

Minutes of September 28, 2015, 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 Foley

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Motion to approve August Town Board meeting minutes was made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Westmore, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay Town audited bills was made by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Mortenson, with all in favor and none opposed.

### **Written Communication**

None

At this time there was a presentation given by Kathy Overington, a Trustee of the Germantown Library. Mrs. Overington spoke in regards to the library presenting a 414 proposal in the November election, this is the first proposal since 2005. The increase is needed for maintenance and repairs, book and media prices and utility costs. \$58,000 annually paid for the last 414. The library is requesting an increase of \$30,000. The library will be holding Open Houses on October 18<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-5pm, more information will be available.

Supervisor Craig asked what is needed from the Town Board? Mrs. Overington said they did the work ahead of time working with the Town Clerk to get this proposal to the Board of Elections so it would be on the November ballot. Mrs. Overington said it is a courtesy to let the Town Board and the public know.

Supervisor Craig said the library is not a separate taxed district they are included in the Town budget.

Councilman Westmore said that he is also a trustee of the Germantown library and it is unusual to go 10 years without an increase in budget.

Next there was a presentation from Mary Beth Biancone of Delaware Engineering. Ms. Biancone said the potential grants were submitted. About a year ago there was an overall study of the waste water treatment plant and options were discussed about long term need. They were successful in securing the grant. The town gets put on a list to

see if they could advance for financing for 2016. The Town will decide if they proceed with the project. Ms. Biancone spoke of the use of solar units at the waste water treatment plant. She handed a packet to the Town Board of a company Four Corners that does solar powering. Maybe this would be something for the Town of explore.

Lindsey Ostrander also of Delaware Engineering said that the Town applied for two grants back in July. The first grant is the Hudson River Improvement Fund and the second grant is the Hudson River Valley Greenway which would help the Town with the update of the comprehensive plan. Should hear by the end of the year.

### **Maintenance** by Anthony Cidras

- 20 yards of mulch delivered for the playground, spread around.
- Working with Judge Beaury getting estimates for the JCAP grant.
- Work done at the snack bar.
- The getting ready for and the clean-up for the Apple Fest.
- In the process of shutting everything down.
- Anchorage done for the season.
- Working with the Highway department cutting down low hanging limbs on the main trail secondary trail will be starting in a week or so.
- Rich mentioned they were going to be taking down the poles and platforms on the trees on the trails.

Councilman Phelan thanked Anthony for the work done on the concession stand.

### **Highway** by Rich Jennings

- Dock will be taken out of Cheviot on Columbus Day weekend. Will be scheduling the dock at the Anchorage next.
- Finishing last pass of mowing.
- Screen fill in were washed out.
- Blowing leaves out of ditches and basins. Rich mentioned if you see a basin full, to call him.

Rich asking the Town Board to allow him to purchase a skid steer that they talked about in the workshop. Supervisor Craig said it was in last year's budget, but they had to cut it out of the budget request. There is money in the Highway reserve account which could be used to purchase. Not just Highway but Maintenance uses this piece of equipment also.

The Town of Germantown will be taking/requesting bids for:

- 1- 1985 Ford 3910 Tractor
- 5 Foot Sickle Mower
- 5 Foot Bush Hog

## 6 Foot Angle Front Broom

- 1- 1989 Ford 1720 Tractor/Loader
  - 1 Finishing Mower 930A
  - 1 3 Point Hitch Forks
  - 1 Curtis Cab
  - 1 62" Snow Blower
  - 1 6 Foot Plow

Motion to purchase Skid Steer was made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Mortenson.

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

### **Sewer** by George Sharpe Jr.

- Average flow for the month was 31,000 gallons per day.
- 33 call before you dig requests.
- Flow meters were calibrated.
- Draining tanks for the winter.
- Working with the engineers from Delaware Engineering.

### **Police** by Commissioner Rekow

- 65.5 hours were logged in for the month of August.
- 1 loose dog
- 1 assist EMS
- 1 domestic dispute
- 30 warning tickets.

Commissioner Rekow reminded everyone of the no parking in resident's driveways in Town. The police department have been patrolling the parks after patrolling the hamlet.

Park Patrols: Cheviot- 14 times, Anchorage- 16 times,  
School- 21 times, Palatine Park- 12 times, Dales Bridge- 9 times.

Rich Jennings said that the County had freshened the paint up in the crosswalks.

## **History** by Sue Raab

- 26 visitors visited in September.
- On September 19<sup>th</sup> they hosted a regional meeting of the NYS Association of Town Historians.
- This coming Saturday hosting Palatines to America the Northeast chapter.
- Hosting 30 people at the Central House then a tour of the Parsonage.
- October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> annual Palatine Heritage Day event. There will be 4 presenters this year 2 at the school and 2 at the Parsonage.

Sue is asking Rich for help with the transportation of the students to the Parsonage.

- Clear water organization at Lasher Park giving a timeline program and history of the River to a science class.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be going to the River on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> completely paid for by a grant.
- October 24<sup>th</sup> First Open House commemorating the 305<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of the Palatines.
- Dr. Linder will have several interns stationed around the house talking about the finds from the archeological digs.

Sue said she looked into security at the Parsonage and that it would be too expensive. The police department will include the Parsonage on their patrols.

## **Community, Arts & Tourism Committee** by, Supervisor Craig

- Met last Saturday.

## **Business & Economic Development Committee**

Supervisor Craig said there will be reports from both committees next month.

## **Old Business**

Rich Jennings and Supervisor Craig met with Colarusso's and the Town's engineers in regards to the beginnings of the sidewalks. Project will start in spring, hopefully April.

## **New Business**

Judge Beaury will be applying for a JCAP grant. He has been successful every year.

Motion to accept the resolution to authorize Judge Beaury to apply for JCAP grant was made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

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

Supervisor Craig met with a young lady who will possibly taking over the Town's website. Supervisor Craig thinks we need to get someone do a more professional job. There will be a fee for updating the sight itself and then the maintenance fee going forward. Councilman Westmore commented she is very experienced and responsible.

Supervisor Craig said the school will be purchasing gas from the Town. This will enable the school to get gas at a cheaper rate.

Motion to enter into contract with Germantown Central School for sale of gasoline was made by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Mortenson.

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

### **Supervisor's Report**

- Next Town Board meeting will be held October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.
- Budget workshops will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm
- Budget Public Hearing will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm prior to the Town Board meeting. Town Clerk will advertise.
- Flu Clinic on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to noon.

### **Public**

Bob Bangiola hopes all are in support of the library. Mr. Bangiola also asked Anthony Cidras to investigate dog barking ordinance.

Arthur Cady said Town Clerk, Joyce Vale has not given him the information from his FOIL request dated July 29<sup>th</sup>, he stated this should have been addressed within 20 days of his request. Supervisor Craig said that since he is the Chief Foil Appeal Officer that he would speak with Town Clerk in regards to what information needs to be given.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Vale  
Town Clerk