

Minutes of June 20, 2017 Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

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

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Craig opened the meeting and led with the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Motion to pay June Town Board audited bills made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications

Town Clerk mentioned the bins for shredding of personal documents in the Town Hall lobby until June 30, 2017.

Maintenance by Councilman Moore

- Mowing and weed eating.
- All water is turned on.
- All bathrooms are open.
- Water line broke in the ballfield bathroom.
- Spread 15 yards of top soil on the lawn in front of the Activity Building where someone drove on the lawn.
- Both mowers were serviced.
- Took Billy Dicks around to inspect all generators. Town Board should have report.
- Have been treating the lake.
- Would like to bring on Caleb Wynkoop for summer help.

Highway by Councilman Moore

- Black topping on Maple Avenue is complete. Finished shoulders with oil & stone.
- Started the 2nd pass mowing.
- Digging ditches and cutting shoulders on South Road.
- All 6 full-time employees had 8 hours of mandatory OSHA training at the Chatham Fair grounds.
- We are getting into storm season Billy Dick did his report on the generators
- John Deere mowing tractor is at Keil's Equipment. Next in line for the mower attachment.
- Helping Matthew with the lighting, transportation and traffic devices for the 4th of July celebration
- Zack mowed the big field. They will go over it again before the celebration.

Sewer by Councilman Moore

- Average flow is 22,000 gallons a day.
- Received 4 call before you dig request.
- Cleaning the tanks.
- Mowing.

Police by Officer in Charge DuBois

33.5 hours were logged in for the month of May.

- 1 vehicle & traffic

- 45 miles of patrol.
- Participated in an active shooter drill at the Taconic Hills School- was a great exercise.

Park patrols: Cheviot- 3 times, Anchorage- 4 times, School- 4 times, Palatine Park- 3 times, Dales Bridge- 2 times.

Officer in charge DuBois has a request for the Town Board that if the police department can go to a bi-weekly payroll.

Councilwoman Foley asked if any additional hands were needed for the Independence Day Celebration? Officer DuBois said between the Sheriff's department and State Police and Germantown Police department they are all set.

History

No report.

Comprehensive Plan Review Committee

Held a Public Hearing on June 1, 2017 and made some changes. Latest version is on the website.

Old Business

The Public Hearing was held on the bond. Everything remains the same. Bond council update. Supervisor Craig read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AND ORDER AFTER PUBLIC HEARING, APPROVING A SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR GERMANTOWN SEWER DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF GERMANTOWN, COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, STATE OF NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO SECTION 202-b OF THE TOWN LAW

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Germantown (herein called "Town Board" and "Town", respectively, in the County of Columbia, New York, on behalf of its Sewer District in the Town, requested Delaware Engineering, P.C., engineers duly licensed by the State of New York (herein called "Engineers") to prepare a map, plan and report for the increase and improvement of facilities of the Sewer District, consisting of upgrade of the Town Wastewater Treatment Plant located off Main Street, and related improvements, and including land or rights in land, original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required therefor; and pursuant to the direction of the Town Board, the Engineers have completed and filed with the Town Board such map, plan and report for the increase and improvement of facilities of the Germantown Sewer District, entitled "Wastewater Treatment Improvements Preliminary Engineering Report", dated September 4, 2015, as amended May 19, 2016, and the Engineers have estimated the total cost thereof not to exceed \$2,500,000.

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

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

New Business

- Re-appointment of Ellen Jouret Epstein to Columbia County Environment Management Council. Supervisor Craig asked Ellen to explain what the Environment Management Council does. To advise the Board of Supervisors. They had been able to revitalize the council and take on projects. They had received funding from Greenway for natural resources in the county. Hired a consultant to help with extensive mapping in the county. Received funding from Greenway to do an expansion on the water front study.

Motion to appoint Ellen Jouret Epstein to the Columbia County Environment Management Council made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

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

Would like to appoint Linda Gerlach to Columbia County Youth Advisory Board.

Motion to appoint Linda Gerlach to the Columbia County Youth Advisory Board made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

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

- Would like to bring on Caleb Wynkoop as temporary maintenance help for the summer.

Motion to hire Caleb Wynkoop as temporary maintenance help made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Moore.

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

Councilwoman DuFresne said the playground is lacking mulch. Councilwoman DuFresne would like to see a schedule of what goes on and what work they are doing. Supervisor Craig said he would ask Anthony to specify. Councilwoman said there is a lot to take care and that maybe we should hire more help if things are being neglected. Supervisor Craig said that could be discussed at budget time.

- Approval of Audit of Justice Court records and forward to State Judicial authorities.

Motion to approve the audit of Justice Court records made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Moore.

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

Supervisor Craig said that Judge Beaury resigned. Judge Nack-Lawlor will be taking on the extra case load and had asked if we pay her a stipend for the additional work.

Motion to pay Judge Nack-Lawlor a stipend made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Moore.

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

Supervisor Craig thanked Judge Nack-Lawlor for helping with the additional work.

- OSHA requirement for the need for Work Place Violence Policy. Needs to be adopted and put on the website.

Motion to adopt Work Place Violence Policy made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

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

- Looking for vendors from community organizations or people selling things, there are enough food vendors.

Councilman Moore would like to add an alternate or substitute to the Planning Board. He would like to appoint Emil Ericson as alternate to the Planning Board.

Motion to appoint Emil Ericson as alternate for the Planning Board made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

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

Supervisor Craig said they will clarify when he can be used for the Planning board. Councilwoman DuFresne said they should also look into the Zoning.

Supervisor's Report

- Columbia County Soil & Water District Educational Program will be held Wednesday, August 2nd and 23rd at Ernest J Lasher Park it is a free event.
- Independence Day Celebration is July 1st.
- Camp Palatine begins July 10th.
- Camp Palatine fund raiser at Tousey Winery July 27th 4-8pm. Councilwoman Foley asked if there was enough staff hired for the number of children?
- Town Board meeting July 18th at 7:00pm.

Public

Norman Mintz and Martin Overington worked on finding and researching cast iron vintage lights and they are wondering where they are? Supervisor Craig said they were ordered in February. Supervisor Craig called the company two weeks ago and was told when the order was submitted as all glass globes and then the order was submitted globes with the shading on the top, the company didn't know which to order. Supervisor Craig said they are now ordered and will follow up every week with a phone call. There were no bids from electricians. Supervisor Craig said they went out twice for bids the Attorney said we can hire who we want. Supervisor Craig apologized for the delay.

Martin Overington asked if the plans for the sewer were going through? Supervisor Craig said they are going through with it and nothing has changed. We had a Public Hearing on the resolution at 6:30pm. Martin questioned the Public Hearing not being on the website and was told yes it was. Supervisor Craig said they did the resolution to do the bond and since the last resolution was slightly different they had to do the Public Hearing. Supervisor Craig said the plans did not change.

Martin Overington wanted to thank the Town in their support of the 20th annual River Sweep. There were about 30 volunteers this year and 3,000 lbs. of stuff. Supervisor Craig said from looking at the pictures it looked like stuff had been dumped there. Martin said it is an 80/20

situation. Eighty from the river and twenty from people throwing their stuff there. Martin asked is there any way to put signage up and fine people as part of it is Town property?

Ellen Jouret Epstein if the Town Board could hold off on their decision for the Commercial Event Law? Supervisor Craig said they are waiting for the zoning board. Councilwoman Foley said there are a few things on the list that need to be reviewed. Supervisor Craig said they plan to go forward by the next meeting.

Joe Guida said planning and zoning boards are against it. Supervisor Craig said they are not against it they are just putting it off. Ms. Epstein said there were so many details in the law that were questionable. Councilwoman DuFresne said there are definitely revisions that need to be made. Ellen Jouret Epstein is hoping for a public forum because all the neighbors haven't been heard from. Joe Guida said he heard that property values will go down. Supervisor Craig said he doesn't think property values have gone down in Livingston, they have several venues there. Councilwoman DuFresne said there are going to be revisions and the Town Board is not at the point where they are approving it. Councilwoman DuFresne said they received the information and needs to be taken into account and addressed. Joe Guida said this would not maintain the rural nature of our community.

Margaret Della Cioppa said the Livingston law was written because of Oak Hill and is specific to what was going on at Oak Hill and all the complaints. Margaret also said another venue in Livingston had closed down.

Martin Overington asked if there had to be a law? Supervisor Craig said that different zones have different uses that's why they are giving it to the Planning board.

Ellen Jouret Epstein said thank you to the Town Board for their consideration of this matter. Supervisor Craig said that he appreciates the Planning and Zoning.

Theresa Repko asked if after the Board has their meeting will it be open to the public for comments. Supervisor Craig said he really doesn't know yet.

Genette Oehlke said she would like to stop the fear. They want to preserve the agriculture and the farms that's why they had come to the Town Board. Their families have been in Germantown for 75 years. Genette also said that they have a lot of support from their neighbors.

Ellen Jouret Epstein said she heard that the people who are going to benefit from the law are involved in crafting it. Supervisor Craig said they researched it and the law came through Jay Trapp who dealt with that in Livingston. Ms. Epstein said the Jay Trapp is going around the law. Councilwoman DuFresne said not to make any assumptions and this should be dealt with at a later date.

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 DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

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

Meeting closed at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

