Minutes of June 21, 2016 Germantown Town Board meeting, held at the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY commencing at 7:05pm.

Present: Deputy Supervisor DuFresne

Councilwoman Foley

Councilman Phelan

Councilman Moore

Absent: Supervisor Craig

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Deputy Supervisor DuFresne opened the meeting and led with the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Deputy Supervisor DuFresne asked Town Board to make appropriate budget changes.

Capital Fund to General Fund in the amount of $62,461.76

Capital Fund to Highway in the amount of $61,722.00

Capital Fund to Sewer in the amount of $96.00

Special Revenue to General Fund in the amount of $5,776.98

General Fund to Trust & Agency in the amount of $1,804.55

Trust & Agency to General Fund in the amount of $5,778.65

Motion to make appropriate budget changes made by Councilman Phelan, seconded by Councilwoman Foley, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

**Written Communications** by Town Clerk

Town Clerk read a letter addressed to Supervisor Craig and Town Board members urging the Town Board establish the committee and hire a consultant. The letter listed four firms.

**Maintenance**

* Anthony is focused on June and July work load and regular maintenance.

**Sewer**

* Operating continues as normal.

**Police** by Chief DuBois

* Logged 63 hours and 328 miles for the month of May.
* 6 vehicle & traffic tickets.
* 19 warnings.
* 1 complaint auto accident w/property damage.
* 1 911 hang up.
* 1 assist other agency.

Park patrols: Cheviot- 9 times, Anchorage- 10 times, School- 8 times, Palatine Park- 8 times, Dales Bridge- 6 times.

Chief DuBois said the police department will need to replace the State software for their computers. Working with different companies on the County level to make it affordable for all to buy into.

**History** by Sue Raab

* Thank you to the Garden Club for restoring the gardens.
* Continuing archeology.
* Correspondence from England.
* Involved in the Independence Day celebration. Larry & Susanne Cianfoni donated their golf cart.

Ms. Raab said the History department would like to appoint Susanne Cianfoni.

Motion to appoint Susanne Cianfoni to the History department made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Moore.

Deputy Supervisor DuFresne: Aye

Councilwoman Foley: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

**Old Business**

* The Independence Day Celebration updates are:
* Transfer station will close an hour early.
* 4:00pm Palatine Park Road will be closed at Main Street entrance.
* 4:00pm Gates will open. $3.00 for walkers and $15.00 per car.
* Free events for children include: Wild mountain bird rescue and 2 by 2 zoo.
* 4:00pm Dunking booth- fund raiser for improvements to the ballfields and concession stand.
* 5:30pm Magician and a clown.
* 5:30pm band South Bound begin playing live music.
* 7:00pm performance by Mad Science called Fire & Ice.
* 9:30pm Fireworks
* This year a lot more options for food vendors.
* 75 volunteers making this event successful.

To find out more information go to the Town of Germantown website or the Town of Germantown Face Book page.

* Sidewalk update: Sidewalks have reached the hamlet and the bases are in for the street lights.

**New Business**

Don Westmore and Kerry Christian have gotten Cheviot on the actual map of the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail. The website is **Hudson River Greenway Water Trail.org**

Due to recent information brought to the Town Board Deputy Supervisor DuFresne would like to entertain a motion to approve the Zoning Board to hire a private consultant in the amount of no more than $1,200 for assistance in writing a resolution regarding a current zoning board case contingent upon the Town Attorney drafting a proposal including the scope of work that must be approved by Joel Craig the Town Supervisor.

Motion to approve the Zoning Board to hire a private consultant in the amount of no more than $1,200 for assistance in writing a resolution regarding a current zoning board case contingent upon the Town Attorney drafting a proposal including the scope of work that must be approved by Joel Craig the Town Supervisor made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Deputy Supervisor DuFresne: Aye

Councilwoman Foley: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

**Supervisor’s Report**

* Camp Palatine sign ups June 25th 9-1pm.
* July Town Board meeting on July 26th at 7:00pm.

**Public**

Jeremy Smith said he thought they would have finalized details of the comprehensive plan due to what was brought up at the Town Board workshop. Deputy Supervisor DuFresne said there was not enough time to put something together and there is more needed to look into and more options to go over.

Ellen Jouret Epstein asked what is the process? Deputy Supervisor DuFresne said the process was the matter of choosing people for this committee. More discussion was held on this matter. After the discussion Deputy Supervisor DuFresne said they are not ready to make a decision at this time.

Ms. Epstein also asked about the Cooperstown Resolution and what the Town Board has to say about it.

Deputy Supervisor DuFresne said that a lot in the resolution should be covered in the plan.

Councilman Phelan asked what implications to do with our Town? Councilman Phelan said that he would need more information and wanted to know why it came to the Town Board.

Ms. Epstein said it sends a message up the chain of government.

Councilwoman DuFresne said we are prepared to support it. We need to tailor it to fit our Town backing it up through the comprehensive plan

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

Meeting closed at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,