

Minutes of October 12, 2021 Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall 50 Palatine Park Road and via Zoom, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Beaury
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilman Christian

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Absent: Councilmember Suarez

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Beaury opened the meeting and 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 September 14, 2021 regular meeting minutes and the September 29, 2021 workshop meeting minutes made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay audited bills for October 2021 made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications

None.

Old Business

- Motion to adopt the Preliminary Budget (FY 2022). Supervisor Beaury said no tax increase for 2022.

Motion to adopt the Preliminary Budget (FY 2022) made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to set the date for the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget (FY 2022) for November 9, 2021 at 6:30pm made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Local Law No.1 of 2021- Solar Energy and Battery Energy Storage System Local Law.
- SEQR

Motion declaring the Town of Germantown lead agency for Local Law No.1 made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Christian, with all in favor and none opposed.

Corinne said SEQR Part I won't need a motion.

Supervisor Beaury read the Brief Description of Proposed Action of the SEQR. The complete form will be attached to the minutes.

Supervisor Beaury will send this to the Columbia County Planning Board tomorrow.

- Set date for a Public Hearing on Local Law No.1

Supervisor Beaury read the following Resolution:

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

October 12, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No.1 of 2021, providing for a local law revising the Zoning and Subdivision Law for the Town of Germantown to regulate Solar Energy and Battery Energy Storage Systems and amending Schedule A: Permitted Uses is hereby introduced at this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; by the Town Board of the Germantown as follows:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Germantown shall hold a public hearing on the 9 day of November, 2021 at 6:45pm via Zoom technology to hear all interested parties on said proposed local law; and
2. The Town Clerk of the Town of Germantown is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said public hearing in the official newspaper of the Town, on the Town's website, and on the Town sign board at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing; and
3. The Town Board declares itself lead agency for purposes of State Environmental Quality Review ("SEQR") for the proposed action and hereby finds that the proposed project is a Type I action and authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign Part 1 of the Full EAF; and
4. The Town Clerk of the Town of Germantown with assistance from the attorney for the Town is hereby authorized and directed to refer the local law to the Columbia County Planning Board pursuant to General Municipal Law §239-m; and
5. The Town Clerk of the Town of Germantown is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of said public hearing to all adjacent municipalities at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing; and
6. The Town Clerk of the Town of Germantown with assistance from the attorney for the Town is hereby authorized and directed to refer the local law to the Town Planning Board for a report and recommendation thereon pursuant to Town of Germantown Zoning and Subdivision Law Article XVI, section B(2).

Introduced by Councilman Sullivan

Seconded by Councilman Kukon

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

Dated: October 12, 2021

Joyce Vale, Town Clerk
Germantown Town Board

Motion to set the date for the Public Hearing on the Solar Energy and Battery Energy Storage System Local Law for November 9, 2021, immediately following the public hearing on the Preliminary Budget made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

New Business

- Authorize the Supervisor to sign the Chargeback Agreement with CC for Northern Dutchess Paramedics to cover our Town.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Chargeback Agreement with CC for Northern Dutchess Paramedics made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Camp Creek Methodist cemetery. Supervisor Beaury asked Corinne to look into this matter. Corinne said cemeteries in municipalities are complicated issues. Corinne said that this specific parcel is considered a religious cemetery. Corinne said if a cemetery is being maintained and the town doesn't have to take it over as abandoned cemetery this is the best course. Corinne added that municipalities are required to take over certain cemeteries but not private, family, or religious and that this cemetery would qualify as religious if the Methodist Church once owned it. Corinne will forward information to the Town Board. Supervisor Beaury explained that the History

department is asking the town to ask the new owners to donate the cemetery to the town so that we can take care of it.

- Bonfire at the Parsonage on October 22nd? The Board discussed the request and seeks more information. Supervisor Beury said he will check what the plan is with the Town Historian.

Supervisor's Report

- Red Cross Blood Drive, Saturday, October 30, 2021, 8:30am – 12:30pm, Activity Building
- Library's 5K Run on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 10am.
- Next meeting November 9, 2021 at 7pm, preceded by two Public Hearings starting at 6:30pm.

Comments from Councilmembers

Councilman Christian said Christina asked him to bring up that Cornell Cooperative Extension is willing to assist the town in doing a survey and putting together a report on culverts. The report will be done in the coming year. Councilman Christian said Cornell Cooperative Extension would like a support letter from the town so they can approach the Hudson River Estuary Program. Supervisor Beury thinks this is a great idea. He asked if this will cost the town anything and Councilman Christian said no. Supervisor Beury will sign the letter if the Town Board agrees to him signing. Councilman Kukon asked what do they actually do? Councilman Christian said there already has been culvert surveys done by DEC in 2015 and 2017. Councilman Christian said they evaluate which culverts need to be dealt with concerning water flow. Councilman Sullivan asked if they are talking about the culverts in driveways? Councilman Christian said the larger culverts like those under roadways. The Board agreed that Supervisor Beury may sign such a letter of support.

Councilman Sullivan asked if they had heard from National Grid about the EV Station? Supervisor Beury said he would get in touch with them. Councilman Christian said he saw an EV Station in Kingston smaller than the one we have in the municipal parking lot. Councilman Christian will send a picture to the Town Board.

Comments and questions from the public

Martin Overington thanked the Town Board for their support. Martin also said talking about the cemetery and ownership is very helpful and it's funny happening during Halloween. He wished all a Happy Halloween.

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

Meeting closed at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,