Minutes of September 27, 2016 Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig

Councilwoman DuFresne

Councilman Phelan

Councilman Moore

Absent: Councilwoman Foley

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

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

Before approving the September Town Board bills, the Town Board discussed the bill for the Planner. The cap for that bill was $1,200 and the Town was billed $1,400. This matter will be discussed with the accountant. Town Board agreed to pull just voucher #338 and pay all the other bills.

Motion to pay Town Board audited bills except for voucher #338 made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Phelan, with all in favor and none opposed.

**Written Communication**

None

**Maintenance** by Councilman Phelan

* Getting the Park ready and cleaning up after Apple Fest.
* Bringing in equipment for the winter.
* Lake is doing well.
* Water system has been cleaned.

**Highway** by Rich Jennings

* Helping the School with the wagon and escort on October 5th & 6th. Already talked to the resident Deputy.
* Helped Livingston and Clermont with paving. Pavers all cleaned up and put away for the winter.
* Final mowing pass for season.
* Pulling the Cheviot dock in mid-October after Columbus Day.
* No date set for the Anchorage dock, sometime in November.

Rich is asking the Town Board’s approval to purchase an angle plow and tilt tach for the front of the skid steer. Rich explained the use of these pieces of equipment to the Town Board. Rich also said that he did not want to scratch or damage the new sidewalks. Councilwoman DuFresne agreed.

Councilman Phelan asked if the Bob Cat could fit on the sidewalks? Rich said it won’t fit in all spots on the sidewalks.

Councilwoman DuFresne asked if there was enough money in this year’s budget? Rich answered that there is enough money.

Councilwoman DuFresne asked about the snow ordinance. Rich would like the snow ordinance changed there a lot more cars parked in the village now. There was a discussion in regards to the snow ordinance. Supervisor Craig said he would talk to Tal about it.

The cost for the angle plow and tilt tach is around $7,000. The money in the snow removal fund could be transferred to machinery. Rich said sand and salt were ready for this winter season.

Councilman Moore asked what if they run out of money? Supervisor Craig said they would move funds around.

Motion to approve the purchase of the angle plow and tilt tach for the skid steer made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Moore.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

Rich commented on the nice job Colarusso’s did on the sidewalks.

Councilwoman DuFresne suggested departments prepare a monthly budget report which would be beneficial on yearly spending.

**Sewer** by Supervisor Craig

* Average flow per day is 18,000 gallons.
* Missed one manhole cover and it was found.
* Problem with pump station #1. Called in Camo Pollution. Station running good now.

**Police** by Supervisor Craig

* 2 tickets
* 11 warnings
* 1 vehicle
* 1 bicycle larceny

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

Police were also present at the Apple Fest.

**History** by Sue Raab

* Will get the schedule for Rich for the wagon ride to the Parsonage.
* Town of Milan will be having a bicentennial where they put together a small video on the Palatines.
* On November 11th Town of Milan will have a production on slavery. Evidence of slavery found in Germantown.

**Old Business**

* Request for proposal for the planner. They have received 2 qualified proposals and the Town Board will be making the selection tonight. The proposals are from Planet Main Street and Green Plan.

Motion to approve acceptance of Planet Main Street made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

* Supervisor Craig would like the Town Board to appoint Jason Shelton as an additional member to the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee.

Motion to appoint Jason Shelton to the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee made by Supervisor Craig, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne spoke in regards to the Broadband Grant.

**RESOLUTION**

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GERMANTOWN**

**ACCEPTING LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT AND**

**AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR OT EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Germantown has previously applied to the NYS Department of State for a grant from the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Germantown has been advised that it has been awarded a grant under such Program.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Germantown hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor or his designee to execute any necessary documents and/or take necessary action to accept and proceed with the said Grant.

Motion for resolution accepting LWRP Grant and accept contract made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

* Appointment of additional members to LWRP Committee are Martin Overington and William Foster.

Motion to appoint Martin Overington and William Foster to LWRP Committee made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

**New Business**

* Town Board received a copy of annual court report consisting of statistics and how many cases the court handled. This report was prepared by Judge Nack Lawlor.

Motion to accept audit of Justice Court records made by Councilman Phelan, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

* Judge Beaury put together JCAP Grant. Which included a generator for Town Hall and video & sound system for the Court Room. Grant would be for approximately $15,000 with no spending of Town funds.

**Resolution** to allow the Germantown Justice Court to apply for a JCAP Grant by the Town Board of the Town of Germantown, in the County of Columbia, as follows:

Whereas the Germantown Justice Court wants to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program grant from the New York State Office of Court Administration for upgrades to the Town Court, now

Therefore be it Resolved that the Germantown Town Board hereby grants the Town Justice Court authority to apply for the maximum amount available for grant funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program from the New York State Office of Court Administration this 27th day of September 2016.

Discussion in regards to the Grant followed.

Motion to accept JCAP Grant made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilman Moore: Aye

Supervisor Craig said a few months ago Emil Ericson had come to him in regards to the old road bed that runs through where he wanted to build his house on Lasher Avenue. At this point the Town has no interest in this roadway. Supervisor Craig had talked to Tal and was told to make a motion to give up interest in this roadway and Emil could go forward to clear up the title and build his house. There was a discussion about this roadway. Supervisor Craig asked for a motion to release the Town’s interest in the roadway. Town Board suggested tabling this matter until Tal arrived.

**Supervisor’s Report**

* Board of Assessment Review has 2 vacancies.
* Columbia County Office of Aging Advisory Committee has 1 vacancy.
* Flu clinic will be held November 3rd 11am-noon at Town Hall.
* Budget meetings will be held October 4th, 11th & 18th at 6:00pm.
* 2017 Budget Public Hearing will be held October 25th at 6:30pm prior to the Town Board meeting.
* October Town Board meeting is October 25th at 7:00pm.

Supervisor Craig said he got a call from the County in regards to the Star Program. There have been problems with new Star applicants and the matter is being reviewed. He said do not call the Assessor if there is a problem with your rebate call NYS at 518-457-2036.

**Public**

No public comments.

Tal arrived and a discussion in regards to the roadway continued. Tal asked Mr. Ericson if he had a copy of his title insurance and that his title insurance should have an explanation. The Town Board will wait for the paperwork from Mr. Ericson before they can give an answer.

Councilwoman DuFresne said to watch Facebook or the website in regards to the date of the Halloween parade.

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

Meeting closed at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,