

Minutes of September 11, 2018, Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Beury
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon

Town Attorney: Corrine Smith

Absent: Councilman Moore
Councilwoman DuFresne

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Beury opened the meeting and Led with the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to approve the August 7, 2018 public hearing and meeting minutes and the August 14, 2018 public hearing and meeting minutes made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay audited bills made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications by Town Clerk

The bins for the KISS program are in the Town Hall lobby until September 21st 2018.

Town Department Reports:

Maintenance

No report this month

Dog Control

No report this month

Highway by Councilman Kukon

- Have been getting an extreme amount of rain.
- Patching shoulders and cleaning ditches when possible.
- Started to prep trucks for paint and get them ready for snow.
- Trucks will be inspected next month.
- Violence in the workplace training for all Town employees is October 17th at 9:00am.
- Working on a beaver problem on Best Lane, trying to keep it open and not to flood the road.
- 3-foot pipe on South Road is changed and blacktopped back in.

Sewer by Councilman Sullivan

- Average flow is 24,000 gallons per day.
- Received 55 call before you dig requests.
- RBC#2 is repaired and running.
- Thursday, September 6th lost power for an hour and a half. Everything went ok.

Presentation by Paul D’Onofrio, Deputy Director of Columbia County Emergency Management regarding a drill at GCS on October 13th, 2018. Mr. D’Onofrio said they completed the first active shooter exercise in May of 2017 at the Taconic Hills School. Mr. D’Onofrio said it was a big success for the first time they had about 250-265 participants. Mr. D’Onofrio said that around 6:00am will notice law enforcement, EMS and firefighters the exercise will start around 8-8:30am. Mr. D’Onofrio said that possibly there may be 2 helicopters coming but they won’t know that until the morning of the drill. A lot of the details cannot be discussed at this time. Mr. D’Onofrio said they are looking for approximately 100 volunteers and the exercise should conclude around noon. Around 2-2:30pm all emergency personnel will be gone and there will be a debriefing held at the school followed by a luncheon once the drill is completed. Supervisor Beaury asked if any of the town buildings will be used? Mr. D’Onofrio told him he believed just the pavilion will be used for early briefing of fire personnel and EMS.

Tracy Martin owner of Otto’s spoke about the Harvest Weekend. Tracy said on Sunday September 30th the harvest will be held. There will be an outdoor community dinner and everyone should come out to support local agriculture. This event will be free to all. Tracy would like to invite farmers to come and share a story. The event is held 5-8pm with music, dinner and an agriculture history talk by John Bowermaster and a film “Seeds of Hope” to end the evening.

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 at 7:17pm made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Beaury: Aye
Councilman Kukon: Aye
Councilman Sullivan: Aye

Motion to come out of executive session at 7:35pm made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan.

Supervisor Beaury: Aye
Councilman Kukon: Aye
Councilman Sullivan: Aye

Motion to go into regular session made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan.

Supervisor Beaury: Aye
Councilman Kukon: Aye
Councilman Sullivan: Aye

Old Business

- Permission to apply for JCAP.

Supervisor Beaury read the resolution

**TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
RESOLUTION
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown wishes 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 IT IS HEREBY

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.

Motion to approve resolution for applying for a JCAP grant made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Beaury: Aye
Councilman Kukon: Aye
Councilman Sullivan: Aye

- Resolution regarding Wastewater Treatment Plant SEQR Type II Classification.
Supervisor Beaury said it was returned by NYS asking to include one more paragraph.

Supervisor Beaury read the following resolution:

**DRAFT
RESOLUTION NO. ___ OF 2018
ADOPTED _____**

**TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS
SEQR TYPE II CLASSIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown, Columbia County, New York (hereinafter the “Town”) has established the public benefit to the Town residents of Sewer upgrades, located in the Town of Germantown; and,

WHEREAS, the project includes updating the wastewater treatment plant, located off of Main Street in the Town and,

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2) states “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrades to buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in Section 617.4 of this Part” has been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment and are precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law Article 8; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed project does not meet or exceed any of the thresholds in Section 617.4;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in consideration of the foregoing:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Germantown hereby finds that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements project is a Type II Action and is not subject to review under SEQR (6 NYCRR Part 617.5).
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion to approve resolution made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan.

Supervisor Beaury:	Aye
Councilman Kukon:	Aye
Councilman Sullivan:	Aye

- Discussion on Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2018 regarding alternate members to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board. Councilman Sullivan said he is not prepared enough to go forward with the proposed Local Law and he suggest tabling it. Councilman Sullivan said there was no feedback from any of the residents. Councilman Kukon agrees with him. The Town Board has no authority to appoint until the Local Law is in place.

Motion to rescind the appointment of a particular person from the Planning Board made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Beaury:	Aye
Councilman Kukon:	Aye
Councilman Sullivan:	Aye

Councilman Sullivan said once it is re-visited and the Local Law is adopted then the Town Board can appoint.

- Parking restrictions on long-term parking of trucks and/or cars in the Municipal Parking Lot. Supervisor Beaury said he is going to pull all information together and circulate to the Town Board before the snow falls. Councilman Sullivan said to get similar regulations from other towns.

New Business

- Police department matters. Supervisor Beaury said the two AR15's and the two shotguns are being held in the Columbia County Sheriffs Department. The Sheriff's department will purchase one AR15 and one AR15 will be donated to the Columbia County School Resource Deputy program.

Motion to surplus and sell one AR15 and donate one AR15 to the Columbia County School Resource Deputy program made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan.

Supervisor Beaury: Aye
 Councilman Kukon: Aye
 Councilman Sullivan: Aye

Councilman Sullivan asked if the weapon will be used at the school? Supervisor Beaury answered by saying at least one of the weapons will be available to the school for safety. Supervisor Beaury said he does not know where the Sheriff's department will store the weapons and that is not something the public needs to know. Supervisor Beaury said the Sheriff's department will take the tasers and if they are not usable will destroy them.

Motion to surplus and dispose of the tasers made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan.

Supervisor Beaury: Aye
 Councilman Kukon: Aye
 Councilman Sullivan: Aye

Motion to surplus and sell police vehicle made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Beaury: Aye
 Councilman Kukon: Aye
 Councilman Sullivan: Aye

- Set dates for policy workshops going to hold off until a full Town Board.
- Budget workshop dates are set for September 18th and 24th at 6:30pm.
- Portable phone and portable entertainment devices policy. Supervisor Beaury said the draft policy is similar to the County's policy.

Motion to adopt the policy made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan.

Supervisor Beaury: Aye
Councilman Kukon: Aye
Councilman Sullivan: Aye

- Discrimination and Harassment Policy. Provide updates. Policy has to be revised and updated by the next Town Board meeting.

Supervisor's Report

- Sold the Auger for \$680.00 the York Rake. Next to be sold is the green trailer.
- Pavers for sitting area in the Hamlet. Greg Fingar is working on enhancing the sitting area. He will be putting in paving stones call Greg if you would like to purchase one. The website is **that's my brick.com**. Bricks are \$100.00 apiece.
- NYS DOL/PESH inspected the WWTP on June 21, 2018. Report has not been received as of yet.
- Amtrak Fences and Gates update. Amtrak visited the site along with DOT spent 3 ½ hours on the waterfront. They will be taking some of our suggestions to Washington and to Albany. Site inspection may be in Hyde Park. **Gates.gate.org** is the website. Amtrak is willing to meet with communities.
- Presentation by Suzette Booy, Director of Real Property Tax Services and Ralph DelPozzo, Tax Assessor on October 9, 2018. Suzette will be telling us why it is a good idea for re-assessment for the town.
- Next Town Board meeting is October 9, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Public

Kaare Christian said the phragmites situation was discussed at the last Town Board meeting. Kaare said it is too late this year to work on getting them out of the pond. The town owns the north and west part of the pond. Councilman Kukon asked if anyone had reached out to the land owner that owns part of the pond. Kaare suggests mowing to the waters edge. Plants to be taken care of in the water as well. Keep in mind for next spring. Supervisor Beaury we will need to get some volunteers together.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

