

Minutes of November 10, 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

Supervisor Beaury welcomed everyone then Led with the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes and regular meeting minutes made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications to the Town Clerk

No communications.

Presentation by Ralph DelPozzo regarding the re-assessment project.

Ralph introduced himself then stated the County was in its final stages of the re-valuation of the properties in Germantown. Ralph said the County is putting final values on all properties and then he is going to look them over and make any necessary changes. The next step is notices will be sent out to all property owners with their new value. Ralph said if the property owner doesn't agree with their new value they can make an appointment with him to discuss. Ralph said he has the final say. Martin Overington asked when will the notices go out? Ralph answered by March 1, 2021 but will be going out much sooner. Ralph then said if property owners disagree with their new value the process is this, Meet with Ralph if still no help, Grievance day, small claims final step Supreme Court. New value for School taxes will be September 2021 and Town taxes will be January 2022. More discussion. Supervisor Beaury said wait until you get your notification from the County. Ralph said the tax base will be more equal.

Old Business

- Motion- adopt Final Budget FY 2021.

Motion to adopt the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Motion- adopt Bond Resolution. Closing early January or February. Bonding \$325,000 for period over 10 years at approximately 1.45%.

Motion to adopt Bond Resolution made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Corinne Smith asked Town Clerk for a roll call.

Town Clerk:

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

- Motion- adopt Salt Shed Resolution. Supervisor Beaury said they will have to go back out to bid for the Salt Shed Roof.

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION

Dated: November 10, 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 January 12, 2021 at 11 am.

On a motion by Councilmember Suarez, and seconded by Councilman Christian and having been approved by a majority of the Board, this Resolution was declared duly adopted by the Town of Germantown Town Board.

Joyce Vale, Town Clerk

- Motion- adopt Record Retention and Disposition Schedule Resolution. Corrine said this is a new policy of NYS and it just replaces the old policy. Town records can legally be disposed. It will be available online by January 1, 2021. Councilman Christian asked about storage? Corinne explained the provisions for all records are contained in the schedule.

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK
RESOLUTION ADOPTING LGS-1

Dated: November 10, 2020

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Germantown that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

(a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;

(b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

Introduced by Councilman Sullivan

Seconded by Councilmember Suarez

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

- Motion- award bid for electrical work at Lasher Memorial Park. Supervisor Beaury said electrical service will be removed from the Shack then upgraded and put on pedestal at Lasher Park. Supervisor Beaury said four electricians were contacted and they received 2 bids: \$2,512.54 and \$3,500. They awarded the bid to SJ Electric in the amount of \$2,512.54.

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Motion to award the bid for electrical work at Lasher Memorial Park to SJ Electric made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Motion- approve purchase 6-wheeler dump truck made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Motion- authorize the Supervisor to sign the LWRP Contract with NYS. The State is giving a grant in the amount of \$75,000 to hire a planner to work with the LWRP committee.

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF LWRP MASTER CONTRACT

Dated: November 10, 2020

WHEREAS, the Town was awarded a grant under the Department of State's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program to develop an LWRP subject to the budget in the annexed Master Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received a Master Contract from the Department of State for execution which lays out the parties' rights and responsibilities with regard to the program and the use of the grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Germantown hereby approves the annexed Master Contract and authorizes Supervisor Beaury to execute the Master Contract and required forms, and to take all steps necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

On a motion by Councilmember Suarez, 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.

Joyce Vale, Town Clerk

- Discussion regarding assembling meals in Activity Building on Thanksgiving Day. Supervisor Beaury said this year there is a different plan. Donna is working with Sarah on this food will be cooked elsewhere, assembled in the Activity Building and drive up to pick up dinners.
- Update notice of status of Town facilities 11/16-11/30/2020. Town Board agreed status quo. Councilman Sullivan asked about Court? Supervisor Beaury said they hired a Deputy for every court night. The Courtroom is set up for appropriate distancing. They have plastic barriers on the bench, sanitizer, etc.
- Discussion regarding Kiosk at Cheviot Park. Councilmember Suarez thanked Christina Bohnsack, Tom Shannon and everyone else that participated.

New Business

- Climate Smart Communities. Councilman Christian talked about the NYS Program Climate Smart Communities. Councilman Christian said this program contains 100 different actions similar to Clean Energy. He said that our Town did a few tasks, the charging station, LED lighting, Farmer's Market and a few others. Councilman Christian said more information is on the town website. Councilman Christian introduced Paige Ruane one of the founders of Lifeboats. Councilman Christian explained Local Champions will be helping with the Town becoming bronze certified. Supervisor Beaury said they will need a new group of volunteers for Climate Smart. Paige said they will need somebody to be paid for their time, that's why the need for the Grant Program. Local Champions will lead the volunteers and start the task force. Paige said the steps are to find a person this person will fill out the application, then download the form and a town official will sign it. Councilmember Suarez asked if Councilman Christian has someone in mind to do this? Councilman Christian answered saying he has a few people

in mind. Councilman Sullivan is in favor. Councilman Kukon agreed. Supervisor Beaury said he will put it on the calendar for December 8th.

Supervisor's Report

- Veteran's Day commemoration at Lasher Memorial Park 11/11/2020 at 11:00am.
- Next meeting December 8, 2020 at 7:00pm
- Year-end meeting December 29, 2020 at 6:00pm
- Closing on Sewer Bond late December or early January. Do not know dollar amount yet but it's between \$1.950 and \$2 million.

Comments from Councilmembers

No comments from Councilmembers.

Motion to amend agenda for comments from the public made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Christina Bohnsack said Climate Smart is incredible.

Martin Overington thanked the Town Board with the zoom meetings. Martin asked what color the new truck is? Supervisor Beaury told him "red". Martin also asked where the pedestal at Lasher Park will be? Supervisor Beaury said the pedestal will be nearer to the pole with the camera on it. Martin agreed. Martin asked was the Town informed that the Hudson River was being dredged? Supervisor Beaury said, no. Martin asked the Town Board if they liked the new lights at Town Hall? Town Board likes the new lights and Martin was thanked for his time and expertise.

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

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

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

