

Minutes of January 19, 2016, Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig
 Councilwoman DuFresne
 Councilman Phelan
 Councilwoman Foley
 Councilman Moore

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

At this time Supervisor Craig introduced and welcomed new Town Board members, Councilwoman Brittany DuFresne and Councilman Ron Moore.

Motion to approve December Town Board meeting minutes, End of year meeting minutes and Re Organizational meeting minutes was made by Councilman Phelan, seconded by Councilwoman Foley, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay Town audited bills was made by Councilman Phelan, seconded by Councilman Moore, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications by Town Clerk

None.

Maintenance by Councilman Phelan

- Installed a new door on Judge's office.
- Took all the Christmas decorations down.
- Soil conditioner attachment for the Bob Cat was delivered and will be used for reconditioning the soil down at the ball fields. Anthony has already used on the ball fields. Supervisor Craig commented on how nice they look. Councilman Phelan said it is nice he could use this equipment in January.
- Moved picnic tables from under the Pavilion, getting ready for the skating rink.
- Taking inventory.
- Moved a computer in Town Hall.

Supervisor Craig donated his old computer to the new Building Inspector, this was the computer that was moved by Anthony.

Sewer by Councilman Phelan

- Average flow 32,000 gallons per day.
- Received 10 call before dig requests.
- Everything is cool and quiet.

Highway by Councilman Phelan

- Sanded and plowed for the first time.
- Re-painted shop walls and work bay.
- Cutting brush and dead trees on Viewmont, Camp Creek and Block Factory Roads.
- Working with Columbia Tree cutting down hazardous trees.
- Installing a new muffler and pipe for the '03 International.
- 2008 Loader being serviced this week.

History

Supervisor Craig said he had spoken with Historian all has been quiet. Sue is planning for the Palatine Heritage Day.

Parks & Recreation by Councilwoman DuFresne

Councilwoman DuFresne spoke about the ice skating rink and hosting event nights for the community. Information for these events will be posted on Facebook.

Councilwoman DuFresne then read a letter from Sheila Lewis. Ms. Lewis thanked Philip Tillou, Christopher Whitaker and Joshua Hunt for their work on the ice skating rink. In her letter Ms. Lewis also thanked Karen Targo for her generous contribution.

Supervisor Craig thanked all the volunteers who worked on the ice skating rink.

Old Business

Supervisor Craig mentioned at the Re Organizational meeting the dates of the Town Board meetings were set to be held on the third Tuesday of the month. In discussing with the Town Attorney Supervisor Craig would like a motion to officially move the Town Board meetings from the 3rd Tuesday in the month to the 4th Tuesday in the month.

Motion to establish Town Board meetings to the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye
Councilwoman Foley:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye

Supervisor Craig said they did not receive any bids on the police vehicles. Supervisor Craig would like to extend the bids until February 23rd.

Motion to extend bids on the Police vehicles until February 23rd made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Supervisor Craig: Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye
Councilman Phelan: Aye
Councilwoman Foley: Aye
Councilman Moore: Aye

Police by Chief DuBois

Logged in 60.75 hours for the month of December.

- 1 vehicle lock out.
- Tree lighting ceremony.
- Issued 5 warnings.

Park Patrols: Cheviot- 11 times, Anchorage- 10 times, School- 9 times, Palatine Park- 9 times, Dales Bridge- 8 times.

Chief DuBois said they would have worked more, but the electric fan went on the car.

New Business

Supervisor Craig would like to open up an account with Auctions International they specialize in surplus equipment. Supervisor Craig said that the County uses them and it would help the Town in selling our surplus and also with bidding on items.

Motion to open an account with Auctions International was made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

Supervisor Craig: Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye
Councilman Phelan: Aye
Councilwoman Foley: Aye
Councilman Moore: Aye

Supervisor Craig was told there was an ice skating rink, brand new, still in the package up for bid. A discussion was held in regards to possibly putting in a bid on the skating rink. Councilwoman DuFresne thinks this would benefit the Town.

Motion to bid \$3,500 on the ice skating rink was made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

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

Councilman Moore: Aye

Supervisor Craig asked if Councilman Moore would set up this account with Auctions International for the Town.

Councilman Phelan would like to discuss goals and plans for the Advisory committees. Supervisor Craig will be contacting the chairs of the existing committees next week.

Some discussion on a possibility of community solar.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Craig thanked Phil Tillou and his crew for the construction of the ice skating rink and anyone else who helped with this project.

They have been in touch with the Town engineer. There will be an informational meeting on February 23rd at 6:00pm prior to the Town Board meeting. Supervisor Craig would like to get the word out and at this informational all questions can be answered. Contractor will be surveying in March and will be ready to begin in April.

Next Town Board meeting is February 23rd at 7:00pm.

Public

Sally Saul asked the Town Board if they knew what is going on with the vacant land on the corner of Route 9G and Sharpe's Landing where the old bus lot was. Supervisor Craig told her that the land was purchased and he is not sure at this time what the plans are but the owner is looking to put some sort of business there.

Kay Abraham thanked contractor Phil Tillou, and his workers, Christopher Whitaker and Joshua Hunt for the work on the ice skating rink. Kay asked the Town Board if the Fire Department was considering buying some big equipment? Ms. Abraham was told the Town Board has no information on the Fire Department. Ms. Abraham she will attend their next meeting to find out.

Martin Overington welcomed the new Town Board members.

Mr. Overington asked if John Fieser retired. Supervisor Craig said that Mr. Fieser had been replaced and appreciated his years of service. Mr. Overington also expressed his thanks to John. Martin has a request in regards to cutting trees and low hanging branches down at both the Anchorage and Cheviot parks. His sailboat mast hits them when he puts it in the River. He asked if the Board could they request a tree trimmer to come in and trim these trees and branches. Martin also said it is a safety hazard for anyone who owns a sailboat. Supervisor Craig will discuss with the proper parties. Mr. Overington then asked why are the police vehicles being surplus? Supervisor Craig told him they had been putting a lot of repairs into them and are just keeping the one vehicle that works. Supervisor Craig said they are budgeted for a new vehicle in 2016. Mr. Overington said that he has reported to National Grid of certain street light outages and those lights are still out. Supervisor Craig said that the Town can report

them too. Martin said technology is changing switching over to LED lighting. Can zoning prevent the local stores from putting in glaring lighting. Mr. Overington said that the Comprehensive Plan should be updated more often. The zoning code does not represent new technology. Mr. Overington asked if the school was buying gas from the Town? He was told "yes" by Supervisor Craig. Mr. Overington then asked if there were cameras at the gas pumps? Supervisor Craig said there are cameras on the gas tanks and at the Sewer plant. Mr. Overington then commented the skating rink looks good.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley, with all in favor and none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,