

Minutes of January 8, 2019, Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, New York, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Beaury
Councilman Moore
Councilwoman DuFresne
Councilman Kukon
Councilman Sullivan
Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Motion to open Town Board meeting made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to approve the December 11, 2018 public hearing, December 11, 2018 regular town board meeting, the December 27, 2018 year end meeting and the January 2, 2019 re-organizational meeting minutes made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay audited bills for December 2018 made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay audited bills for January 2019 made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications

None to report.

Town Department Reports:

Maintenance by Councilman Moore

- Started winter clean-up in Activity building.
- Picked up garbage along the trails.
- Replaced outlet in wash bay.
- Cleaned UV bulbs.
- Changed filters.
- Finished painting in Town Hall.

Dog Control by Councilman Moore

- 4 dogs at large.
- 1 pick up of dog.
- 1 assisted Hyde Park Humane Society.

Highway by Councilman Kukon

- Sanding & scraping for the few storms.
- Had 75 ton of salt and 89 ton of sand delivered.
- County sign shop just finished our red no parking signs for the snow ordinance, putting them around town to remind everyone of the new law. The signs will be taken down in March.
- Municipal parking lot signs being made.
- Thank you to Trevor Speenburgh and Emil Ericson for making Clipper ship design for the signs.

Supervisor Beaury would also like to thank Trevor and Emil for designing the town logo to be put on all the signs.

- Cutting brush and dead trees. Did Queensbury, Hilltop and Best Lane. Next area is Old Sawmill Road.

Sewer by Councilman Sullivan

- Average flow is 30,000 per day.
- Received 2 call before you dig requests.
- Everything for PESH has been completed.
- Everything is running fine.

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:05pm 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 Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Old Business

Supervisor Beury read the following:

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 1 of 2019, providing for a local law revising the schedule of sewer changes provided in the Sewer Use law of the Germantown Sewer District No. 1, was laid on the desks of the members of the Town Board for at least 10 days; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on said local law was duly noticed and held on January 8, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Germantown that Local Law No. 1 of 2019 is hereby adopted.

On a motion by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Kukon and having been approved by a majority of the Board, this Resolution was declared duly adopted by the Town of Germantown Town Board.

- Motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a Shared Service agreement with CC MIS department made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Taping and broadcasting of Town Board meetings. The Board discussed the possibility of putting the tapes of monthly meetings on YouTube. The town would like to purchase a new camera for \$150.00. Councilwoman DuFresne will ask Devin Overington to help with this.

New Business

- Utilizing certified personnel at the WWTP. DEC contacted us and they want only certified personnel at the WWTP. The town will be sending an employee to SUNY Ulster from January 17th- April 4th for approximately \$1,050.00.

Motion to approve sending Anthony Cidras to sewer school made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to approve sending another individual to sewer school made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Reducing the membership of the Planning Board. Town Board agrees reducing the Planning Board from 7 to 5 members. A local law will need to be passed in order to do so.

Motion to set public hearing for Local Law #2 reducing planning board membership on February 12, 2019 at 6:45pm made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Policies and procedures for the Planning Board. Councilwoman DuFresne will send out an email to Planning Board members about a workshop in February.
- Appointment for chairman to the Planning Board. There will be no appointment tonight. Councilwoman DuFresne and Councilman Moore will talk to the members of the Planning Board to see who they would like in that position and what qualifications the chairperson should have.
- Committee communication protocol. Town appointed committees will need to get approval of who they contact from the Town Board beforehand.

Motion to require Town appointed committees to obtain prior approval from the Town before any communications to Federal and State agencies made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Moore, with all in favor and none opposed.

Corinne Smith said that all committees were formed for specific purposes. All communication needs to be approved by the Town Board. Jen Crawford supports this.

- Approve fee schedule for building permits for 2019.

Motion to approve fee schedule for building permits for 2019 made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Moore, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Regulating Airbnbs and other STRs (short term rentals). Columbia County formed a committee to address this issue. The County has the full-time personnel with expertise in this area, and they will figure out how to locate and keep track of these rentals and develop a system of regulation. The Town Board agreed to table this matter and let the County handle it.

Supervisor' Report

- CCSO Satellite Office. Supervisor Beaury met with the sheriff and under sheriff to discuss a satellite office and the CCSO will take over the former police office.
- Conversion to LED lighting on Town roads- update. Councilwoman DuFresne said the lighting on Main Street past the post office going towards the firehouse is dark. Martin Overington said there are 53 light fixtures. Martin's three recommendations for additional lighting are: 1.) 9G & Maple Ave to add a new light. 2.) Curve by Maple Ave Ext. 3.) Main Street pole #25 by Velez. The Town Board agrees with Martin on the lighting issue. Terry Tunstill suggested a light on Maple Ave up from the Gtel.

Motion to approve converting the current lights to LED lighting on town roads made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Amtrak Fences and Gates. Amtrak public meeting on January 29th, 5-7pm. Supervisor Beaury said the town Supervisors and Mayors from Columbia and Dutchess counties signed a joint letter which was sent to the Secretary of State. Amtrak will decide on the dates and times, DOT confirmed this and Amtrak will make the final decision.
- Winter stroll was a successful town event. Supervisor thanked Councilwoman DuFresne, Tracey from Otto's, NYS Police, Sheriff's department and Germantown Fire Department.
- Next meeting will be February 12, 2019 at 7:00pm, Public Hearing for Local Law #2 will be at 6:45pm.

Councilwoman DuFresne wants to ice skate.

Public

Genette Picicci Oehlke asked why do we need Local Law #3? Supervisor Beury said for the safe removal of snow. Genette asked what if someone had difficulty walking would they make an exception? Board members explained that the municipal parking lot is available. There will be no exceptions. Violators can ticketed and towed.

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

Meeting closed at 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,