

Minutes of October 11, 2022, Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY and via Zoom, commencing at 7:01pm.

Present: Supervisor Helsley
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilman Christian

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Present via Zoom: Councilmember Suarez

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

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

Motion to approve the September 13, 2022 budget workshop and board meeting minutes made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay audited bills for October 2022 made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Supervisor Helsley, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written communications to the Town Clerk

Town Clerk received monthly reports from Highway Superintendent, History Department and Building Inspector.

NOVEMBER REPORT

1-DOING BODY WORK ON ROOF OF 2012 PICKUP AND REPLACING ROOF LIGHTS

2-SERVICED 09 TRUCK

3-TOKE OUT CHEVIOT DOCKS

4-TOKE OUT ANCHORAGE DOCKS

5-PUT UP 1/2 WALL AND STEP IN TOWNHALL

6-SUBMITTED FOR CHIPS REIMBURESMENT

7-HAD LARGE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE DUMPED ALONG TRAIL

8-PUT PLOW FRAMES ON TRUCKS

9-COMPLETED LAST PASS OF MOWING ALONG ROADS

10-REPLACED PIPE ON HILLTOP RD

11-RECEIVED ESTIMATE FOR NEW MOWER FROM SALEM FARM SUPPLY 12099.00
CONTRACT NUMBER 031121-SCG

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
ANTHONY CIDRAS

History Advisory Committee Oct. 29, 2022

Attendance: Rich Coons, Tony Albino, Ethan Dickerman, Alvin Sheffer, Tom Shannon - First Reformed Cemetery monument: the bronze plaque was backordered for several months but arrived a few days ago. Kol-Rocklea is scheduled to install it beginning next week. - Pomeroy Foundation sign grants status: the First Reformed Cemetery request was rejected because they weren't convinced that "Calvinist Church Burying Ground," the language from the 1741 deed, equated to "original Reformed Cemetery"

as it was called in Arthur Kelly's books. The Ice House sign request is still alive but with a long laundry list of clarifications and more information due by Nov. 30th. - Cemetery cleaning: the Second Lutheran Cemetery is about one third of the way complete. Hoping to finish it up before winter. We have 47 gallons of D-2 on hand at the moment. Will work on a public notice for the Second Reformed Cemetery and full transcriptions of completed cemeteries over the winter. - Hover Grant 2022: the History Department via Germantown Library was awarded funds for new historic markers for Sharp's Landing, the First Lutheran Church, and Diell Rockefeller's grist and saw mills on Lower Main Street as well as funds to subscribe to Hudson River Valley Heritage. HRVH is a digital archive compiled from various libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies making the collections easily available to the public. The Hover Foundation declined to fund a look up service for the Hank Jones collection at the Germantown Library. - Hank Jones collection: the New York Chapter of Palatines to America will pick up the cost of a document scanner and short term pilot program for a look up service. If it is popular, we will seek funds to continue. - Recent donations: - Patricia Hinkein donated quite a few photos and documents from a McGregor family that lived on Woods Road. No clear Germantown connection for a lot of the stuff. Will send most off to more appropriate institutions; Connie Miller Stein donated photos of Adam Lasher and family as well as athletic memorabilia from GCS; Mary Beth Wenger donated the Yager family Bible with genealogical information, about 75 family photographs, and a large quantity of home sewn linens and similar items. Will try to find an appropriate home for the linens; Bill Droege brought over the original Fisher grant map for us to photograph. This is the only known map showing the old Upper Coal Beds stake light, located mid-river, a little north of Main Street. - Tony suggested doing a town flyer together with FOHG detailing historic sites and cemeteries as well as telling people where to donate old photographs or other items if they choose to. - Archives Space - will use the Columbia County Historical Society grant money to subscribe to Archives Space. This will be a substantial winter project to organize the physical collections of the History Department. - Events - nothing at this time. Will have a few wintertime Zoom talks on the calendar by next meeting. - Americana Corner grant: Grant program opens on Nov. 15th. There is between \$5,000-\$10,000 available to restore and/or improve a historic site to enhance the visitor experience. Tom and Ethan will kick around ideas. - Bank of Greene County Foundation grant: opens Dec. 1st. Up to \$2,500 available. Should focus on the chimney or roof.

Old Business

- Fire Alarm Law
- Discussion from Germantown Fire Department
- SEQR- motion designating the Town Board as lead agency, determining the action is an unlisted action, and authorizing the Supervisor to sign Part 1 of the EAF. Motion designating the Town Board as lead agency, determining the action is and unlisted action and authorizing the Supervisor to sign Part 1 of the EAF made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Complete section 2- motion determining that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and authorizing the Supervisor to sign Part 3 of the EAF. Corinne said answer questions 1-11, no or small impact may occur. Motion determining that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and authorizing the Supervisor to sign Part 3 made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Motion to adopt Local Law C- pending no suggested changes. Supervisor Helsley said we cannot adopt Local Law C because we made some changes in the 10-day period and some additional modifications will be made.
- Hemlock Management Out of District User Agreement
- Discussion, comments. Corinne asked for a copy from the applicants of the stamped plans. Corinne said the town engineer approved them and spoke with Joe Myers.
- SEQR- motion designating the Town Board as lead agency, determining the action is an unlisted action, and authorizing the Supervisor to sign Part 1 of the EAF. Motion to designate the Town Board as lead agency, determining the action is an unlisted action, and authorizing the Supervisor so sign Part1 of the EAF made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Complete section 2- motion determining that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and authorizing the Supervisor to sign Part 3 of the EAF. Corinne said for question 1-11 answer no or small impacts may occur. Motion determining that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and authorizing the Supervisor to sign Part 3 of the EAF made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign the out of district user agreement.

Supervisor Helsley read the following resolution:

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF OUT OF DISTRICT USER AGREEMENT

Dated: October 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Hemlock Management LLC (the “Applicant”) has submitted an application and engineering plans to the Town of Germantown Town Board (“Town Board”) requesting to connect to the municipal sewer system as an out of district user for its property located at 4374 Route 9G, Germantown, NY, Tax ID #158.4-1-1; and

WHEREAS, since the property situated outside of the Town’s existing Sewer District No. 1, an out of district user agreement is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board as lead agency has determined that the proposed project is an unlisted action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, and has determined that the agreement and proposed project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Germantown hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the Out of District User Agreement.

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

Joyce Vale, Town Clerk

- Kellner Activity Building- no progress. Supervisor Helsley spoke with some contractors who said it could be done for considerably less. Councilman Christian asked do we get a bid from a contractor? Supervisor Helsley said we have plans and the Town Board will discuss what can be done in house and then bid out. Supervisor Helsley will check with Greg Fingar on the liability if Supervisor Helsley did the electrical work. Councilman Kukon suggested having an engineer draw up some plans. There was discussion on the demolition process. Next step is having Delaware specify what we need. Supervisor Helsley said the ARPA funds can be used for engineering. Councilman Kukon suggested getting a number from a contractor and from Delaware Engineering.
- Lasher Park electric- awaiting bids.

New Business

- Legion to present a new flag. Lauren Williams representing the American Legion along with the Boy Scout troop 122 presented the Supervisor and the Town Board with a new flag as a thank you for all the help and support given to them. Dale Hinkein said we will be getting a new flagpole in the spring. Lauren said on Veteran’s Day, November 11th the scouts will lower the old flag and raise up the new flag.
- Resolution to accept technical assistance being offered by CDRPC to develop a vulnerability assessment and climate adaptation plan.

**RESOLUTION # 45
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN OF GERMANTOWN TO ACCEPT TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE BEING OFFERED BY CDRPC TO DEVELOP A VULNERABILITY
ASSESSMENT AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown pledged to take part in the NYS DEC Climate Smart Communities Certification Program that may include preparation of a Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation Plan; and

WHEREAS, free technical assistance is available to support the development of these documents (PE7 Action: Climate Vulnerability Assessment and PE7 Action: Climate Adaptation Plan) from Cornell Cooperative Extension on behalf of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) through a NYS DEC Climate Smart Communities Coordinator Services contract; and

WHEREAS, The Columbia County Board of Supervisors adopted resolution 347-2022 on August 11, 2022 to accept this technical assistance for a county plan; and

WHEREAS, the County CSC Coordinator in collaboration with Columbia County Climate Smart Communities Task Force will provide an opportunity to every municipality in the county to formally participate in the planning to create efficiencies, reduce redundancies, and increase coordination across the County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown will appoint a subcommittee of the Climate Smart Communities task force and lead for the Climate Adaptation Process; and

WHEREAS, the municipality will provide an opportunity for public input and comment on the draft report; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Smart Communities task force will present a summary of the vulnerability results and adaptation plan to the Town Board for consideration of adoption;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Germantown Town Board hereby undertake the Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Municipal Board authorizes submission of these documents to the NYS DEC Office for Climate Change for consideration of points toward Climate Smart Communities certification for the Town of Germantown.

Introduced by Councilman Christian
Seconded by Councilmember Suarez

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Helsley	Aye
Deputy Supervisor Sullivan	Aye
Councilmember Christian	Aye
Councilmember Kukon	Aye
Councilmember Suarez	Aye

This Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was declared duly adopted.

- Appoint Lee Gallant assistant court clerk. At the request of Justice Rustici that the Town Board appoint Lee Gallant as deputy court clerk. Motion to appoint Lee Gallant deputy court clerk made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Pine Plains Vet agreement. Authorization for the Supervisor to enter into the agreement for 2023 services. Motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into the agreement with Pine Plains Vet for 2023 services made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Chargeback Agreement for Rescue Squad services. Authorization for the Supervisor to enter into the chargeback agreement for 2023. Supervisor Helsley will get the correct amount.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into the chargeback agreement with Northern Dutchess Paramedics for 2023 made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Surplus of old wood chipper. Anthony said they will just need to declare the wood chipper surplus and put on the auction site.
Motion to surplus the wood chipper on the auction site made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Resolution to apply to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program for a project entitled the Town of Germantown Land Use Law Update. Matthew Rogers from LaBella's asked to apply for the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant. Supervisor Helsley read the following resolution:

**Town of Germantown, NY
Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program for a project entitled the Town of Germantown Land Use Law Update, to be located in the Town of Germantown, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown is requesting \$10,000 towards completion of their Land Use Law Update Project and has allocated \$15,875.00 as a cash match.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the governing board of the Town of Germantown hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program, for a project known as the Town of Germantown Land Use Law Update and located within this community.

Motion to approve Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Resolution made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Councilman Christian said that we already have an outstanding grant Roe Jan Park and he thought that this grant should be completed before applying for another grant. Councilman Christian thinks we should look into this to see if we are eligible. Councilmember Suarez thinks we should just apply for the grant. Supervisor Helsley will let LaBella know that we already have an outstanding Hudson River Valley Greenway grant and then they can tell us if we are eligible or not. Motion to apply for the Hudson River Valley Greenway grant made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor's Report

- Nothing to report.

Comments from Councilmembers

Councilman Sullivan said PTSA Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 29th at GCS.

Councilman Kukon asked if we had a date set for the holiday celebration?
Councilmember Suarez said that Molly sent an email setting the date for December 10th with a raindate of December 11th. Councilman Sullivan said the library is having their annual 5k on November 6th.

Comments and questions from the public

No comments from the public.

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:44pm to discuss personnel made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to come out of executive session at 7:47pm made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Sullivan with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to adjourn at 7:47pm made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Vale