Minutes of July 26, 2016, Germantown Town Board meeting, held in Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig

Councilwoman Foley

Councilman Phelan

Councilman Moore

Absent: Councilwoman DuFresne

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

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

**Written Communication**

No communications.

**Maintenance**

No report this month.

**Highway**

No report this month.

**Police** by Chief DuBois

Chief DuBois thanked Councilman Phelan for a job well done for the Independence Day Celebration.

Logged in 441 miles for the month of June.

* 5 vehicle & traffic tickets.
* 25 warnings.

Park Patrols: Cheviot- 11 times, Anchorage- 11 times, School- 6 times, Palatine Park- 7 times, Dales Bridge- 5 times.

* 1 Auto accident property damage.
* 1 Sex offender registry.
* 1 Burglar alarm- EID
* 1 complaint of speeding vehicle.

Chief DuBois said he had an officer resign to work for the City of Kingston and for the Town Board’s consideration an application of an officer that worked here before but has to re-certify.

**History** by Sue Raab

* Field school in full swing.
* Thank you to Matthew.
* Exhibit and map together next year.

Supervisor Craig asked if anything else was found in the dig. Ms. Raab said more pottery, buckles and clay pipes.

**Old Business**

Councilman Phelan said Thank you to all of the 65 volunteers who helped with the Independence Day Celebration. Councilman Phelan said this year there were added features, lowering of the American Flag at sunset and singing of the National Anthem before the fireworks. Special thank you to all the Germantown boy scouts and parents participating in the folding of the American Flag, Emily Choinsky for singing the National Anthem and to Martin and Devin Overington.

There was a slight decrease by 10% in attendance this year, but was still profitable. Goals are to break even, have fun and get home safe. Date for next year is likely the first Saturday in July.

Supervisor Craig also thanked Councilman Phelan on a job well done.

At this time Supervisor Craig read the Climate Change Resolution.

**Town of Germantown**

**Climate Change Resolution**

**July 26, 2016**

RESOLUTION- Expressing the commitment of the Town of Germantown to conservative environmental stewardship.

Whereas it is a conservative principle to protect, conserve, and be good stewards of our environment, responsibly plan for all market factors, and base our policy decisions in science and quantifiable facts on the ground;

Whereas prudent, fact-based stewardship of our economy and our environment is a critical responsibility for all Americans in order to ensure that we preserve our great Nation for future generations; Whereas there has been a marked increase in extreme weather events across the United States, including more frequent heat waves, extreme precipitation, wildfires and water scarcity;

Whereas this has had noticeable, negative impacts that are expected to worsen in every region of the United States and its territories, including, among other significant weather events and environmental disruptions, longer and hotter heat waves, more severe storms, worsening flood and drought cycles, growing invasive species and insect problems, threatened native plant and wildlife populations, rising sea levels, and, when combined with a lack of proper forest management, increased wildlife risk;

Whereas increased pollutants and other factors contribute to local, regional, and national environmental and human health impacts, including increased mercury in the fish we eat, elevated asthma attacks in our children, acid rain, smog, degraded water quality, urban heat islands, and rapid storm water runoff that leads to costly infrastructure projects;

Whereas, if left unaddressed, the consequences of a changing climate have the potential to adversely impact all Americans, hitting vulnerable populations hardest, harming productivity in key economic sectors such as construction, agriculture, and tourism, saddling future generations with costly economic and environmental burdens, and imposing additional costs on municipal budgets that will further add to the long-term fiscal challenges that we face as a Nation;

Whereas any efforts to mitigate the risks of, prepare for, or otherwise address our changing climate and its effects should not constrain the United States economy, especially in regards to global competitiveness;

And Whereas there is increasing recognition that we can and must take meaningful and responsible action now to address this issue: Now, therefore, be it Resolved,

That the Germantown Town Board commits to working constructively, using our tradition of American ingenuity, innovation, and exceptionalism, to create and support economically viable, and broadly supported private and public solutions to study and address the causes and effects of measured changes to our global regional climates, including mitigation efforts and efforts to balance human activities that have been found to have an impact.

Motion to accept the Climate Change Resolution made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Moore.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman Foley: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

Supervisor Craig named 7 people to the Comprehensive Plan Committee. They should start working on the plan sometime after Labor Day.

John Kukon

Faydra Geraghty

Martin Lueck

Larry Cosenza

Andrea Foley

Norman Mintz

Ralph DelPozzo

Motion made to appoint those people to the Comprehensive Plan Committee made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman Foley: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

Supervisor Craig named the people to the Waterfront Revitalization Committee.

Jen Crawford

Phil Williams

William Shannon

Christina Bohnsack

Don Westmore

Kaare Christian

Robert Nedwick

Motion to accept that committee made by, Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman Foley: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

**Supervisor’s Report**

* Camp Palatine is underway- with 287 children attending.
* Planning Board meeting, Thursday, July 28th at 7:00pm at the Kellner Activity Building.
* August Town Board meeting, August 23rd at 7:00pm.

Councilwoman Foley asked when do counselors apply to work at Camp Palatine. Janet Crawford said in March.

**Public**

Ellen Jouret Epstein thanked the Town Board for the Resolution and asked if the resolution will be on the website. Supervisor Craig told her it will be.

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 Councilman Phelan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor Craig said the Town Board may take action when they get back.

Motion to come out of executive session made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to authorize the sponsorship of Damon Filli to the Police Academy made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman Foley: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

Motion to commence proceedings on the Johnson property for code violations made by Councilman Phelan, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman Foley: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

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

Meeting closed at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,