

Minutes of July 9, 2019 Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Rd, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Beaury
Councilwoman DuFresne
Councilman Kukon
Councilman Sullivan

Absent: Councilman Moore
Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Beaury opened the meeting and Led with the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Motion to approve June 11, 2019 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 Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications to the Town Clerk

None.

Motion to amend the agenda and skip the executive session made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Old Business

- Alternate members to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals/Local Law 2 (2019). There will be a Public Hearing on August 13, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Motion to set date for the Public Hearing on August 13, 2019 at 6:30pm made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

- LWRP application.

Motion to set date for the Special Board meeting for July 23, 2019 at 7:00pm made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Clean Energy Program- update at next meeting.
- EV Station- update/ Resolution

Supervisor Beaury read the following Resolution:

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION
Dated: July 9, 2019

WHEREAS, the Town has received a quote from PlugIn Stations Online, LLC (“Piso”) for installation of one dual output EV charging station the municipal lot on Main Street, at a cost of \$12,193.000, not including site work or protective bollards, under NYS contract number PC68451; and

WHEREAS, the quoted equipment qualifies for a rebate of up to \$8,000 through NYSERDA's ChargeReady NY program; and

WHEREAS, the electrical infrastructure for the project qualifies for funding from National Grid.

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

1. That the Supervisor be authorized to accept PISO's estimate for the project; provided, however, that the project is contingent on the Town receiving grants/rebates for the full project cost and the Town and PISO entering into a formal contract prior to ordering equipment and beginning work; and
2. That the Supervisor and PISO be authorized to apply for rebate funding for an EV charging station purchase and installation from NYSERDA's ChargeReady NY Program and National Grid.

On a motion by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Kukon and having been approved by a majority of the Board, this Resolution was declared duly adopted by the Town of Germantown Town Board.

New Business

- Ethics Law/Local Law No.3 (2019). Ethics law needs to be brought up to date.

Motion to set the date and time for the Public Hearing on July 23, 2019 at 7:00pm followed by the Special Town Board meeting made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Waste Water Treatment Plant- Out source operation and maintenance of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Pump Stations. Out source to a private company which will be more efficient and should result in cost savings to the town.

Motion to proceed and approve out source to a private company the operation and maintenance of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Pump stations made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Department of Public Works- transition from Highway Department and Maintenance Department. Combining Maintenance with Highway will be more efficient and should result in cost savings to the town.

Motion to proceed with all paperwork involved to affect the transition to a Department of Public Works made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Policies and Procedures for Zoning Board of Appeals. Can adopt at the next meeting. Will be posted on the Town website.
- Procurement Policy. The town had a 10-year agreement with the County to share half of the space of the salt shed and to pay for half of the expenses but the agreement expired in 2011 and County did not pay any costs since. Supervisor Beury is in the process of negotiating an agreement right now. Supervisor Beury added plus they park 2 trucks in the highway garage and pay no rent.
- Rail with Trail presentation (at Special Board meeting).
- Appoint Wendy Fieser to the Office of the Aging.

Motion to appoint Wendy Fieser to the Office of the Aging starting today thru the end of the year made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Surplus two electronic speed signs.

Motion to surplus two electronic speed signs made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

Councilman Sullivan suggested reaching out to interested parties.

Supervisor Beaury mentioned the roof collapsed on the classroom/trailer. Councilwoman DuFresne said someone may interested in it, she will talk to them tomorrow.

Supervisor's Report

- Amtrak's fences and gates- update. There was a meeting today at 401 State Street in Hudson. In attendance were Matt Murell who is chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Town Supervisor of Stockport, the Supervisor of Stuyvesant, Supervisor Beaury, Jeff Anzevino of Scenic Hudson and Amtrak brought 6 of their people with them. Supervisor Beaury gave the update saying there is no change to the plan with the gates which did not go over well. By the end of the meeting Amtrak indicated flexibility on the proposal and future meetings.
- Camp is in session. 160 campers in attendance.
- Movie Nite July 19th and August 16th. 65 people attended last month. "Ghost Busters" will be playing on July 19th.
- Fireworks, Saturday, July 6th (rain date July 7th). Had a good turn-out on Sunday, July 7th. Fireworks were terrific. Supervisor Beaury thanked the First Responders, all the volunteers and thanked Janet Crawford for organizing the event. A special thank you to Cameron D'Souza for his Disc Jockey service at the Fireworks, because the band that was hired didn't come back on Sunday. Cameron did an outstanding job and didn't even want to be paid.
- Bird Watch with the Library (July 8-13th) Bird watching at Camp Palatine thanks to Katrina Sullivan and the Cooperative Extension.
- The "original" Town of Germantown sign. We will be replacing the sign in the near future.
- A star might be born. Filming is on August 1st. More information to follow.

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

- A bang in the night. Amtrak is repairing a wall closer to Livingston. Once we know the date we will alert folks there will be some noise on the tracks.
- Next meeting is August 13, 2019 at 7pm.

Councilman Sullivan said he got to enjoy the fireworks this year for the first time in 6 years and it was great.

Councilman Sullivan also reported the north ballfield had gotten skimmed and the clay put down. Councilman Sullivan thanked the Highway and Maintenance departments for their help.

Councilman Sullivan added they did a lot of overhaul on the town website. Councilman Sullivan said, we're continuing along the lines of developing a good cognitive list of email addresses for the town to be able to distribute information like public hearing notices, community updates and communications. Councilman Sullivan stated that they had pulled approximately 560 contracts and 372 subscribers from a list that was developed through the town's website.

Supervisor Beaury said the website has been improved over the last few months and thanked Councilman Sullivan for his help with this.

Councilwoman DuFresne said the volleyball net needs to be installed on the horseshoe in the middle of the lake.

Public

Tony Albino said he bought 8 more boats for Camp. Tony also said the campers want to race the boats and they want to make a racecourse for the boats on the lake.

Margaret DellaCioppa asked if there was anything heard about the school auditorium? Supervisor Beaury said the only information that we have is what Sue Brown told us when she spoke about the budget at the town board meeting.

Margaret DellaCioppa also asked any news on the Diner? Janet Crawford said probably won't open until next year.

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

Meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,