

Minutes of May 12, 2020 Germantown Town Board meeting via Zoom, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Beaury
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilmember Suarez
Councilman Christian

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Beaury opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, then Led with the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to open the meeting made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to approve the April 14, 2020 meeting minutes made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Written Communications to the Town Clerk

No written communications to report.

Old Business

- Salt Shed Roof- Resolution to postpone project. Hold off on spending \$39,950. Resolution was given to the Town Board to look over.

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

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- Dated: May 12, 2020
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- RESOLUTION POSTPONING RE-ROOFING OF SALT STORAGE SHED

- WHEREAS, by Resolution dated March 10, 2020 the Town of Germantown accepted ACT Construction’s bid for \$39,950.00 for Re-Roofing of the Salt Storage Shed for the Town of Germantown (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Award was sent to ACT Construction on March 20, 2020; and

- WHEREAS, due to COVID-19 and Executive Orders declaring a State disaster emergency for the State of New York, it is in the Town's best interest to postpone the Project.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Germantown that the Project is hereby postponed until further notice by the Town Board
- On a motion by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilmember Suarez and having been approved by a majority of the Board, this Resolution was declared duly adopted by the Town of Germantown Town Board.
- Department of Public Works
- Draft Local Law
- Set Public Hearing.

Corinne sent the draft Department of Public Works Local Law to the Town Board. It was sent to the union, UPSEU as well, and Corinne reported they had no opinion on it. Supervisor Beaury said this Local Law will combine the Maintenance and the Highway departments and as a result they will be more efficient. Corinne read the purpose and intent. Corinne said nothing changes in regard to the Highway Superintendent. There will also be a Deputy Superintendent of Public Works who is appointed by the Highway Superintendent. Corinne said we need to set a date for a Public Hearing so the Local Law can be adopted. Corinne will also send the draft Local Law to Civil Service for their review. Supervisor Beaury and the Town Board set the Public Hearing for June 9, 2020 at 6:45pm before the Town Board meeting. Supervisor Beaury said the notice will be published and also posted on the website along with the draft Local Law. Councilman Sullivan asked about written comments before the Public Hearing. Corinne said the Town Board can accept written comments prior to the Public Hearing and they will be put on record.

Motion to set the date of June 9, 2020 at 6:45pm for the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2020 establishing the Town of Germantown Department of Public Works made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Approve spending on road project up to reimbursable amount. Supervisor Beaury said the expected cost on spending on road projects on Lasher Ave is approximately \$128,000. Our expected reimbursement is \$71,000 but we are still looking for verification from NYS that the money will be available later in 2020. Supervisor Beaury said he talked to the Highway Superintendent and they agreed to do the work only in the amount of what we are going to be reimbursed for.

Motion to approve spending on road project up to reimbursable amount made by, Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Order 450 tons of road salt in the amount of a little less than \$30,000. This is the standard amount ordered each year and Supervisor Beaury wants the Board to know we are ordering it.

- Jen Crawford sent in the budget and revised workplan for the LWRP to NYS. Supervisor Beaury said it looks fine will need approval from NYS before we receive a contract to review.
- Memorial Day Procession (starts May 25, 2020 at 10:00am). Supervisor Beaury said the parade and the festivities are canceled. There will be a procession of Fire Departments from Germantown, Livingston and Clermont, as well as police, the American Legion and anyone that wants to join in.
- Farmer's Market-2020 (starts May 23, 2020 at 10:00am).
Rules and Procedures
Relocate picnic tables

Supervisor Beaury asked what to do with the picnic tables? Councilman Sullivan said to put them out. Councilman Kukon agreed to put them out. Councilmember Suarez said we will need a maintenance crew to sanitize them. Supervisor Beaury suggested not to put the tables out and to wait until Phase I. The Town Board agreed to lock the picnic tables in the Activity Building for now.

- Beach House bathrooms. Supervisor Beaury said they are waiting to hear from the Health Department before opening the bathrooms. Town Board agreed to wait until June 1st.
- Summer Camp 2020. Hold off on making a decision. Town Board agreed.
- Independence Day 2020. Supervisor Beaury recommended canceling. Councilmember Suarez, Councilman Kukon and Councilman Sullivan all agreed.
- Update from the Technology Committee. Councilman Sullivan said they ordered the last piece of sound equipment for Town Hall. Zoom meetings have started with the committees. They have added some updates to the Town website. Councilmember Suarez said they did a re-haul on the website and there is a beta site. Councilmember Suarez also said it helps connecting with people via email.

New Business

- Boards and committees meeting remotely via Zoom
 - o Post date
 - o Post agendas and minutes
 - o Post videos
- Re-appointments of George Atwell and Claude DiMauro to Board of Assessment Review.

Motion to re-appoint George Atwell and Claude DiMauro to their current term made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor's Report

- Economic update. Wi-fi hotspots. Gtel would like to place a couple of signs letting people know about this free service. Supervisor Beaury asked the Town Board what they thought of the signs. The Town Board said they were good. Supervisor Beaury will let Brittany know she can put up the signs.

Motion to approve Wi-fi signs made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Blood Drive scheduled for June 1, 2020 in the Activity Building. Supervisor Beaury recommended we not make a decision yet, he's waiting to hear from the Health Department.
- The Pause- 10 regions are extended until June 6, 2020. Columbia County is in the same region along with Albany and Troy.
- Next meeting is June 9, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Comments from Councilmembers

There were no comments from Councilmembers.

Comments and questions from the public

Question was can we ban leaf blowers? Councilman Kukon said they are not banning leaf blowers. Councilmember Suarez agreed.

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

Meeting closed at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,