

Minutes of November 13, 2018 Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Beury  
Councilman Moore  
Councilwoman DuFresne  
Councilman Kukon  
Councilman Sullivan

Town Attorney: Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

Motion to approve the October 9, 2018 Public Hearing minutes and the October 9, 2018 meeting minutes made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

### **Written Communications**

Town Clerk received an email from Genette Picicci Oehlke saying if the Town Board puts together a 9G corridor committee Genette would like to participate.

### **Town Department Reports:**

#### **Maintenance** by Councilman Sullivan

- Everything has been winterized except snack bar at the ballfields.
- Picnic tables and garbage can have all been put away except the ones at the ballfields.
- Beach house had new doors installed.
- Mowing between the rain.
- Cleaning up leaves.
- Treated the lake.
- Activity building is ready for winter.

#### **Dog Control** by Councilman Sullivan

- Two 911 call outs.
- Two dogs at large.
- One lost dog.
- One dog bite.

#### **Highway** by Councilman Kukon

- Ready for snow.
- Plows and sanders are ready for the first snow.
- Docks are out at the Anchorage and put away.
- Raking and blowing leaves out of the ditches and basins.
- Equipment is all passed and ready.
- Annual fire extinguisher inspection is done for all town equipment and buildings.
- Started brush cutting and chipping.
- Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

#### **Sewer**

No report this month. Supervisor Beury said George is following up with the PESH report and he is training other employees to work at the sewer plant and it will be done by next week.

Motion to go into executive session at 7:03pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline,

suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person; and to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to come out of executive session at 7:43pm made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion re-enter regular session made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

### **Old Business**

NYS requires that towns update their policies on Sexual Harassment and last month Columbia County gave a training to town employees. Next year training will be mandatory for any town employee, board member and for anyone who helps out in the town.

Motion to adopt Town of Germantown Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Sullivan.

Supervisor Beaury:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye
Councilman Kukon:	Aye
Councilman Sullivan:	Aye

### **New Business**

- We had two workshops and a public hearing last month on the 2019 town budget and it is ready for adoption tonight. There is a tax increase in the amount of 1.02%, which amounts to \$13,731. The overall budget amount is \$1,508,336. Which is an increase of \$2,488.00 over 2018 budget.

Motion to approve and adopt the 2019 final town budget made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Supervisor Beaury:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye
Councilman Kukon:	Aye
Councilman Sullivan:	Aye

- Resolution to approve a Waterfront Agreement with the DEC.

Supervisor Beaury read the following resolution:

**TOWN OF GERMANTOWN  
WATERWAY ACCESS PROJECT  
RESOLUTION  
NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown has maintained a State Cooperative Agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation pursuant to ECL section 11-2101 regarding the Germantown Boat launch; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Agreement between the Town of Germantown and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation expired; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation wish to enter into a new Cooperative Agreement pursuant to ECL section 11-2101 regarding the Germantown Boat Launch in order that certain work, as described in the State Cooperative Agreement (the "Project") is desirable, in the public interest, and is required in order to achieve a level of availability and use of the State's waters commensurate with the value thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to enter into a new State Cooperative Agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Germantown:

1. Authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a State Cooperative Agreement for Waterway Access Project and act as the official representative of the Town of Germantown with respect thereto, under the appropriate Laws of the State of New York and the United States of America;
2. That one certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and sent to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany, New York together with the State Cooperative Agreement;
3. That is Resolution take effect immediately.

Motion to enter into a new agreement with DEC made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Beaury:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye
Councilman Kukon:	Aye
Councilman Sullivan:	Aye

Councilman Sullivan asked how long the agreement was for? Supervisor Beaury answered five years.

- Resolution to approve a property re-assessment project which will begin late next year and completed in 2020.

Supervisor Beaury read the following resolution:

**TOWN OF GERMANTOWN  
UPDATING THE 2021 ASSESSMENT ROLL  
RESOLUTION  
NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown received a Final Notice dated July 19, 2018 from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Certifying that the Final Equalization Rate for the 2018 Assessment Roll is 85 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown last did a reassessment in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to do a reassessment at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports the efforts of its Tax Assessor in updating the Town's 2021 Assessment Roll and maintenance of such Assessment Roll at full-market value;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Germantown:

1. Authorizes a reassessment to be conducted by the Tax Assessor with the assistance of the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services and the Columbia County Real Property Tax Service Agency.
2. Authorizes and directs the Town Assessor to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services and the Columbia County Real Property Tax Service Agency and authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor, Tax Assessor and Town Clerk to take such other or further actions as may be necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

3. That this Resolution take effect immediately.

Motion to approve a property reassessment project made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Beary: Aye  
Councilman Moore: Aye  
Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye  
Councilman Kukon: Aye  
Councilman Sullivan: Aye

- New law regarding parking during winter months.

Supervisor Beary said the major issue is parking in the hamlet during snowstorms and which they took the parking law and modified it. Corinne Smith said this will be proposed Local Law #3 of 2018 will set a Public Hearing. This proposed Local Law will have provisions on parking November 15<sup>th</sup>- March 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00am – 6:00am to facilitate for snow plowing. This local law will also include provisions for parking in the Municipal Parking Lot. Corinne will circulate the proposed local law to the Town Board and decide to adopt this local law. Councilwoman DuFresne asked about the Municipal Parking Lot for Gtel employees during snowstorms and snow removal. Supervisor Beary will talk to Rich Jennings about this. Discussion. Supervisor Beary said the Highway Superintendent can call a snow emergency. Corinne Smith prepared a draft local law for the town board to go over before the Public Hearing.

Motion to set a Public Hearing for Local Law #3 of 2018 at 6:45pm on December 11, 2018 made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Beary: Aye  
Councilman Moore: Aye  
Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye  
Councilman Kukon: Aye  
Councilman Sullivan: Aye

- Approve GCS using baseball and softball fields during 2019.

Supervisor Beary said GCS requested uses of baseball and softball fields. Construction will interfere with the fields at the school. There will be no charge to GCS they will help with maintaining the fields at the park. Discussion. GCS will have to accept the limitations our ballfields have.

Motion to approve GCS use of the baseball and softball fields made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Beary: Aye  
Councilman Moore: Aye  
Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye  
Councilman Kukon: Aye  
Councilman Sullivan: Aye

- Study rate structure of the Sewer District.

Engineers suggested we take a look into the rate structure and billing. We are not looking to increase household rates we are just checking to see if everyone is paying their fair share.

Motion to study rate structure of the Sewer District made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Sullivan.

Supervisor Beary: Aye  
Councilman Moore: Aye  
Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye  
Councilman Kukon: Aye  
Councilman Sullivan: Aye

## **Supervisor's Report**

- Amtrak Fences and Gates Information session on December 15<sup>th</sup> 10am- noon. This event is organized by Scenic Hudson and hosted by the Town of Germantown.
- Winter stroll on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2-6pm. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> tree lighting. Put on by Park commission, Town and local businesses. Horse drawn wagon, Santa, band and crafts at Central House.

Councilman Sullivan said that this Saturday at the library will be a presentation on Invasive species, phragmites.

Councilwoman DuFresne said the ice-skating temporary rink does not work under the pavilion because of asphalt underneath. Possibly bringing ice-skating on the lake. A way of bringing the community together. All Town Board members agree on ice-skating on the lake again. Supervisor Beaury will talk to the insurance company and talk to Anthony.

Councilman Moore mentioned scoreboards at the ball field and that he may know a company to put in the scoreboards. There was discussion on the cost.

- Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Call Donna at 518-537-6405 to eat in, take out or deliver.
- Next Town Board meeting is December 11, 2018 at 7pm, a public hearing will be held prior to the Town Board meeting at 6:45pm.
- Year end meeting will be December 27, 2018 at 6pm.
- Re-organizational meeting will be an earlier date in 2019 than it was in 2018.

## **Public**

Newspaper reporter Carmen jokingly asked Supervisor Beaury if he was dressing like a turkey when he delivered the Thanksgiving dinners.

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

Meeting closed at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,