

Minutes of February 12, 2019, Town of Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:08pm.

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

Absent: Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

Motion to approve the January 8, 2019 public hearing and regular meeting minutes made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Written Communications

Town Clerk received a resignation letter from Margaret DellaCioppa from the Planning Board effective immediately.

Town Clerk received a letter from Attorney Andrew Howard representing Genette Picicci about the proposed farming law.

Town Department Reports:

Maintenance by Councilman Sullivan

- Been with Highway addressing snow.
- Scheduled the service of the furnace in the Parsonage.
- Northeast Petroleum was here to fix unleaded gas pump, sensor went bad.
- Working on estimates for salt building roof.
- WWTP class is going well.
- Cleaning in Activity Building.

Dog Control

No report.

Highway by Councilman Kukon

- More snow and ice this week. No Parking Law is really helping. No vehicles were towed. Has greatly helped.
- Cleaning and opening frozen culvert pipes and basins, using calcium to help break up the ice.
- Hauled and mixed sand & salt, the salt shed is full now. Ground hog predicted early spring.
- Billy Dick fixed the 09' International Dump it's ready for this week's storm. The pulley assemble went bad.
- Chipping & picking up limbs and branches from heavy wind.
- Used the Bobcat snowblower and a truck to widen out some tight spots and keep run off moving before big melt down.

Sewer

No report this month.

Historian by Councilwoman DuFresne

- Prepared a bibliography of all books in the collection pertaining to Germantown history at the request of Thomas Moreland.
- Received correspondence from a man in Cheviot, Ohio who is interested in the origin of all places named Cheviot in the United States.
- A Bard student, Ethan Dickerman with a proposal for an internship. Can some of their budget be used for the internship?
- Bard's spring semester class "Early African Americans near Bard, Historical Archaeology begins Thursday.
- Took a pottery shard donation from Donald Dubac.
- Sidewalk walkway and front steps were not shoveled after last storm.
- Will be purchasing a space heater soon.
- Thank you to Supervisor Beaury for allowing him to serve the Town.

Columbia County Natural Resources Inventory no report tonight. Ellen Jouret Epstein couldn't come to the meeting. Will be on the agenda for next month.

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:17pm 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 to re-enter regular meeting made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

Old Business

- Motion to table Local Law No. 2 made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Motion to authorize Supervisor to execute engagement letters for audits of Town Court (2018) cost is \$1,200.00, Town Clerk (2018) cost is \$900.00 and payroll (2017 and 2018) cost is \$1,200.00 made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Motion to authorize Supervisor to sign agreement with Johnston Bus Company made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed. This agreement will allow Johnston Bus Company to park one bus behind the Highway garage in exchange for transportation for Summer Camp.
- Motion to adopt policies and procedures for Planning Board made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.
- There was no motion to appoint Chairperson of the Planning Board.
- WWTP Upgrade. Working with grant money and documentation. DEC is requiring another SEQRA. Motion to hold a Public Hearing at 6:45pm on March 12, 2019 on the change of the plan to WWTP made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

New Business

- Motion to authorize Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Direct Energy made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Motion to authorize Supervisor to work with Amtrak, DOT and DOS made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Motion to authorize Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Young Explosives for \$6,500 made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Motion to authorize Supervisor to enter into an EEP agreement with CCSO for the next fiscal year 3-1-19 thru 2-28-20 made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Review 2019 schedule of Town events.

May 18, 2019 Town Wide Yard Sale Day & Garden Club Plant Sale

May 27, 2019 Memorial Day Parade- 10am Reformed Church Cemetery

July 6, 2019 Fireworks Celebration-4pm Palatine Park (rain date July 7th)

July 8-19, 2019 Camp Palatine begins (two weeks)

July 22-26,2019 Camp Palatine closed

July 29- August 16, 2019 Camp Palatine Resumes (three weeks)

September 11, 2019 Observance of 911 Tragedy at 9am

October 27, 2019 Halloween Parade down Main Street to School

December 14, 2019 (tentative date) Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting (2-6pm) tentative

- Proposal by Gtel to install two telephone poles. One pole to the right of the driveway of the transfer station. Second pole by the library entrance. Supervisor Beaury suggests that Councilwoman DuFresne write up placement of the telephone poles.

Supervisor's Report

- Town will lose \$12,820 in NYS aid under Governor's proposed 2020 budget. Voiced opposition at NYS meeting.

Motion for approval for the Supervisor to write letter in opposition made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- JCAP grant received for \$12,898.74. Grant will be used for digitizing court records, lighting for the parking lot, security system outside the building and convex mirror in the lobby.
- New interest rate on Operating/Fund Balance account.
- Consolidated bank accounts.
- Next meeting will be March 12, 2019 at 7pm. Public hearing will be at 6:45pm.

Councilwoman DuFresne wants colder weather to ice skate.

Public

Steve Reynolds thanked the Town Board for the new rules and for taking action on the bad behavior. Steve asked are these guidelines? Supervisor Beaury said no, it is policy. This will be posted online. These policies and procedures have certain expectations on how the members are to conduct themselves.

Genette Picicci Oehlke would like to plan a spring event potluck dinner. Will need to choose a date.

Supervisor Beaury mentioned to give blood at the Activity Building on March 30, 2019 from 8:30am-12:30pm.

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

Meeting closed at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

