

Minutes of October 9, 2018 Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Beaury  
Councilman Moore  
Councilwoman DuFresne  
Councilman Kukon  
Councilman Sullivan

Town Attorney: Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Motion to approve the September 11, 2018 meeting minutes, the September 18, 2018 and the September 24, 2018 workshop meeting minutes made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

**Written Communications** by Town Clerk

Received an email from Genette Picicci Oehlke about the Planning Board.

**Town Department Reports:**

**Maintenance**

No report this month.

**Dog Control**

No report this month.

**Highway** by Councilman Kukon

- Cheviot docks are coming out this week.
- Anchorage docks are scheduled to come out October 30, 2018.
- Done mowing this week will be cleaning the tractor and putting it away.
- Trucks ready for annual inspection.
- Trying to keep catch basins and pipes free of leaves.
- Plows are serviced and ready to go.
- County bringing trucks over.
- Worked with school on Palatine Heritage Day.
- Will be working with NYS DOT on the inspection of the intersection of Palatine Park Road and 9G. This should help with the visibility and drainage.

**Sewer** by Councilman Sullivan

- Average flow is 33,000 gallons per day.
- Received 9 call before you dig requests.
- Draining and cleaning.

**History** by Sue Raab

- Thank you to the Town for supporting Palatine Heritage Day.
- An article written by the Columbia Paper in September and another article coming out on Thursday.

Presentation by Suzette Booy, Director of Real Property Tax Services for Columbia County and Ralph DelPozzo, Tax Assessor regarding re-assessment.

Suzette Booy started off by saying she had provided Supervisor Beaury with a quote from their office to assist the town in doing a full town-wide reassessment to take place for the 2021 assessment roll.

Suzette introduced Royce Rip Noblin the valuation specialist from their office. Suzette explained the process which starts by verification of all data, sending out data collectors and reviewing the inventory of what Ralph has on his records to make sure everyone is being assessed for what they have and fairly as their neighbor. They want to obtain 100% equalization rate which will put everyone at full market value for assessment purposes. This is a lengthy process to complete and NYS and Ralph will be monitoring the process. In the end the Assessor will sign off on every property. The last full assessment was done in 2011. After all the data is collected a mailer will go out for everyone to see their preliminary assessment. Martin Overington asked when the next assessment would be? Suzette said the NYS recommends every 4-6 years.

Amy Davison asked what is the cost? Supervisor Beaury said approximately \$13,000 which we can pay in installments.

Sally asked what if home prices go down? Suzette said she has seen assessors bring values down to stay at 100%.

Suzette said the goal is getting equity and making sure everyone is assessed fairly.

Motion to enter executive session at 7:32pm 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; and to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Beaury:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye
Councilman Kukon:	Aye
Councilman Sullivan:	Aye

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:04pm made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Sullivan.

Supervisor Beaury:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye
Councilman Kukon:	Aye
Councilman Sullivan:	Aye

Motion re-enter regular session made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

Supervisor Beaury:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye
Councilman Kukon:	Aye
Councilman Sullivan:	Aye

### **Old Business**

- Discrimination and Harassment Policy. NYS will be mandating this training next year.

### **New Business**

- Authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with a storage company for record storage.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with a storage company for record storage made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Moore.

Supervisor Beaury:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Aye

Councilman Kukon: Aye  
Councilman Sullivan: Aye

- Surplus Town equipment and supplies. Approximately 5,800 rounds for the AR15, approximately 40 boxes of shot gun shells and approximately 140 gun locks.

Motion to surplus and dispose those materials made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Beury: Aye  
Councilman Moore: Aye  
Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye  
Councilman Kukon: Aye  
Councilman Sullivan: Aye

### **Supervisor's Report**

- Update on Amtrak Fences and Gates. Amtrak will be holding off on their public information meetings and said they will re-design their project.
- Blood drive on October 10, 2018 2-7pm in the Activity Building.
- Next Town Board meeting is November 13, 2018 at 7:00pm.

### **Public**

Kaare Christian said the Greenway grant for the Ice House was turned down. Kaare said the reasons were proof of town ownership of that land and clarification of the ability to access the CSX right of way. There was some discussion on the right of way. Corinne will look into this. Kaare said another point that was discussed at the waterfront committee meeting was creating a waterfront park in between Lasher and Cheviot parks. They would like to talk to CSX and discuss the possibilities of that strip of land. They would like to put together a visioning meeting. There was discussion on the three CSX parcels. Supervisor Beury said even if CSX were willing to sell it, the town can't afford to buy that land. Kaare would like to ask CSX about selling it, and Supervisor Beury said Kaare can contact CSX. Amy Davison would like to bring a visual presentation to Amtrak. More discussion on right of way and access.

Mr. Dubac asked about the NYS walkway/bike trail on Woods Road and is there any way to convince them to put the trail down by the river? Supervisor Beury explained the location of the trail.

Ellen Epstein would like the Town Board to entertain a proposal concept for a corridor plan. Ms Epstein presented an outline to the Town Board. The goal is to enhance the town through business development. Hudson River Valley Greenway offers grants funding available up to \$10,000 with a town match. Time frame would be approximately 4-6 months. Ms. Epstein recommended a public informational session and final plan review and approval by the Town Board. Supervisor Beury said he and the Town Board and Town Attorney will take a look at it. Margaret DellaCioppa asked about the school drill on Saturday? Supervisor Beury told her that it was canceled due to lack of volunteers.

Councilman Sullivan said the library will hold an invasive species phragmites informational on November 17, 2018.

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

Meeting closed at 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,