

Minutes of October 13, 2020 Germantown Town Board meeting via Zoom, commencing at 7:00pm.

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

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Motion to open the Town Board meeting made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 8, 2020 and the workshop minutes of September 22, 2020 made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Written Communications to the Town Clerk

None.

Old Business

- Motion to adopt Preliminary Budget FY 2021.

Motion to adopt the Preliminary Budget FY 2021 made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Discuss BAN vs. Bond for action in January. BAN for \$325,000 with annual payment of \$46,000 over course of 7 years. Supervisor Beaury spoke with a fiscal advisor who advised to go with the Bond, the BAN will have to be renewed every year and will have legal fees. Supervisor Beaury worked on a deal with the bank for 1.45% on a 10-year bond. Supervisor Beaury asked the Town Board for next month before finalizing the budget to change BAN to Bond and change the amortization schedule to 10-years. \$325,000 will cover 6-wheeler, salt shed roof and pick-up truck. The Town Board agreed to go with the Bond. Supervisor Beaury said it will be on the agenda for November.
- Review 20-year truck replacement plan.
- Discuss re-bidding roof replacement on Salt Shed. Corinne will draw up the paperwork for later this year.
- Flagpole at Lasher Park. The committee decided on 1 flagpole. The Board agreed. Flagpole will be stored in the Maintenance building until spring. The project to install the new flagpole and landscaping will be completed in the spring.

Motion to approve 35' flagpole made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Christian, will all in favor and none opposed.

- Re-Opening Plan. Activity Building and Parsonage: no changes at this point and those buildings will remained closed. Town Clerk asked about the annual Thanksgiving dinner. Supervisor Beaury said the dinner is important to folks, a decision will not be made today. He will check with Donna Diehl if there is a plan and update the Board.
- Update notice of status of Town facilities 10/15 – 10/31/2020. Leave things status quo.

New Business

- Motion to authorize Supervisor to execute Chargeback Agreement with CC for NDP.

Motion to authorize Supervisor to execute Chargeback Agreement with CC for NDP made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor's Report

- Red Cross Blood Drive October 24, 2020 from 8:30-12:30pm at the Activity Building. Run by the Columbia County Health Department.
- Farmer's Market October 24, 2020 from 10-1pm at the Pavilion. Councilmember Suarez asked if the vendors asked about being indoors. Janet said they did ask and she told them not at this time but she will let the market operators know what the Town Board decided.
- Next meeting November 10, 2020 at 7pm.

Comments from Councilmembers

There were no comments from Councilmembers.

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

Dale Hinkein asked what is happening on Halloween? Is the Town going to block it? Supervisor Beaury said the Town is not blocking it, people should use their own judgement. The Town itself is not hosting any events.

Martin Overington asked what the Parks Commission is doing. Councilmember Suarez commented no town or Parks Commission sponsored events.

Martin Overington also asked if the Activity Building is open for voting? He was told "yes" by Supervisor Beaury.

Martin Overington asked what the 6-wheeler was? Councilman Sullivan told him that it is a dump truck.

Councilman Christian questioned the agenda stating written comments from the public. Supervisor Beaury said he will include verbal comments in the agenda going forward.

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

Meeting closed at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,