

Minutes of June 14, 2022, Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY and via Zoom, commencing at 6:50pm.

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

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Motion to approve the May 10, 2022 public hearing and May 10, 2022 town board meeting minutes made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay the audited bills for June 2022 once abstract is complete due to accounting staff on PTO made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications to the Town Clerk

Town Clerk reported she received reports from the Highway Superintendent, Building department, History department, Short Term Rental Committee & Climate Smart Committee.

Old Business

- Local Law No. 1 of 2022- revision of the zoning map to extend the Hamlet Mixed-Use zoning district. Recommendation from the Planning Board parking on the street. Corinne and the Town Board will look at parking in the Comprehensive Plan in this specific area. Discussion on the parking. Corinne then said in the zoning map it is clear where the boundaries are. Councilman Christian suggested to put the wording in from 2013 and have the zoning committee deal with it. Councilmember Suarez would like to move forward with the map and let the re-zoning committee reconsider parking and sidewalk extension. Corinne said there are no changes except section B. Corinne will make all the corrections before the next board meeting.
- Grid tie electrical service at Roe Jan Park update. Councilman Christian said at the Waterfront Committee likes the grid tie in recommendation. Councilman Christian will get underway with National Grid and Gtel.
- Removal of the term "generally" from Article VII, section A, subsection 4, paragraph A of the Germantown Zoning and Subdivision Law? Set a public hearing for August 9th at 6:45pm.

Motion declaring the town lead agency made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

New Business

- LWRP Consultant re-appointment. Councilman Christian said Alta looking to find a new way. New plan to work with a sub-contractor EDR working with them looked at financials, new budget, happy with the new arrangement.

Motion to make amendment to the contract made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Christian, with all in favor and none opposed.

Corinne will prepare amendment to contract to go to Alta.

- Conceptual drawings for the renovation of the Kellner Activity Building have been received and reviewed with some minor change requests. We will be holding a workshop with the major stakeholders to review the plans and come up with a final design on June 21, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Kellner Building. The public will be able to

attend, but no public comment will be heard. Public comment will take place prior to the July 12th board meeting.

Supervisor's Report

- Congratulations to the GCS Varsity Baseball team for winning the Section 2 Class D Championship.
- Supervisor Helsley would like to recognize Faythe Smith for her years of service to the Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Library, Thanksgiving Dinner and Board of Ethics. Faythe is moving out of the area. Her service is much appreciated and we wish her the best in the next chapter of her life.
- Independence Day celebration- Saturday, July 2nd from 4-11pm. Rain date is Sunday, July 3rd. Thank you to Councilmember Suarez and Jami DelPozzo for all of their hard work to pull this event together.

Comments from Councilmembers

Councilmember Suarez said she heard from Barbara Hughey who serves on the Columbia County EMC committee and wanted to share that the Climate Carnival is on July 16th at the Columbia County Fairgrounds from 10am-4pm. Councilmember Suarez congratulated the 2022 graduates. Councilmember Suarez also said when budget is discussed she would like a water bubbler in place of bottled water. Councilman Sullivan said maybe not in the union contract. Corinne will check.

Corinne said there were questions that came in about the budget for the RFP Planner and she directed them to the website. Corinne said send the addendum to Austin to post and to make a motion authorizing the addendum.

Motion authorizing the issuance of the addendum made by Supervisor Helsley, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

Deadline for bids is June 30th before 10am. Bids will be opened at 10am.

Comments and questions from the public

Martin Overington wanted to be included in the workshop. Supervisor Helsley asked Martin to join us.

Councilmember Suarez said a resident reached out to her and asked if they could hang a pride flag? The Town Board supported this.

Leo Wurtzberger likes the improved and accessible website.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss selection of the Zoning committee at 7:43pm made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:48pm 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 Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Meeting closed at 8:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Vale

