

Minutes of March 22, 2016 Germantown Public Hearing meeting, held at the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 6:58pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig
Councilman Phelan
Councilwoman Foley
Councilman Moore

Absent: Councilwoman DuFresne

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Motion for enactment of Local Law for the defense and indemnification of officers and officials made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Phelan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Joe Guido suggested a review of the insurance policy. Supervisor Craig asked the insurance carrier to review the policy and make it is up to current standards.

Motion to close public hearing made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor Craig asked for a short adjournment to discuss some business matters before starting the Town Board meeting.

Minutes of March 22, 2016, Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY commencing at 7:05pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig
Councilman Phelan
Councilwoman Foley
Councilman Moore

Absent: Councilwoman DuFresne

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Motion to approve February Town Board meeting minutes made by Councilman Phelan, seconded by Councilman Moore, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Written Communications by Town Clerk

Supervisor Craig asked Town Clerk to explain what the bins in the lobby were for. Town Clerk said that the bins were provided by Columbia County for Senior citizens for shredding any important documents. The bins are here in Town Hall lobby until March 31st.

Highway by Councilman Phelan

- Ford 550 is fixed and back in service.
- Sweeping town roads when weather permits.
- Worked with Anthony installing Cheviot docks and ramps. Anchorage docks are scheduled for April 12th.
- Ditching on Viewmont Road. Next will be to start drainage on Block Factory Road.
- Put off paving project on Maple Avenue due to the sidewalks project. Hopefully will be done in the Spring of 2017.

Maintenance by Councilman Phelan

Councilman Phelan said that he and Anthony have been meeting every other week, they hadn't met this week because of baseball but these were projects that had been discussed.

- Filtration system will be turned on. UV Bulbs will be replaced.
- Cleaning out the beach house and disposed of some old equipment.
- LED drivers replaced and outside lighting is now working. Key pad installed at Town Hall as part of the JCAP grant.
- Town equipment is ready for Spring.
- Minor repairs being done at the snack bar, which included installing some doors and replacing locks.
- Another thing discussed was installing hand dryers in the bathroom.

Sewer by Councilman Phelan

- Average flow is 24,000 gallons per day.
- Dollar General
- George has been marking & mapping out sewer lines for sidewalks.

Councilman Phelan and George have been discussing some maintenance repairs at the sewer plant. Replacing gutters and support arms for the heater vent. Councilman Phelan was wondering if he needed Town Board approval for these repairs. Supervisor Craig said as long as they are minor otherwise they would have to meet purchase approval. Councilman Phelan also mentioned fixing and straightening out the fence at the sewer plant.

Police by Chief DuBois

390 miles and 61 hours were logged for the month of February.

Park Patrols: Cheviot- 16 times, Anchorage- 15 times, School- 15 times, Palatine Park- 14 times, Dales Bridge- 9 times.

- 3 traffic tickets

- 28 warnings

History

No report this month.

Parks & Recreation

No report this month.

Councilman Phelan talked to the Town Board about ordering 40 tons of clay and 90 yards of top soil to be delivered for the ballfields. Councilman Phelan said they would spend no more than \$8,000 contingent on receiving 3 written quotes from suppliers for each of these items.

Motion to spend no more than \$8,000 on clay and top soil contingent on receiving 3 quotes made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

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

Old Business

Supervisor Craig asked for a motion to adopt Local Law #1 for 2016.

Motion to adopt Local Law #1 for 2016 made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

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

Sidewalk ground have been broken, moving forward with the project. First actual construction meeting is to be held tomorrow. Councilman Phelan asked when Main Street was being closed? Supervisor Craig said the date has not been set yet.

New Business

Supervisor Craig said for a couple of years the State has had Local Efficiency Grant. What they are looking for is consolidation of services or a way for the town to save money. There is money to do projects where you can do a study to see. This year the tax cap is at about zero and they had talked about ways to look for efficiency.

Motion to authorize to proceed writing, requesting a grant to do a study to look at the highway department and sewer services and if there is any way of consolidation or efficiencies made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

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

Supervisor Craig said over the years they have gotten some requests to use our river frontage for commercial ventures. With summer coming up we put together a request for proposals, it's open ended they didn't specify what kind of proposals, they want to see what kind they get in. The Town Board has seen the draft request for the proposals. Supervisor Craig would like put pass a resolution to put out for a proposal for use of water front recreation.

Motion to pass a resolution to put out for a proposal for use of water front recreation made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

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

Supervisor Craig said when the Building department left out permit fees for swimming pools. A resolution to rectify the problem in the pricing structure was changed in July.

Councilwoman Foley read the following resolution:

Resolve to allow any resident who received a permit to construct a swimming pool between January 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015 to request a refund of the difference between the original permit fee and the fee recalculated using the current formula. Refund will be issued following an inspection by the code enforcement officer and determination that construction is complete and there are no outstanding violations.

Cut off is the end of 2016.

Motion to approve the resolution made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

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

Janet Crawford said the Town wide yard sale and plant sale will be on May 14th.
Camp Palatine dates are July 11th- August 19th. Sign-ups for camp are on June 4 & 25th from

9:00am- 12:00pm. Cut-off date has not been set yet. Information will be posted on Town website and Facebook.

Councilwoman Foley said Billy Shannon will be doing a book signing on May 14th at the Parsonage.

Bids will be in before next Town Board meeting.

Supervisor's Report

- NYSERDA/Citizen's Climate Lobby Presentation will be held April 24th at 4:00pm.
- Next Town Board meeting is April 26th at 7:00pm.

Public

Kay Abraham was hoping to see appointments for comprehensive plan committee on the agenda this month. Ms. Abraham said there must be people requesting to be on the committee. Supervisor Craig said there has been some requests.

Martin Overington announced 19th annual River Sweep which will be held on Saturday, May 7th at 9:00am at the Lasher Memorial Park. From there they will walk south 4 miles to Cheviot picking up trash along the Hudson River. Please come and join them.

Mr. Overington then asked when they sell the police cars where will the money go? Supervisor Craig said the money will go toward a down payment on a new car.

Mr. Overington then asked about the lighting district and the bill from National Grid. Does he have to FOIL to get that number? Supervisor Craig said that he could get him a copy of the bill.

Councilwoman Foley asked if anyone had told Martin about the tree height at the Anchorage. Supervisor Craig said it is not a town issue but a state issue. They will mention it to them when they put the docks in on April 12th.

Supervisor Craig closed public comments.

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

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

Motion to come out of executive session made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Moore.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,