

Minutes of August 11, 2020 Germantown Town Board meeting, via Zoom, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Beury
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilmember Suarez
Councilman Christian

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Beury welcomed everyone to the meeting and then Led with the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to approve the July 14, 2020 public hearing and regular meeting minutes made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Written Communications to the Town Clerk

Town Clerk said the shredding bins would be in the Town Hall.

Old Business

- Re-opening Plan. Supervisor Beury said the only change since last meeting is that court is going to re-open and notice is posted on the Town website. Supervisor Beury said we will stay where we are for the next 15 days and reevaluate the situation then. The Board agreed.
- Justice Court -- reopening
- Activity Building – remains closed
- Parsonage – outside work
- Playground – remains closed

- Update from Technology Committee. Councilmember Suarez said she, Councilman Sullivan and Councilman Christian have a log-in for the Town website, they have an account and they can make edits to the website themselves. Councilman Sullivan has logged in and did a couple of updates. Councilman Sullivan suggested all updates go through one person. Supervisor Beury would like all recordings and meetings posted on the website.

New Business

- Resolution regarding Budget Amendments for FY 2020

Supervisor Beury read the first part of the Resolution. Resolution follows:

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION AMENDING ADOPTED BUDGET (2020)

Dated: August 11, 2020

WHEREAS, the Germantown Town Board has determined that from time to time a budget amendment 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 amendment(s) to the 2020 Adopted Budget:

General

Increase the following line:	To	From
A3989 St Aid, Other H & C Serv	\$8,000	0
A13554 Assessment – Contractual	\$8,000	0

Sewer

Increase the following lines:	To	From
SS2122 Sewer Charges	\$27,914.98	0
SS2680 Insurance Recoveries	\$4,252	0
SS8130.41 Utilities	\$21,771.06	0
SS8130.42 Prof Service	\$644	0
SS8130.4 Swge Trt Disp Cont	\$81,652.98	\$63,986

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Germantown that the foregoing amendments are hereby adopted.

Introduced by Councilman Sullivan

Seconded by Councilman Kukon

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Beaury	Aye
Deputy Supervisor Sullivan	Aye
Councilmember Christian	Aye
Councilmember Kukon	Aye
Councilmember Suarez	Aye

This Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was declared duly adopted.

Joyce Vale, Germantown Town Clerk

- Budget FY 2021. Supervisor Beaury is going to issue a memo to all department heads. Each department will need to decrease their .4 in the budget by 20%. Town Board members can look over each of the budgets. Supervisor Beaury said they will set up a workshop and a public hearing.
- Shack at Ernest R. Lasher Park. Supervisor Beaury said the shack at Lasher Park is unstable and needs to be removed. Councilman Christian agreed the shack needs to go that it is a safety hazard. He also suggested using the base of the building to construct a rack where the public can leave their kayaks. Supervisor Beaury will confirm with Rich about removing the building and Rich can evaluate the foundation.

Motion to remove the shack and foundation unless the foundation is useful made by Councilman Christian seconded by Councilman Sullivan with all in favor and none opposed.

- GCS requests use of Trailer/Old Classroom for storage. Supervisor Beaury said the trailer is unsafe, the school wants to store furniture in it. All the Town Board members agreed to let GCS store furniture in the trailer. Supervisor Beaury will let Sue Brown know that the Town Board approved the school using the trailer for storage and the Town requests the school board acknowledge the Town will not be responsible for loss or damage.
- CC Resolution- Amtrak. Supervisor Beaury will present a resolution to Columbia County Board of Supervisors on the comprehensive history of what we have been fighting with Amtrak on the fences and gates. Supervisor Beaury would like to adopt a similar resolution and refer to the County's after it is adopted or adopt our own at our next Town Board meeting. Supervisor Beaury will keep us up to date.
- Flagpole meeting. There will be a meeting at 6:00pm tomorrow night at the flagpole at Lasher Park The American Legion is raising money to put in a new flagpole close to the Memorial and the other flagpoles will be taken down. Supervisor Beaury said the committee will give recommendations and the Town Board will make the final decision.
- Kiosk at Cheviot. Supervisor Beaury thanked Christina Bohnsack for working on this project and providing the Board with the details. Councilmember Suarez said she thinks it's a great idea and the Parks Commission is working with the History Department to consolidate signage. Councilman Sullivan suggested all the parks have the same exact type of thing. Supervisor Beaury said the financing will come from Waterfront Committee and Parks Commission and the Town will provide labor for installing the kiosk.

Motion to approve the Kiosk at Cheviot as presented made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor's Report

- Trail is cleaned up. Supervisor Beaury said the trail is cleaned up and didn't cost the Parks Commission anything.
- Next meeting is September 8, 2020 at 7:00pm. The Town Board will hold an executive session at 6:30pm to discuss contracts, personnel and litigation.

Comments from Councilmembers

Councilmember Suarez said the Park Commission is checking with Barbara Huey about planting wildflower seeds where the brush pile was cleared. The Parks Commission will pay for the seeds.

Councilman Christian observed a LWRP Committee meeting last night and Jen Crawford asked him to bring up a few things. The committee minutes are going on the website and they are working on RFP draft and when it's ready let the Town Board and Corinne Smith look it over. Jen is recommending creating a gmail area for these documents and an area on the Town website.

Supervisor Beaury said the Tech Committee can work on that.

Councilman Christian said the LWRS files that are filed with DOS are on the website.

Councilman Christian thinks we will need more cloud storage.

Supervisor Beaury said the Tech Committee should look at that.

Councilman Sullivan said cloud storage has depleted since Zoom meetings and the storage needs to be enlarged.

Councilman Sullivan will work with Councilman Christian on that.

Councilman Kukon said they have to figure out what to do about the Town trucks. George's truck needs work as it's costing more money than it's worth. Supervisor Beaury said he talked with Rich, Councilman Sullivan and Councilman Kukon about using some Chips money to purchase a new truck by the end of the year.

Comments and questions from the public limited to those received in writing before the meeting, and may be submitted via email to Townboard@germantownny.org

No comments from the public.

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

Meeting closed at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,