Minutes of April 26, 2016 Germantown Town Board meeting, held at the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:03pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig

 Councilwoman DuFresne

 Councilwoman Foley

 Councilman Moore

Absent: Councilman Phelan

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

Motion to pay Town audited bills, which includes a larger bill not on list for the sidewalks made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Moore, with all in favor and none opposed.

**Written Communication** by Town Clerk

None

At this time a presentation from Germantown Central School Superintendent, Susan Brown in regards to school budget and Board of Education vote. Voting day is May 17th 12pm- 9pm. They will be sending a newsletter next week to all residents. Ms. Brown said the last voter registration will be Tuesday, May 10th 3-7pm. The budget process has been long and the board of education has come up with adopted budget they believe going to help maintaining the high quality of education. The proposed budget came in at $14,784,810.00 that is the proposed spending plan and that is what voters will be voting on, Tuesday, May 17th. Tax levy cap came in very low at .64% just under 2% over last years. They will use fund balance to close the gap of $800,600. Supervisor Craig asked for an update on the capitol project. Ms. Brown said the capitol project design teams, including community volunteers have been meeting all year long. They have been troubleshooting and brain storming and are very close to the end of the design phase. Ms. Brown said they anticipate beginning summer of 2017. Any questions please call the school or look on the website for information.

**Maintenance** by Supervisor Craig

* Drainage has been installed at the ballfields and functioning well.
* New topsoil has been spread, infield has been graded and seeded.
* Waiting for a new delivery of clay, expecting it the first week of May.
* Will be doing additional work on the fences and back stops.
* Softball field in good shape.
* 2 new pieces of equipment at the playground.
* Working on camp building.
* New key pad system installed, that was purchased through JCAP grant.

**Highway** by Councilman Moore

* Anchorage docks are in.
* Brooming is done.
* Working on ditching.
* Helping Anthony with ballfields.
* Will be ditching Block Factory Road this week.
* Roadside clean up to begin Wednesday, the 27th at 9am at the Highway garage.
* River Sweep will be held May 7th at 9am at the Anchorage.

Highway department is asking the Town Board to go to their summer hours, which will start May 1st through September 6th.

Motion to approve Highway department going to summer hours made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye

Councilwoman Foley: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

**Sewer**

No report this month.

**Police** by Chief DuBois

77.5 hours were logged in for the month of March.

* 13 traffic tickets
* 28 warnings
* 1 electronic intrusion device (burglar alarm)
* 1 trespass
* 1 criminal mischief
* 1 aggravated unlicensed operation

Park Patrols: Cheviot- 21 times, Anchorage- 21 times, School- 15 times, Palatine Park- 12 times, Dales Bridge- 12 times.

Supervisor Craig said they had received bids on all police vehicles. A bid for $521.00 on the Ford Explorer that doesn’t run and a bid for $661.00 on the other Explorer, they have received payments but arrangements have not been made to have them picked up yet. The Town had a certificate of origin but no title for the Crown Vic and now are in the process of titling it. It will be re-listed once they have the title.

**History**

No report this month. Supervisor Craig said there was a nice presentation at the library on the Parsonage.

No reports for the Citizen Advisory Committees.

**Old Business**

Supervisor Craig said the town had received one request for a proposal from A Day Away Kayak Rentals. They will do a year trial. Asking the Town Board for their approval and give him the go ahead. Tal said they will finalize the contract and all the details.

Motion to accept the proposal from A Day Away Kayak Rentals made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Moore.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye

Councilwoman Foley: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

Supervisor Craig mentioned the sidewalks all torn up in Town and apologized for any inconveniences. From Palatine Park Road to Church Avenue should be completed by Memorial Day. Councilman Moore asked about the mailboxes. Supervisor Craig said they have approval from the Post Office to move the mailboxes across the street. These residents will have to be notified.

**New Business**

Supervisor Craig said he received a letter from Martin Leucke wishing to expanding the Central House. Mr. Leucke would like to obtain his liquor license for his establishment with a tavern.

Motion to approve Central House getting a liquor license made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye

Councilwoman Foley: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

**Supervisor’s Report**

* River Sweep will be held May 7th 9am-12pm at the Anchorage.
* Town wide yard sale will be held on May 14th. Sign up to be on the map is: $5.00 at your house and $15.00 at Palatine Park.
* Garden Club will also be holding their plant sale on May 14th.
* Billy Shannon will do his book signing on May 14th also.
* Senior class will be sponsoring a car show on May 14th.
* Camp Palatine sign-ups are June 4th & 25th 9am – 1pm.
* Special Town Board meeting will be held May 3rd at 7pm.
* Next Town Board meeting will be May 24th at 7pm.
* Thank you to the Germantown Sportsmen and Dave Black for roadside cleanup.

Councilwoman DuFresne asked if the Town will need insurance for the new equipment that is going in the dog park. Supervisor Craig will find out from the insurance carrier. Tal said it would be simple to add to insurance.

Waterfront Revitalization and Comprehensive Plan committees. Will need to start advertising. Possible business owners to be on these committees. Will need to make a decision by May. Councilman Moore asked who will be making these decisions? Supervisor Craig said the Town Board will be meeting with the individuals. Councilwoman DuFresne suggested open conversation on what the goals would be.

**Public**

Ellen Jouret Epstein spoke about the presentation she attended at the Cooperative Extension in regards to solar. Ms. Epstein said there is a lot of issues involved in this and encourages people move slowly and to contact someone at the Cooperative Extension. On Sunday the Town co-hosted a forum on climate change along with the towns of Clermont and Livingston. The speakers talked about updated information on climate change in NYS and in our region. They heard about the Cooperstown resolution which recognizes the reality of climate change and resolve to work with the government to mitigate this. Nine towns in Columbia County passed a Cooperstown type resolution. Chris Gibson is very influenced by this and filed a resolution into the house. Ms. Epstein handed information on this resolution to the Town Board and is hoping the Town will go forward with this resolution.

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

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye

Councilwoman Foley: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

Supervisor Craig said he didn’t know if the Town Board would be making a motion when they come out of executive session.

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

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye

Councilwoman Foley: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

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

Meeting closed at 8:05pm.

 Respectfully submitted,