

Minutes of October 8, 2019, Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, New York, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Beaury
Councilwoman DuFresne
Councilman Kukon
Councilman Sullivan

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Absent: Councilman Moore

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Motion to open Town Board meeting made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to approve the September 10, 2019 public hearing minutes, the September 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes and the September 24, 2019 budget workshop minutes made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay audited bills made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications to Town Clerk

A letter was received from Emil Ericson regarding the ZBA. Letter will be on file in the Town Clerk's office.

- Presentation and recommendation of Delaware Engineering regarding a contractor to maintain and operate the Sewer system, including the WWTP and Pump Stations.

Robert Flores said the Town received three bids from qualified firms. All had the resources and experience. Robert recommended the Town go with North Dome who's bid was significantly lower than the others. Robert said that considering the fact the Town is upgrading the entire system, it makes sense to hire a contractor with the personnel and experience to take care of it. Supervisor Beaury added that North Dome works with seven towns and villages in this area and he checked with each, noting that North Dome is highly regarded. Supervisor Beaury then thanked Robert Flores and Corinne Smith with their help putting the whole thing together for the RFP.

- Motion to amend the agenda not to go into executive session made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Old Business

- Resolution to award the bid to a particular contractor to maintain and operate the Sewer system, including the WWTP and Pump Stations and authorize the Supervisor to collaborate with the Town Attorney and Town Engineer on a contract with the contractor to maintain and operate the Sewer system, including the WWTP and Pump Stations.

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

October 8, 2019

RESOLUTION AWARDING PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE TOWN OF GERMANTOWN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND PUMP STATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the acceptance of sealed proposals for Professional Services for Operation, Maintenance, and Management of the Town of Germantown Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pump Stations (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the goal of the RFP was to identify firms that have the demonstrated experience and financial capability to effectively and efficiently deliver the services outlined in the RFP in the most cost effective and efficient manner to benefit the ratepayers of the Town’s Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, sealed proposals for the Project were publicly opened and read at the Germantown Town Hall on September 26, 2019, with proposals being received from three parties; and

WHEREAS, all three parties attended the mandatory prebid meeting, acknowledged receipt of the addendum to the RFP, and are qualified firms capable of providing the services as requested; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s engineer, Delaware Engineering D.P.C., has reviewed the proposals and recommends that the Town Board award the proposal to and enter into negotiations with North Dome Operations, Inc. based on its pricing being significantly lower than the other parties; and

WHEREAS, the Project is exempt from SEQR review, being a Type II action consisting of award of a contract for maintenance of existing facilities and routine or continuing agency administration and management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Germantown:

1. That any irregularities or informalities in North Dome Operations, Inc.’s proposal are hereby waived;

2. That North Dome Operations, Inc.'s proposal, including \$40,000 labor and \$12,000 repair contingency for the base year compensation, is the best value for the Town and is hereby accepted subject to negotiation as to changes in scope of the work or services to be provided and additional operating expenses; and

3. That the Supervisor be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute a contract for such Project in substantially the form provided in the RFP, subject to contract negotiations with North Dome Operations, Inc. and approval by the attorney for the Town.

Introduced by: Councilwoman DuFresne

Seconded by: Councilman Kukon

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to vote, which resulted as follows by roll call by the Town Clerk:

Supervisor Beury:	Yes
Councilman Sullivan:	Recused himself
Councilman Kukon:	Yes
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Yes
Councilman Moore:	Absent

This Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was declared duly adopted.

- Motion to authorize the Supervisor to authorize a Change Order requested by the Contractor regarding the sewer upgrade.

Supervisor Beury said they will be replacing bearings and drives on the RBCs and all are original to the plant. Approximate cost is \$70,600. Robert Flores explained to the Board that these original parts should last for a few more decades but are on the verge of failure. Neither the Engineer nor the Contractor can find maintenance logs for these original parts.

Supervisor Beury explained to the Board that they already granted him permission to execute change orders but he wants the Board to be up-to-date with these types of developments.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to authorize a Change Order requested by the Engineer and Contractor regarding the sewer upgrade made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Motion to adopt Preliminary Budget for 2020 made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Councilwoman DuFresne asked about the changes to the budget before it is adopted in final form in November. Supervisor Beury said they will need a special meeting if more than minor changes are made.

- Final budget to be adopted November 12, 2019.

New Business

- Supervisor Beaury discussed a proposed gift from Bill & Susan Droege to install marble columns and chain fencing at Cheviot Cemetery. The gift to the Town from the Droege's is \$25,000 which will be held until spring. Supervisor Beaury will introduce a Resolution at the meeting in November.
- Contract with Young Explosives to increase from \$6,500 to \$7,000. Supervisor Beaury said they will ask local businesses for contributions next year to help defray the costs.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with Young Explosives made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor's Report

- First Annual 5K Run/walk on October 6, 2019, sponsored by the Library.
- Blood drive on October 12, 2019 8:30-12:30pm in the Activity Building.
- Halloween festivities on October 19, 2019, sponsored by the Parks Commission.
- Boy Scouts Plastic Bottle/Aluminum Can Drive on October 19, 2019, 9am-2pm at the Activity Building.
- EV Station started working on it today.
- Farmer's Market last Saturday of October and November will be indoor at the Activity Building.
- Next meeting November 12, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Public

Susan Tanger from Anchorage Road complained about the drivers of the trains leaning on their horns when going through the crossing. Susan asked why can't just make short taps on their horns this would be more considerate for the people living there. She asked what could be done about this? Supervisor Beaury said the trains are mandated to use their horns, it is a federal regulation. Ms. Tanger said their property value will go down. Supervisor Beaury suggested that she write a letter to Amtrak and he will pass the letter along to them.

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

Meeting closed at 7:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,