

Minutes of May 14, 2019 Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY, 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

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

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 April 9, 2019 regular meeting and the April 30, 2019 workshop minutes made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, 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 to the Town Clerk**

Received a letter from Martin and Kathy Overington expressing appreciation to Supervisor Beaury and the Town Board for their support for River Sweep. A special thank you to Anthony Cidras for all of his help. Letter and pictures are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Presentation by Susan Brown, Superintendent of GCS and Jonathan Boehme, Business Manager. Ms. Brown started by stating the school budget vote is on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon to 9pm in the Germantown School Elementary Gymnasium. Proposition 1 would be the approval of the 2019- 2020 spending plan and two board member positions open and two candidates running. Ms. Brown said this budget will enable the district to maintain all programs. Mr. Boehme said state aide is based on enrollment and is based on the year prior. Jonathan also said that estimated tax levy for 2019-2020 is \$9,315,828 a 4.42% increase over last year. State aid in the amount of \$5,209,190 an increase over last year of \$324,691 and the majority of that is the new Pre-K program money. Total budget in the amount of \$15,597,618.

Councilwoman DuFresne asked about the summer programs and if they will be continuing the Clipper Academy?

Sue Brown answered by saying "yes" they are continuing the Clipper Academy and this year they are adding a new Clipper Academy for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Councilman Moore asked where are we at with the Capital Improvement?

Sue said then next board meeting is on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and they will hear from the construction manager and the architect. They took in bids today.

Motion to enter executive session at 7:18pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of 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 7:47pm made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to enter into regular session made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

### **Old Business**

- Appointment of particular person to the Planning Board. Supervisor Beaury thanked the interview committee and all the applicants. There were 9 applicants.

Supervisor Beaury said the first appointee is Jen Crawford to the Planning Board to fill the vacancy effective immediately and the term to run through to December 31, 2020. Motion to appoint Jen Crawford to the Planning Board made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Votes were done by roll call by Town Clerk:

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

Motion carried.

Supervisor Beaury said they would like to appoint Chris Brown to the Planning Board effective tonight and the term would run through December 31, 2025. Motion to appoint Chris Brown to the Planning Board made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Votes were done by roll call by Town Clerk:

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

Motion carried.

### **New Business**

- Resolution to adopt the Columbia County Natural Resources Inventory. Supervisor Beaury read the following resolution.

## **TOWN OF GERMANTOWN RESOLUTION May 14, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Environmental Conservation Law Article 47 declares that the management and conservation of our environment is essential to the health and wellbeing of people of the state; and, local, county or regional understanding of the importance of all aspects of the environment is necessary for the most balanced use of natural resources; and, local participation in the planning of activities that influence the ecological balance of the locality and therefore the state is important; and

**WHEREAS**, PURSUANT TO New York State Environmental Conservation Law Article 47, the Columbia County Environmental Management Council (the Council) was created by the Columbia County Board of Supervisors in 1974 consisting of one member representative for each of the 18 municipalities including Germantown; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said law, the Council shall develop, maintain, and amend from time to time an inventory of natural resources within the county including wetlands and open spaces and factors relating to such things as geology, soils, slope water resources, vegetation, wildlife habitat, unique natural areas, and scenic, historic and archaeological sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the Natural Resources Inventory is designed to be used by county and municipal agencies and others concerned with land planning, management, policy-making and resource use and conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the completed 2018 Natural Resources Inventory, an extensive document with supporting maps and tables has been adopted by resolution of the County Board of Supervisors;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Germantown accepts and approves, for reference, informational and educational purposes, the 2018 Natural Resources Inventory, Columbia County, New York, as an inventory of data collection identifying natural resources and important community resources within the county and specifically within Germantown; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the acceptance and approval of the 2018 Natural Resources Inventory, Columbia County, New York, and any recommendations regarding municipal actions which may be taken, as provided therein, shall in no way be deemed binding upon said the Germantown Town Board, Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals with regard to present or future actions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution take effect immediately.

On a motion by Councilman Sullivan 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.

Dated: May 14, 2019.

- EV Charging Station.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to go through the process of researching a grant for the EV Charging Station made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Clean Energy. Motion to authorize the Supervisor to go through the process of researching a grant for the Clean Energy Program made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Authorize the Supervisor to work with GCS on a grant for school safety.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to work with the school made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

**Supervisor's Report**

- Construction on the WWTP-update. About 1 year upgrading the plant.
- Wheelabrator Ash Landfill project. Contacted DEC. Supervisor Beaury would like to talk with Doreen Davis, Supervisor for the Town of Catskill. Supervisor Beaury will keep us informed.
- Amtrak public information meeting (May...TBD) Supervisor Beaury has had no contact since the last time. At this point still working on setting up a meeting with DOS and DOT officials. Will share information as it becomes available.
- River Sweep, May 4, 2019-update. Was very successful. 1680 pounds of trash and 5 tires were collected.
- Town-wide Yard Sale/Stroll/and more, Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Farmer's Market, Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm at the Pavilion (Saturdays through Labor Day)
- Memorial Day ceremonies and parade, Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> (starts at 10am at Reformed Church Cemetery)
- Ag Day (4-H 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary event) at CGCC, Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am-2pm
- Blood Drive, Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Activity Building
- Fireworks, Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> (rain date July 7<sup>th</sup>) gates open at 4pm

- Next meeting is June 11, 2019 at 7pm

Councilwoman DuFresne said the Park Commission interest meeting and they would like community involvement for some ideas. This meeting will be held May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the pavilion.

Councilman Sullivan said June 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a 5G Talk. To find out more information you can go to [GermantownLibrary.org](http://GermantownLibrary.org).

### **Public**

Ellen Jouret Epstein thanked the Town Board for adopting the NRI Resolution and that we were the first town to adopt it. She also notified the Board that since that work is done, she will no longer serve on the Environmental Management Council. Ellen will help with the transition to another volunteer.

Supervisor Beaury thanked Ellen for all the work she did on the Natural Resources Inventory and also drafting the Resolution.

Steve Reynolds asked about the Planning Board chairperson?

Supervisor Beaury answered by saying there is an acting chairperson and that the Town Board did not appoint one.

Steve Savoris commented that he had read Judge Zwack latest ruling.

Supervisor Beaury said that we are still in litigation and he can't comment.

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

Meeting closed at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,