

Minutes of March 9, 2021 Germantown Town Board meeting, via Zoom, commencing at 7:06pm.

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

Absent: Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

Motion to approve February 9, 2021 meeting minutes made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay audited bill for March 2021 made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications to the Town Clerk

Town Clerk received a resignation from Zachary Balazs as Foreman from the Highway Department effective March 5, 2021. Letter will be on file in the Town Clerk's office. Supervisor Beaury thanked Zac for his service.

Old Business

- Local Law No. 1 of 2021. Changing the position of elected Highway Superintendent to appointed Superintendent of the DPW effective January 1, 2022. Supervisor Beaury said this Town Board and the prior Town Board discussed this subject in length. Supervisor Beaury said this will go on the ballot in June.
Public Hearing set for April 13, 2021 at 6:45pm. Draft law and notices will be posted on the website along with more of an explanation.

Motion to set Public Hearing for Local Law No. 1 of 2021 for April 13, 2021 at 6:45pm made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Adopt Health Safety Plan. Supervisor Beaury said that NYS requires updated Health Safety Plan.

Motion to adopt Health Safety Plan made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Christian, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Authorize the Supervisor to file the Health Safety Plan with NYS.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to file Health Safety Plan with NYS made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Discuss Website Resolution (CSC). Councilman Christian said the Climate Smart Community Committee would like to create a website on which all the progress with documented. Supervisor Beaury would like a model resolution so the Board can adopt this at the April meeting.
- Discuss Benchmarking Resolution (CSC). Supervisor Beaury wanted Corinne to be here for this. Corinne was unable to attend. Supervisor Beaury said they need to discuss who will be the entity for the Town and would like Corinne to send a memo so the board can adopt in April. Councilman Christian said they need Corinne's input on this. Councilman Sullivan feels once they have the data it will be easier to maintain. Supervisor Beaury said they will pick this up in April.
- Discuss Flex Tech (CSC). Supervisor Beaury asked Christina if she had any idea of the cost so they would know what kind of a commitment was needed for a 100% reimbursement. Christina will give them an idea of how many buildings to do. Supervisor Beaury would like the CSC to come up with a Cap Plan for updating our facilities for the next 20 years.

- Discuss Home Rule Resolution (Solar). Supervisor Beaury would like Columbia County to follow our lead for a solar pilot. Only Livingston and New Lebanon have adopted this law. Supervisor Beaury would like to adopt this resolution next month.
- Appointments to the Short-Term Rental Committee. Supervisor Beaury thanked Councilmember Suarez for her help with this.

Appointed to the committee are:

Jan Borchert
 Sarah Suarez
 Janet Crawford
 Molly McClarnon
 Eli Berkowitz
 Maggie Goudsmit
 Richard Levine
 Christina Bohnsack
 Stefania Maruniak
 Garrett Montgomery
 Laura Sink
 Genette Piccici

- Update notice of status of Town facilities 3/16/2021 – 4/15/2021. Supervisor Beaury said that 516 Warren Street was closed until March 19, 2021. Town Board members agreed to status quo. American Legion asked permission to use the Activity Building. Town Board agreed to let the American Legion use the Activity Building.

New Business

- Authorize the Supervisor to enter the Intermunicipal Agreement with Columbia County.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter the Intermunicipal Agreement with Columbia County made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Authorize participation in the PRISM program 2021. Supervisor Beaury the PRISM program is at Lasher Memorial Park where Cornell Cooperative Extension cleans the bottom of boats.

Motion to authorize participation in the PRISM program 2021 made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Discuss Alarm Law. Draft of the fire alarm for the Town Board to review. Councilman Christian would like to know if the Fire Department has the amount of false alarms?
- Appoint a particular person to the Board of Assessment Review (through 9/30/2024). If you would like to be a member of the Board of Assessment Review, please send a letter to the Town Board.

Supervisor's Report

- Blood Drive, March 27th 8:30am-12:30pm in the Activity Building.
- GCS annual vote, request board approval for use of the Activity Building.

Motion to approve use of the Activity Building for GCS annual vote made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

Councilman Sullivan suggested the school clean the Activity Building after using the building.

- Farmer's Market, planning in progress. Supervisor Beaury said the same plan will be used as last year.
- Memorial Day, planning in progress.

- Rabies Clinic April 10, 2021, time TBD
- Town Wide Yard Sale, tentative date May 15, 2021.
- Next meeting April 13, 2021 at 7pm. Public Hearing for the Solar Law is at 6:45pm.

Comments from Councilmembers

Councilman Sullivan mentioned River Sweep on May 1, 2021

Comments and questions from the public limited to those received in writing before the meeting, and may be submitted via email to Townboard@germantownny.org

Larry Trepel asked how the Town should take action on the squirrel shoot? Supervisor Beaury answered by saying the event was not sponsored by the Town and it is legal to hunt squirrels in NYS.

The meeting ended at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,