

Minutes of December 11, 2018, Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:01pm.

Present: Supervisor Beaury
Councilman Moore
Councilwoman DuFresne
Councilman Kukon

Town Attorney: Corinne Smith

Absent: Councilman Sullivan

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Motion to approve November 13, 2018 Town Board meeting minutes made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Written Communications

Town Clerk received resignation from Susan Raab effective December 31, 2018 as Town Historian.

Town Department Reports:

Maintenance by Councilwoman DuFresne

- Did leaves around town and the picnic area.
- Pruned trees in the playground and picnic area.
- Started cleaning up the rock garden.
- Changed all furnace and water filters.
- Cleaned UV lights.
- Emptied and cleaned out Quonset hut which will now be used for storing Bobcat attachments.

Dog Control by Councilwoman DuFresne

- 3 lost dogs.
- 1 911 call out.

Highway by Councilman Kukon

- Sand and salt building are full, hopefully we won't need it for a while.
- Cutting dead and hanging limbs.
- Done blowing leaves out of ditches and basins.
- Docks are out in Anchorage park.
- Cleaning some ditches that have washed or have been backed up.
- Been out plowing and sanding one time.
- #803 sewer truck lost 4-wheel drive, needed new lock out hubs. Guy got it back in service.
- #12 truck had a transmission leak, needed a new transmission pan and lines. Back in service no leaks.
- Everyone have a safe and happy Holiday season. Merry Christmas.

Sewer by Councilman Moore

- Average flow is 27,000 gallons per day.
- Received 7 call before you dig requests.
- Baldwin hauled 2 loads (10,000 gallons) of sludge to Troy.
- Working with Camo on the lab they used for sample testing.
- Finishing up training everyone at the Sewer plant.

- Working on finishing the corrections to the violations from PESH.

Supervisor Beury spoke in regards to George Fox leaving Germantown after 46 years.

Supervisor Beury read the following resolution:

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

**DECEMBER 11, 2018
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, over the past 48 years George Fox has helped thousands of families through some of the most difficult times of their lives as the Funeral Director in Germantown; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox has blended his charm, wit and sympathy together with his sense of duty, obligation to service and his generosity to our Town over the decades; and

WHEREAS, we will miss his many endeavors, especially as a helicopter pilot flying low over our Town; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox is relocating to another community that will benefit upon his arrival.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Germantown that we extend our official thanks to George Fox for his lifetime of service to the Country and our Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes a copy of this Resolution to be printed on parchment paper and framed and presented to Mr. Fox as a symbol of our gratitude.

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 Board of the Town of Germantown.

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:06pm 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 Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to come out of executive session at 7:37pm made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Moore, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion re-enter meeting made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

Old Business

- Local Law #3. Councilwoman DuFresne asked about the placement of signs. Supervisor Beury informed all that each municipal lot will have a sign.

Supervisor Beury read the following section of Local Law #3:

Section 3.

B.) In any municipal parking lot, it shall be prohibited for:

- i.) Any unregistered vehicle or vehicle without a valid inspection sticker to be parked.
- ii.) Any unhitched boat or trailer, bus, camper, recreational vehicle (RV), motor home, or large commercial vehicle, including trucks, tractors, or tractor trailer combinations to be parked.
- iii.) Any vehicle to be parked in a designated handicapped parking location without a proper permit.

Supervisor Beury suggested to look how they appear then make adjustments.

Motion to adopt Local Law #3 made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Law adopted.

- Columbia County has come up with a fee to dispose recyclables. Residents will obtain a permit. County residents \$50.00 per/year. County residents 65 and over \$35.00 per/year. Non-county residents \$100.00 per/year.

Motion to authorize the Town Clerk to sell permits for recycling made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- It was brought to Supervisor Beury's attention there is a need to revise and print new parking tickets

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to revise and print new parking tickets made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Moore, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Ice skating on the lake. Premium maintenance went through. All rules will be posted. There will be a sign "skate at your own risk". Flags with open or closed. Newspaper reporter Carmen asked if the lake had a name? She was told "Lake George South".

Motion to approve ice skating on the Town lake made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Moore, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Supervisor Beury asked Delaware Engineering to look at the rate structure for the sewer district. The rate has not been changed in approximately 20 years since it was put in. Supervisor Beury said Delaware Engineering recommended O & M increase for the school and for Palatine Manor. There was discussion about billing for 2019. Town Board agreed to the proposed billing changes and set a date for a Public Hearing to adopt a revised Sewer Use Law.

Motion to set public hearing for January 8, 2019 at 6:45pm made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

New Business

- Audit of Town Court, Town Clerk and payroll/accounts payable by Columbia County Comptroller. Supervisor Beury is waiting for the County to submit a proposal, which he requested.
- Received a letter from National Grid. They will replace all street lights with LED lighting 50 street lights for \$742.16. Then will give us a grant for doing it.

Motion to authorize conversion to LED lighting on Town roads made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Supervisor Beury and Councilman Sullivan met with the Director of Emergency Management for Columbia County and a representative from the Red Cross John Vale and discussed the Activity Buildings use in the event of an emergency. All agreed the Activity Building would be perfect for this. They also discussed storage and distribution of medical supplies in the building as well in the event of an emergency.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the county made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor' Report

- Received \$625,000 grant from NYS for WWTP upgrade.
- Amtrak Fences and Gates- Information session on December 15th 10am-noon.
- Holiday Stroll on Sunday, December 16th 2-6pm (No parking in the Hamlet 2-6pm; Main Street closed to traffic 4:30-6pm).
- Blood Drive, Saturday, December 22nd 8:30am-12:30pm at the Activity Building.

- Year-end Town Board meeting, December 27, 2018 at 6:00pm.
- Re-organizational meeting January 2, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Public

No public comments.

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

Meeting was closed at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,