

Minutes of December 29, 2020 Year End meeting, via Zoom, commencing at 6:03pm.

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

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Beaury welcomed everyone and Led with the Pledge to the Flag.

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

1. Motion to approve a Resolution authorizing budget transfers.

WHEREAS, the Germantown Town Board has determined that from time to time a budget transfer is necessary to reflect properly the allocation and expenditure of funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Germantown to make the following transfers:

**Line Adjustments**

***Highway Fund:***

Increase DA51302 Machinery Equipment \$9,000

Decrease DA51304 Machinery Contract Expense \$9,000

Motion to authorize transferring 2020 funds made by roll call by the Town Clerk.

Introduced by Councilman Sullivan

Seconded by Councilmember Suarez

Roll call by Town Clerk:

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

The proposed Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Germantown Town Board.

2. Motion to approve a Resolution authorizing budget amendments.

WHEREAS, the Germantown Town Board has determined that from time to time a budget amendment is necessary to reflect properly the allocation and expenditure of funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Germantown to make the following amendments to the 2020 budget:

**Budget Amendments**

***General Fund:***

*Increase the following Revenue Lines:*

A2610 - Fines & Forfeited Bail \$27,000

A3005 - St Aid, Mortgage Tax \$21,500

A3089 - State Aid Other \$10,930

*Increase the following Expense Lines:*

A111041 - JCAP Grant \$5,000

A11104 - Muni Court, Contr Exp – Other \$3,930  
A16804 - Ctrl Data Pros Ctr Ex \$2,000  
A31204 - Police, Contr Exp \$27,000  
A75204 - Historical Prop Cntr Exp \$1,500  
A89892 - Misc Home & Comm Serv \$1,000  
A90105 - UPSEU - UNION DUES \$1,750  
A90108 – Retirement \$5,000  
A90508 - Unemployment Ins \$6,000  
A90608 - Hospital & Med Ins \$1,000  
A908983 - Other, Uniforms \$500  
A9500 - Interfund Transfer Out \$1,500  
A99019 - Transfer Other Fund \$3,250

Motion to authorize amendments to the 2020 budget made by roll call by the Town Clerk.

Introduced by Councilman Sullivan

Seconded by Councilman Kukon

Roll call by Town Clerk:

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

The proposed Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Germantown Town Board.

### 3. Resolution Encumbering 2020 Funds.

WHEREAS the Germantown Town Board wishes to encumber all current funds of the 2020 budget to pay future bills received in 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Germantown Town Board, to encumber all current funds of the 2020 budget to pay remaining 2020 bills and to pay fiscal obligations as put forth by motions and resolutions of this Town Board during the 2021 fiscal year.

Motion to authorize encumbering 2020 funds made by roll call by the Town Clerk.

Introduced by Councilmember Suarez

Seconded by Councilman Kukon

Roll call by Town Clerk:

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

The proposed Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Germantown Town Board.

### 4. Resolution establishing Capital Reserve Account.

WHEREAS the Germantown Town Board wishes to establish a Capital Reserve Account to hold funds received from Primax/Dollar General for future improvements to Route 9G for pedestrians;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Germantown Town Board hereby establishes a Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$30,000 to be used for future installation of sidewalks or other pedestrian safety measures within the Town.

Motion to authorize establishing a Capital Reserve Account made by roll call by the Town Clerk.

Introduced by Councilman Sullivan

Seconded by Councilmember Suarez

Roll call by Town Clerk:

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

The proposed Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Germantown Town Board.

5. Resolution extending 2020 exemption status for certain individuals through 2021.

**TOWN BOARD**  
**TOWN OF GERMANTOWN**  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK  
December 29, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the state disaster emergency has resulted in limited hours in municipal offices and rendered seniors and individuals with disabilities homebound; and

**WHEREAS**, many seniors and individuals with disabilities do not have the ability to file their real property tax exemption applications in person due to safety precautions and lack the ability to file such applications online; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Cuomo has issued Executive Order 202.83, which grants local governments the ability to adopt a resolution extending the exemption status for those seniors and individuals with disabilities entitled to certain real property tax exemptions.

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

1. that the assessor shall extend the 2020 exemption status for those individuals receiving the senior exemption and the persons with disabilities and limited income exemption through 2021 without a renewal application except in the circumstances elucidated below; and
2. that the assessor may require a renewal application if they believe that an owner who qualified for the 2020 exemption has since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died.

Introduced by Councilman Kukon

Seconded by Councilman Sullivan

The proposed Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Germantown Town Board.

- Re-organization meeting January 5, 2021 at 6pm.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:27pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to exit Executive Session and re-enter regular session at 7:24pm made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Meeting closed at 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,