

Minutes of January 14, 2020, Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Beaury
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilman Christian

Present via video
Conference: Councilmember Suarez

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 meeting made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to approve the December 10, 2019 public hearing minutes, the December 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes and the December 26, 2019 year-end minutes made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay audited bills for 2019 and January 2020 made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications to the Town Clerk

Received a letter of resignation from Faythe Smith as a representative to the Columbia County Office for the Aging.

Received a letter of resignation from Amy Davison as chairperson for GEDAC effective February 1, 2020.

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

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:38pm made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Old Business

WHEREAS, the Germantown Town Board has determined that from time to time a budget transfer is necessary to reflect properly the allocation and expenditure of funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Germantown to make the following transfer for 2019:

From	To	Amount	Reason
A2080	SS9019	19,000	Insurance reimbursement

Motion to approve the foregoing Resolution authorizing budget transfer made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

New Business

- Supervisor Beaury explained that the Board is deferring making appointments to the LWRP committee until next month, and he asked anyone interested in serving on the LWRP Committee to send an email explaining why and what skills they have. Send email to Supervisor Beaury or Janet Crawford.
- Motion to form an interview committee for one open seat on the ZBA and up to three Alternate members made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Christian, with all in favor and none opposed. Committee consists of Councilman Sullivan, Councilmember Suarez and Chairperson of the ZBA Teresa Repko.
- Motion to dispose of ambulance used as Highway truck made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed. The ambulance is not road worthy and would cost at least \$8,000 to repair. The Germantown Fire Department will use the ambulance for practice.
- Motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with CC MIS made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Motion authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Pine Plains Veterinary made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Motion to approve the following Resolution regarding issuing an Invitation For Bids for the Salt Shed roof made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION

Dated: January 14, 2020

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown's salt storage shed located at 65 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, New York is in need of a new roof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2) actions for "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part" have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment and are precluded from environmental review under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project does not meet or exceed any of the thresholds in Section 617.4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Germantown as follows:

1. The Town Board declares itself lead agency for purposes of State Environmental Quality Review ("SEQR") for the proposed project and hereby finds that the proposed project is a Type II action and is not subject to any further review under SEQR; and
2. The Town Supervisor, in consultation with the attorney for the Town, is authorized to issue the Invitation for Bids requesting bids for the re-roofing of the Town's salt storage

shed according to the specifications contained therein and to receive sealed bids to be opened at the Town Hall on February 27, 2020 at 11 am.

- Motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with CC Comptroller's Office to conduct an audit of the Town Court for 2019 made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the CC Sheriff's Office for the period March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021 made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.
- List of events for Town of Germantown 2020 (Tentative) dates also on website.

May 2, 2020- Annual River Sweep

May 16, 2020- Town Wide Yard Sale Day/Village Stroll/Garden Club Plant Sale

May 25, 2020- Memorial Day Parade- 10:00AM Reformed Church Cemetery

July 11, 2020- Fireworks Celebration- 4:00PM Palatine Park (rain date July 12th)

July 13 - August 21, 2020- Camp Palatine (Six weeks)

September 11, 2020- Observance of 9/11 Tragedy at 9:00AM

October TBD, 2020- Palatine Pumpkin Party/Witch Walk

October 24, 2020- Halloween Parade down Main Street to School 5:00PM

December 12, 2020- Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting (3-7PM)

Councilman Sullivan suggested that Camp Palatine not close for the week and to just keep straight 6-week program. Councilmember Suarez agreed. Following some discussion, the Board agreed to make it a six-week camp.

Supervisor's Report

- Holly Tanner, CC Clerk to present on Real ID, March 10, 2020.
- Update on the property revaluation project. Data completed. Each property owner will receive a data mailer to be completed.
- Amtrak Fences and Gates- Scenic Hudson public meeting on January 4, 2020. Good turnout at the meeting. Supervisor Beaury explained that he requested a meeting between Amtrak and the Columbia County Supervisors before any public meeting is held and he asked for a copy of the plans prior to the meeting. He also asked that the NYS Department of State put a hold on the application by Amtrak when resubmitted, until the Governor's High Speed Rail initiative is studied. Supervisor Beaury said he has not received a response from Amtrak or the DOS as of yet.
- Next meeting is February 11, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Comments from Councilmembers

Councilman Kukon and Councilman Sullivan will hold a meeting with Little League to discuss what teams are playing and where they are playing.

Councilmember Suarez thanked all for setting up for the video so she could attend the meeting.

Councilman Christian thanked Supervisor Beaury and the Board for being so informative to himself and Councilmember Suarez.

Public

Ellen Jouret-Epstein said that Germantown should have a member on the County Environmental Management Council. Supervisor Beaury agreed, and said they have had a couple of inquiries, and that the position is posted on the Town website.

Margaret DellaCioppa likes the “old” Welcome to Germantown sign.

Martin Overington wanted to remind people of the website for Scenic Hudson.

Councilman Christian said the website is HudsonRiverAccess.org and there are a few signs up around Town as well as the lobby of Town Hall.

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

Meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,