consideration at future meetings.

Supervisor Craig said they did receive the concept designs for the building but they did not make the deadline for the March agenda.

Ellen Epstein spoke of her concern there was no second for Councilman Westmore's motion. She also said it was important the town keep up the Comprehensive plan.

Councilman Mortenson said to allow the Planning Board do their job.

Councilman Phelan said that when Delaware Engineering comes in, the plan will be reviewed.

Steve Reynolds will address this.

Supervisor Craig would like to give a break to the farmers for the rates for agricultural site plans. Supervisor Craig would also like to change the rates for solar rays.

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

Respectfully submitted,