Minutes of June 9, 2020 Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2020 Establishing the Town of Germantown Department of Public Works via Zoom, commencing at 6:45pm.

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

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith  

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale  

Supervisor Beaury opened the Public Hearing and Led with the Pledge to the Flag.  

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

Town Clerk read the following:  

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Germantown shall hold a public hearing on June 9, 2020 at 6:45pm to hear all interested parties concerning proposed Local Law No. 1 Establishing the Town of Germantown Department of Public Works. Written public comments may also be submitted to townboard@germantownny.org prior to the public hearing. The Town Board’s monthly meeting will directly follow the public hearing.  

The public hearing and meeting will be conducted using Zoom audio/video technology. Members of the public may participate in the public hearing and meeting by accessing the link on the Town’s website at Germantownny.org.  

A copy of Local Law No. 1 of 2020 is available for inspection at germantownny.org.  

By order of the Germantown Town Board.  

Supervisor Beaury opened to public comments. Supervisor Beaury said the Town Board spent a lot of time talking about creating the Department of Public Works which would be a more efficient entity.  

Councilmember Suarez asked if there were any written comments? Supervisor Beaury said they received three written comments prior to the public hearing. First question asked how Superintendent was chosen? Supervisor Beaury explained that this law doesn’t address how the Superintendent is chosen and only establishes the Department of Public Works. Second question asked about the format and the format was adjusted. The third issue concerned a change that the Highway Association requested and we modified the law.  

The Board discussed leaving the public hearing open for comments until and including the meeting on July 14, 2020.  

Motion to leave the Public Hearing open made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.  

The Board transitioned to the regular meeting at 6:52pm.  

Respectfully submitted,