

Minutes of November 12, 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
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilwoman DuFresne

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Beaury opened the Town Board 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 October 8, 2019 public hearing minutes and the October 8, 2019 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 Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications to the Town Clerk

None.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:02pm to discuss matters leading to the employment of a particular person, collective negotiations, and 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 7:36pm made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Old Business

- Motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Dome Operations, Inc. to maintain and operate the Sewer system, including the WWTP and Pump Stations made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Roll call by the Town Clerk:

Supervisor Beaury: Yes
Councilman Moore: Yes
Councilman Sullivan: Recused himself
Councilman Kukon: Yes
Councilwoman DuFresne: Yes

Councilman Sullivan stated that while he recused himself, he supported the decision as it was a good decision and a responsible decision.

Supervisor Beaury talked about the final budget for 2020 that is up for adoption. He said the Town continues to use fund balance to balance the annual budget and pay ongoing bills. For 2020 we are applying \$226,000 of fund balance to the budget. This is happening despite the fact we are in the midst of a good economy. The Board has spent the last two years keeping a close eye on expenses and has been successful at not spending all of the allocated fund balance, but the Town is still drawing down those funds. The challenge going forward is to find

a way to balance the budget without drawing from fund balance or increasing the tax burden on our neighbors.

- Motion to approve and adopt Final Budget for 2020 made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Resolution accepting a \$25,000 donation from William and Susan Droege to be used at the Cheviot Cemetery.

Supervisor Beaury read the following resolution:

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION

Dated: November 12, 2019

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 64(8) of the Town Law, a town may take by gift, grant, bequest or devise and hold real and personal property absolutely or in trust for parks or gardens, or for the erection of statues, monuments, buildings or structures, or for any public use, upon such terms or conditions as may be prescribed by the grantor or donor and accepted by said town, and provide for the proper administration of the same; and

WHEREAS, Town residents William and Susan Droege offer a gift in the amount of \$25,000 to the Town for the purpose of purchasing and installing fencing at Cheviot Cemetery, located in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town will undertake to spend those funds on said fencing at Cheviot Cemetery to the extent of those funds; and

WHEREAS, to the extent there are any monies left over after the purchase and installation of said fencing, said monies shall be used for maintenance of Headstones.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Germantown does hereby accept the gift of \$25,000 from William and Susan Droege for the purpose outlined above.

Introduced by: Councilman Sullivan

Seconded by: Councilman Moore

Upon the question of the adoption of this Resolution, the following Board members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

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

The proposed Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Germantown Town Board.

New Business

- EV Station- charging users. EV station should be installed next week. The software fee for the first year is \$550.00. The town is responsible for .84 per kilowatt hour. Some towns are charging either \$1.50 or \$2.00 per hour. Discussion on what to charge for the

EV Station. After a discussion was decided to charge \$1.00 per car plus cost per kilowatt hour.

Motion to charge \$1.00 per car plus cost per kilowatt hour for the EV charging station made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Moore, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Medical premiums for full-time employees.

Motion to approve charging medical premiums for full-time, non-union employees, 8% starting January 1, 2020 made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- RFP for Sand/Salt shed roof. This is budgeted for \$45,000 next year.

Supervisor's Report

- Halloween festivities on October 19, 2019, sponsored by the Parks Commission. Councilwoman DuFresne said there were tons of people and it was a lot of fun.
- Winter Walk December 7, 2019 at 3-7pm. Not shutting Main Street down. There will be no parking in Town.
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday November 28th 11:30am-12:30pm. Call Donna Diehl at 518-537-6405.
- Next meeting December 10, 2019 at 7pm.
- Year-end meeting December 26, 2019 at 6pm.
- Scenic Hudson Public meeting will be on a Saturday in January, will know date tomorrow.
- Reorganization meeting is January 2, 2020 at 6pm.

Public

Lee Wurtzberger asked if there any other places to view the board meetings besides on TV? Councilman Sullivan said they are in the process of putting the meetings on Facebook. Councilman Sullivan also said they are meeting with someone within the next few weeks about putting the meetings on YouTube. Lee said there may be a resident in Germantown that can help with this.

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

Meeting closed at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,