

Minutes of July 28, 2014 Germantown Town Board meeting, held at the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm

Present: Supervisor Craig
Councilman Westmore
Councilman Mortenson
Councilman Phelan
Councilwoman Dunn

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Craig opened the meeting and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to approve the June Town Board meeting minutes was made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilwoman Dunn, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to approve paying audited bills was made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Westmore.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Westmore:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye
Councilwoman Dunn:	Aye

Written Communication by Town Clerk

None reported.

Supervisor Craig read a letter from Livingston Town Supervisor, Jim Guzzi, thanking the Highway Department their assistance for the flooding on Greendale Road.

Maintenance by Anthony Cidras

- Mowing and weed eating.
- Doing painting. Painted the pavilion.
- Had both mowers serviced.
- Tilled both ball fields.
- Had water shut off at the Parsonage, developed another crack. Checking the water everyday.
- Doors ordered for Town Hall.

Anthony thanked all for the 4th of July. In turn, Supervisor Craig thanked Anthony for all of his work.

Highway by Councilman Westmore

- Moving on their 2nd pass around Town.

- Hot blacktop patching.
- Oil & stone hopefully done by the end of August.
- Cheviot, Hunterstown, Ford and Sharpes Landing Roads were repaired after 5" downpour in June.

Councilman Westmore thanked the Highway department on a job well done.

Sewer by George Sharpe Jr.

- Average flow for the month was 31,000 gallons per day.
- 6 call before dig requests.
- Meeting with the contractor tomorrow morning to set up a schedule for the repairs.
- Everything has been quiet.

Police by Roger Rekow

- 106.5 hours logged in for June.
- 1 traffic ticket
- 17 warnings
- 1 open door
- 1 EID
- 1 illegal dumping
- 1 serving warrant
- 3 assist fire EMS

Park Patrols: Cheviot- 19 times, Anchorage- 18 times, School- 17 times, Palatine Park- 18 times, Dales Bridge- 14 times.

Mr. Rekow announced the resignation of Josh DuBois. Josh will be attending the NYS Police Academy.

Mr. Rekow has a request to sponsor 2 young applicants for the academy in September.

Motion was made to sponsor cadets, Emil Erikson and Kyle Jennings to the Columbia County Police Academy by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilwoman Dunn.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Westmore:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye
Councilwoman Dunn:	Aye

Supervisor Craig mentioned that the open door was in Activity Building. He reminded everyone to make sure everything is closed and locked up.

History Department by Sue Raab

- Thanked Anthony for checking the Parsonage for leaks
- Could some work be done on the tree in the back? Answer was the end of summer.
- Question on when the roof work will be done.
- History department is taking care of the powder post beetles and the back door.

Sue asked about the downspouts on the Parsonage. Anthony will check them out.

Business & Economic & Development Committee by Roy Brown

- Have been meeting every month at the Central House on the front porch.
- August 13th is the next meeting.
- Signs went up. Have been getting a lot of compliments.
- More signs are arriving next week.
- Meeting with property owner on 9G South and Rich Jennings to determine that the sign is put in the right spot.
- Sunset Circle sign should be going up.
- Historic hamlet signs were ordered, should be going up sometime in September.
- Received information on some additional signs from Norman Minz. Would like to put before the Board tonight to approve these additional signs.

Motion for an additional \$250.00 to finish up the work on the signs was made by Councilwoman Dunn, seconded by Councilman Mortenson.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Westmore:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye
Councilwoman Dunn:	Aye

Roy Brown also mentioned a meeting for the 12526. biz held 2 weeks ago, very well attended. The Round Top Animal Hospital received an award for their exceptional work. Germantown School district was given an award last fall for small school designation for outstanding reputation.

Roy also talked about the parking problem in the hamlet area. A 2 hour limit parking on Main Street had been discussed from the hours of 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. More use of the municipal parking lot and the churches were discussed.

Discussion about the parking in town.

Motion to further investigate the parking problem in the hamlet was made by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilwoman Dunn.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Westmore:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye
Councilwoman Dunn:	Aye

Community, Arts & Tourism by Corrine Curry

- Pre-occupied with Art Space.
- CAT, very successful.
- Germantown Art Space is now on Facebook.

- Next show is "Syria, then and now". Opens August 16th-September 7th.
- Thanks to Lori Marchisio, the artists, the committees, Billy Kimmel, donations from Patty Hinkein, the Bank of Greene County, the Lions Club, Also thanks to Supervisor Craig, Anthony Cidras.

Billy Kimmel and Doug Trapp introduced themselves to the audience. They addressed the Town Board and asked if they could move the kiosk located by the Town Hall, to the area by the Memorial bench in front of the Municipal parking. Billy also spoke about pub readings. On October 12th there will be a public reading by the Tangent Theater Group in Germantown.

There was a discussion in regards to moving the kiosk and what it will be used for.

Motion for moving the kiosk into the hamlet was made by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Mortenson.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Westmore:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye
Councilwoman Dunn:	Aye

Billy Kimmel showed finished map of Germantown to the Town Board. There was a discussion held in regards to the new town map.

Parks & Recreation

No business at this time.

Emergency Preparedness by Councilwoman Dunn

- Official application was turned in to the State to do the training.

Supervisor Craig said he message from the Red Cross asking about designating the Activity Building as an emergency shelter. He will return their call to discuss.

Independence Day Celebration by Councilman Phelan

- Thanked the 50-70 volunteers.
- What the goals are for next year's celebration.
- Profit of \$1200.00.
- Estimated 3,000 attended the event.
- Will re-use the plans for next year.

Councilman Westmore suggested writing a special "Thank you" to the Firework's Company. Supervisor Craig expressed much thanks to Councilman Phelan.

Old Business

No business to report.

New Business

A Resolution supporting Columbia County Application for a Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Grant.

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors has submitted an application for a Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Grant to assist in the funding of the project to create county-wide GIS Datasets for Groundwater Resource Mapping, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that by compiling the existing groundwater resource maps into GIS datasets, these data will become a better resource for municipalities. The availability of these data in GIS will enhance the tools available for land use planning; environmental conservation; and natural resource protection, by enabling Towns to identify the relationship of water resources within their boundaries with those in our neighboring communities. The preparation of these datasets will result in the creation of a very powerful tool for municipalities in Columbia County and surrounding areas.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Germantown strongly supports the aforementioned application and urges the Hudson Valley Greenway to approve the funding of the above endeavor.

Motion made to accept the Resolution was made by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye
Councilwoman Dunn:	Aye
Councilman Westmore:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye

Supervisor Craig announced the term for George Atwell on the Grievance Board will end on September 30, 2014. Supervisor Craig asked to re-appoint Mr. Atwell to a term which will go through to September 30, 2019.

Motion made to re-appoint George Atwell to the Grievance Board was made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Westmore:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye
Councilwoman Dunn:	Aye

Supervisor's Report

- August 7th at 2:00pm there will be a session on Medicare 101, here at Town Hall. Questions on Medicare will be answered by the Columbia County Office of the Aging.
- A group of teachers want to start a program for students in need of school supplies. Drop offs will be at Town Hall and Ralph's Country Realty. Most needed items are glue sticks, pencils and erasers.

- Congratulations to the Germantown Fire Department for taking second place in Group C at the Columbia County Fire Parade.
- Fire department parade coming to Germantown in 2018.

Public

Roy Brown announced the Apple Festival which will be held on Saturday, September 20th. There will be fireworks, which will go off around 7-7:30pm. There will be all kind of events going on during the festival. More information on the website, Hudsonvalleyapplefestival.com. There will be a hazardous material coding on September 24th, 5:30-8:30pm at Columbia-Greene Community College for code enforcement officers.

Frank Mammone spoke in regards to his neighbor cleaning up his yard. This problem has been going on for 2 years now. Mr. Mammone read a letter dated May 19th which gave thirty days to the clean up of his neighbors property, which the date has passed with nothing done about the clean up. The property owner, Mr. Colangelo and Tal Rappleyea will be meeting with code enforcement next week.

A discussion was held how to go about this on going concern.

Kay Abraham asked for a sensible way to deal with the parking problem in town. Kay thanked Anthony for a perfectly manicured town.

Billy Kimmel spoke in regards to the parking issue. He suggested, no overnight parking in town.

Next Town Board meeting is August 25th at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Phelan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,