Minutes of June 9, 2020 Germantown Town Board meeting via Zoom, commencing at 6:52pm.

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

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Motion to come out of the Public Hearing and enter regular meeting made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to approve the May 12, 2020 meeting minutes made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Written Communications to Town Clerk
No communications to report.

Old Business
- Local Law No. 1 of 2020 Establishing a Department of Public Works. The public hearing remains open and the Town Board will address at the next meeting.
- Summer Camp 2020. Councilman Sullivan looked at the recommendations from NYS. Supervisor Beaury said most other Towns are keeping camps closed after NYS said recently they could open. This has created much confusion. Supervisor Beaury said that safety is an issue. Councilmember Suarez thinks camp should be canceled. Councilman Kukon said it’s not going to work right now. Councilman Christian agrees with everyone else. Councilman Sullivan would like to come up with alternative for the kids. Supervisor Beaury said they will work on alternative plan.

Motion to cancel Summer Camp 2020 made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Christian, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Town facilities re-opening plan. Supervisor Beaury is working on the plan and it should be ready within a few days. Town Hall office hours will be posted on the front door and our website. The door will remain locked and someone will open the door for visitors, ask questions related to Covid-19, record names and contact information and taking temperatures. We have ordered signs from CC sign shop regarding Covid-19 safety measures to be followed. The signs will be posted throughout the town at all town-owned facilities. We will maintain a reduced staff presence and place markers on the floor to let people know where they can stand. The public will have to wear masks and sanitizer will be available at the front door as well as in all offices. As well. Working on plans for Court. Only allowing 3 people in the lobby at a time with distance spacing marked out with tape. The second Wednesday of the month there will be no Town Clerk hours, due to high court volume. The chairs in the court room will be assembled in groups of three limiting the number in the room at the same time. People will be receiving letters as to when their court time is and will wait in the parking lot until called in. Supervisor’s office will be open 2 hours a day, 4 days a week, always available by phone. CEO’s office- Office is open, Sam meets with people in the parking lot.
Dog Park- Councilman Sullivan suggested to open the dog park, Councilmember Suarez agrees. Supervisor Beaury suggested limiting to 3 people in the park at a time and will work out the details with Anthony on Monday June 15th. Sanitizer will be placed at the dog park.

Activity Building- Supervisor Beaury said not ready for large gatherings, Councilman Sullivan agreed. Councilmember Suarez said they could handle each application on a case to case basis. Town Board agreed on kitchen use on a case to case basis.

Parsonage- Will stay closed until Phase IV. All Board members agreed. Supervisor Beaury will let Tom Shannon know.

Playground- Will remain closed and be re-visited in 15 days.

Board and Committee meetings- Continue to use Zoom.

Supervisor Beaury thanked Councilman Christian for his help with the safety plan.

- Update from the Technology Committee. Councilman Sullivan said all equipment is in the Town Hall and has been hooked up. He spoke with Devin Overington about fine tuning the audio. Supervisor Beaury asked when will we be able to make changes to our website? Councilmember Suarez and Councilman Sullivan said they are ready now. Councilmember Suarez asked if they could share the fully recorded Zoom meeting on youtube or social media. Councilman Sullivan thinks that is a good idea and he said the zoom meetings are already on our website.

New Business

- Food Bank. Supervisor Beaury said the Town Board approved a food bank to support the food pantry. They are receiving about 800 pounds of food a week.

Motion to approve establishment of Germantown Food Bank made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Community Garden. Location. Supervisor Beaury asked the Town Clerk if she had asked the President of the Garden Club, Town Clerk said she emailed her but will ask her again. Councilmember Suarez sent a proposal to the Parks Commission. Supervisor Beaury said the discussion is to be continued.

Supervisor’s Report

- Economic update. Should receive second quarter sales tax check in August and that should be a good indication to where we are. We know we are looking at least a 25 percent reduction in sales tax revenue this year alone.

- EFC WIIA Grant on hold.

- Next meeting is July 14, 2020 at 7pm. We will start with the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2020 to be followed immediately by the regular meeting.

Comments from Councilmembers

No comments from Councilmembers.

Public

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 were received.

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

Meeting closed at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,