Minutes of August 23, 2016, Germantown Town Board meeting, held at the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig

Councilwoman DuFresne

Councilwoman Foley

Councilman Phelan

Absent: Councilman Moore

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

Motion to approve July Town Board meeting minutes made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Phelan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay August Town Board audited bills made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Phelan, with all in favor and none opposed.

**Written Communications** by Town Clerk

Town Clerk said the Columbia County Clerk’s office was sponsoring the 3rd quarter of the Keeping Indentities of Seniors Safe beginning September 6th – 23rd, 2016. Bins will be in the Town Hall lobby.

**Highway** by Councilman Phelan

* Colarusso’s paving Underhill, East Camp Ext. & East Camp Roads.
* Finishing leveling, putting berms and top soil on Block Factory Road.
* Starting final mowing of the season.
* Ditch lining on Eastern Parkway.
* Generator out of service. Working on getting a new permanent generator.
* Chipping and cleaning up storm debris & foliage leaning out onto the roads.

Supervisor Craig thanked Highway and Maintenance departments for all the cleanup they did after the last storm.

**Police** by Chief DuBois

Logged 71 hours for the month of July.

* 7 tickets.
* 25 warnings.
* 3 parking tickets.
* 1 abandoned vehicle.
* Neighbor dispute.
* 3 assisting other agencies.

Supervisor Craig said the Crown Victoria is on auction again.

**Old Business**

Supervisor Craig said the NYS Retirement Work Day resolution needs to be revised to include appointed positions.

Motion to revise the NYS Retirement Work Day Reporting Resolution to include appointed positions made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye

Councilwoman Foley: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

**New Business**

Supervisor Craig requesting Comprehensive Plan committee review plan on August 29, 2016 and will be due on September 14th 2016 at noon.

Motion for a proposal to hire a planner for the Comprehensive Plan Review made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Supervisor Craig: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye

Councilwoman Foley: Aye

Councilman Phelan: Aye

Councilwoman DuFresne said Gtel helped out during the last storm with a charging station and coffee for residents without power. Supervisor Craig thanked Gtel and he also thanked the volunteers that helped out at the cooling station.

**Supervisor’s Report**

* Lawlor’s Package Store celebrated their 50th Anniversary in July and gave some of their profits to local organizations which included Germantown Cupboard, Germantown Hose Company, Germantown Park Commission and Germantown Historical Society. Supervisor Craig said this is an example of local business’ giving back to the community.
* Opening on the Board of Assessment Review.
* Town Board workshop will be held September 13th at 7:00pm. Topics on the agenda are: select funding engineering study and broadband in the County and Gtel.
* Hudson Valley Apple Festival will be held on September 17th at 10am- 6pm.

Councilwoman DuFresne mentioned on that date is the Kayak paddle also. More information on that event is on the Park Commission website.

* September Town Board meeting will be September 27th at 7:00pm.

**Public**

Henrietta D’Souza said the historic sign blew on her property blew off during the last storm. Ms. D’ Souza asked who is responsible for that? Supervisor Craig will talk to the insurance carrier. Ms. D’Souza also said she didn’t think the Zoning Board was fair to her and is now worried about the Planning Board and if they are going to work with her. Supervisor Craig said that he could not answer that and it was up to the boards to decide. Supervisor Craig suggested that Ms. D’Souza to consult her attorney.

Martin Overington thanked the Town for the support and clean up during the last storm. Mr. Overington asked if the River Revitalization meetings would be open to the public? Supervisor Craig said that they received an email from the State and are waiting for the final draft on the contract. Martin also asked about the Comprehensive Plan meetings. Supervisor Craig said they would advertise them. Mr. Overington also mentioned the sewer pump station down by him and he doesn’t feel the Town is taking care of it. Supervisor Craig said that he is aware of it and they have had some discussions. Mr. Overington is looking forward to the next Town Board workshop.

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

Meeting closed at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,