

Minutes of February 21, 2017, Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig
Councilman Moore
Councilwoman DuFresne

Absent: Councilwoman Foley
Councilman Phelan

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

Motion to approve January Town Board meeting minutes made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications by Town Clerk

Town Clerk mentioned a letter from Diane Young to the Town Clerk, Supervisor and all Town Board members in regards to a zoning issue on Northern Blvd.

Columbia County Clerk will be sponsoring the Keeping the Identities of Seniors Safe starting March 20th- March 31st. Bins will be in the lobby of the Town Hall for any documents to be shredded.

Maintenance

No report this month.

Highway

No report this month.

Sewer

No report this month.

Police by Chief DuBois

381 miles logged for the month of January.

- 1 vehicle & traffic ticket
- 10 warnings.

Park Patrols: Cheviot- 12 times, Anchorage- 12 times, School- 13 times, Palatine Park- 11 times, Dales Bridge- 8 times.

- 1 Funeral home detail.

- 1 vehicle lock out.
- 2 court custody served papers.
- 2 EMS assists.
- Logged 76.5 patrol hours for the month of January.
- 4 hours of court and 7 hours of administration.
- New officer has completed his training and is on the road.

LWRP Committee

- Meeting February 28th at 7:00pm.

Comprehensive Plan Review Committee

- Meeting February 23rd at 7:00pm.
- Online survey on the website until the end of the month. Input will be compiled.

Parks Commission by Councilwoman DuFresne

- 2nd year weather has not cooperated for the Ice rink.

Old Business

Mary Beth Bianconne gave an update on the waste water treatment project. Ms Bianconne said the waste water treatment system is about 20 years old. It does a wonderful job treating the waste water but with its age there is need of some improvements. Town Board had selected an option. The Town Board would adopt a resolution and have a public hearing, then adopt a bond resolution. The alternatives are:

1. Adding a coating which would last 10-15 years. Cost for the project would be 1.932 million and would add an additional \$372 debt service cost per household.
2. Adding some steel which would last about 20 years. Cost for the project would be 2.252 million would add an additional \$434 debt service cost per household per year.
3. All concrete which would also include some automation which would give him a set of alarms, data so that he can trend what is going on at the plant and lastly the ability to do regulatory reports on the computer. Cost is 2.43 million. \$468 debt service cost per household per year.

With the new plant the residents will pay approximately an extra \$34 a year. There will be a generator to run plant when power goes out.

A resident asked how far the sewer line goes? Supervisor Craig said it was extended down to the library.

Motion to approve agreement with Delaware Engineering made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Moore.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye

Steve, president of Hudson River Air Dogs would like to host a site here at Palatine Park. The location would be in the open field down by the ball fields. He has received several estimates to clear the field and also for a 20 x 40 above ground pool with a dock. Hudson River Air Dogs would host family friendly events once a month and dog training sessions. The SEQRA is filled out waiting for the go ahead. Councilwoman DuFresne said the Parks Commission can put some funds towards the privacy fence if necessary and they have volunteers ready to help out. Supervisor Craig said no Town money is being spent on this project. Steve said they want to help bring people to the Town. A resident asked where the location is and what it is going to look like? Everything will be discussed at the public hearing. Margaret DellaCioppa asked about liability issues. The Hudson River Air Dogs will accept any liabilities. A resident asked about signage and was told yes there will be signage. They are discussing a fee but haven't gotten that far yet.

Supervisor Craig said they have all read the Short Environmental Assessment Form and asked for motion for a negative declaration.

Motion for negative declaration made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye

Supervisor Craig said they will set up a date for a public hearing and work on the agreement and go forward from there.

Supervisor Craig said the NYS Retirement System reporting needs to be updated and a resolution has to be passed. The resolution is to be posted outside the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall for 30 days.

Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

Resolved:

That the Town Board accept the "Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials" as reflected in form RS 2417-A.

Further resolved that the Town Board approves the Posting of Said Resolution and Form RS 2417-A for 30 days in the Germantown Town Hall.

Motion to adopt Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye

Supervisor Craig said the Town received only one quote for 7 street lights from Point Source Group out of Rochester, NY in the amount of \$26,327.00.

Motion to accept the quote from Point Source Group for 7 street lights in the amount of \$26,327.00 made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Moore.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye

After the vote, Supervisor Craig said the street lights will be ordered.

New Business

- Highway Superintendent Jennings had put in a request a few months ago for a new mower. He suggested we go with a 5 year lease on a 2017 John Deere 5085E mower. They had discussed leasing instead of purchasing because of all the wear and tear on the equipment.

Motion to lease 2017 John Deere mower from Keil Equipment Company made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Moore.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye

Supervisor Craig said that the Towns of Livingston and Clermont share a paver with the Town of Germantown an example of shared services. The paver is at the end of its life and is in need of repair. Livingston and Clermont agreed to surplus the paver and lease a paver for the couple of months of the year that they use it. Our highway superintendent suggested we surplus our third of the paver and rent a paver during the summer months when needed.

Motion to surplus the highway paver used and owned by the three Towns made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye

- After several complaints and talking with the Town Attorney changes will be made to the Junk Law to update and make in compliance where junk laws are today.

RESOLUTION
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
Setting a Public Hearing for the Enactment of an Updated Junk Law

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Germantown enacted a Junk Law several years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Germantown has determined that such Junk Law should be reviewed and updated; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Germantown has received a proposed local law from the Attorney for the Town updating such Junk Law.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Germantown shall hold public hearing to accept public comment on the proposed upgraded Junk Law on March 21, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Motion by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye
Councilwoman Foley:	Absent
Councilman Phelan:	Absent

A draft is on the website. A public hearing is scheduled next month prior to the Town Board meeting.

- Supervisor Craig said in July of 2018 the 93rd Fire Fighters Convention will be held in Germantown. Asking permission to take out a full- page ad in the Fire Fighters yearbook to help fund the convention.

Motion to take out a full- page ad in the Fire Fighters yearbook made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Supervisor's Report

- Positions open on Columbia County Office of the Aging, Columbia County Traffic Safety Board, Election workers and Town Ethics Committee several members are needed. Please contact the Town if you would like to serve on any of these committees.

- March Town Board meeting is March 21 at 7:00pm.

Councilman Moore said there is an opening on the ZBA and the Town Board would like to appoint Randy Phelan. Supervisor Craig would like to continue the discussion.

Motion to appoint Randy Phelan to the ZBA made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Supervisor Craig:	Opposed
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye

Public

No public comments.

Motion to go into executive session to discuss the medical financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor Craig said it should be a fairly lengthy executive session.

Motion to come out of executive session made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

Meeting closed at 8:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,