

Minutes of June 11, 2024, Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY and via Zoom, commencing at 7:02pm.

Present: Supervisor Helsley
Councilman Kukon
Councilmember Suarez
Councilman Christian

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Absent: Councilman Sullivan

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

Motion to approve the May 14, 2024 meeting minutes made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Review of Financial Reports- Comments, questions.

Motion to pay the audited bills for June 2024 made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written communications to the Town Clerk

Town Clerk reported that Donna Diehl resigned as Deputy Town Clerk.

Reports from Highway and History departments.

JUNE REPORT

- 1-DID REPAIRS ON ANCHORAGE DOCKS
- 2-REPAIRED KIOSK AT CHEVIOT
- 3-PUT WALL UP IN ACTIVITY BUILDING
- 4-BLACK TOPPED FORD RD,EASTERN PARKWAY,AND BY BEACH HOUSE
- 5-SPENT TIME ON SOFTBALL FIELD
- 6-PUT DOWN 10 TONS OF BLACK TOP FOR PATCHING
- 7-DID A PASS AROUND GRINDING STUMPS
- 8-STARTED SECOND PASS OF MOWING ROADS
- 9-MET WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
- 10-GOT GROUNDS READY FOR MEMORIAL DAY

ANTHONY CIDRAS
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDEN

Old Business

- Kellner Activity building- Job walk on June 7, Two bidders attended.
- Town Hall roof- Job walk on June 7, Two bidders attended.
- SPEDES permit- Still under DEC review.

- Salt Shed roof solar array- Ready for RFP
- Bard Parcel- Grant was approved by Supervisor Helsley, funding should be approved by NYS within 2 weeks.

New Business

- Appoint Kerrie Abela as per-diem Deputy Town Clerk- Sworn in on Saturday, June 8, 2024. Motion to appoint Kerrie Abela as per-diem Deputy Town Clerk made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Germantown Fire Department has requested a Fire Lane near the Central House on Main Street to restrict parking in the event of an emergency. Captain Phil Salvatore said there has been several fire calls to Central House and cars have been parked in front of the building and does not allow access to the building. Phil talked to Mike Lawson and he told him to come to the Town Board with this request for a fire lane in front of the Central House. Corinne will draft a Local Law for next month's meeting.
- Meet with DEC representative to discuss park improvements and their plan.
- Short Term Rental Committee- Thank you to Jan Borchert and all for your hard work. Motion to disband the Short Term Rental Committee made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.
- Approval of Camp Palatine Counselors.

Camp Counselors are:

Anna Kukon
 Chloe VanWagner
 Kirstyn Peterson
 Brooke Anderson
 Mason Ferrer
 Nina Meacher
 Emma Weber
 Bryan Bathrick
 Ashlely Nack
 Gavin Burger
 Nicolas Clark

Counselors In Training are:

Maddy Dodge
 Sophia Speenburgh
 Julia Gaetano
 Christian McCarthy
 Duke DuFresne

Motion to approve the above Camp Counselors made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Closure of Beach House restrooms to the public during camp hours. Councilmember Suarez brought up the bathrooms for the Independence Day event. Supervisor Helsley said he is looking into renting bathroom trailer or port o potty's.
- Resolution ratifying the agreement signed by the Supervisor to engage the engineer to do an energy audit under NYSERDA's FlexTech program. Supervisor Helsley read the following Resolution:

**TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK**
June 11, 2024

WHEREAS, Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley, a project of the New World Foundation (“NWF”), awarded the Town of Germantown a \$5,000.00 grant in support of a municipal building energy audit; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown has engaged C&S Engineers, Inc., an approved NYSERDA FlexTech Engineer, to complete a level II energy audit through the NYSERDA Flexible Technical Assistance Program (the “services”); and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has signed a contract with NYSERDA and C&S Engineers, Inc., for the services for the maximum amount of \$10,000.00 with the Town responsible for \$5,000.00 and NYSERDA responsible for \$5,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby ratifies and authorizes the contract heretofore signed by the Supervisor and authorizes the \$5,000.00 in grant funding from NWF to be expended for the services.

Introduced by Councilmember Suarez

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: June 11, 2024

Germantown Town Board
Joyce Vale, Town Clerk

- Resolution notifying Pond Side Solar of the Town Board’s intent to require a PILOT. Supervisor Helsley read the following Resolution:

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK**
June 11, 2024

RESOLUTION REQUIRING PILOT FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, by letter dated May 28, 2024, the Town Board received notice of intent by Twin Ponds Solar, LLC to construct a solar energy system on property located at 708 County Route 8, Town of Germantown, NY, Tax ID #169.-1-35 (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RPTL § 487(9)(a), the Town may require an applicant to enter into a contract for payments in lieu of taxes, upon proper notification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Germantown declares its intent to require a contract for payments in lieu of taxes for the Project.

Introduced by Councilman Christian

Seconded by Councilmember Suarez

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

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Germantown Town Board

- Motion authorizing you to engage a surveyor to complete a boundary survey and map and to order title insurance from Whitbeck, Benedict & Smith LLP for the Bard parcel. Councilman Christian said they met the terms of agreement and they will need a new survey and title. Councilman Christian said they need the commitment. Corinne explained that part is the title search.

Motion to authorize to engage a surveyor to complete a boundary survey and map and to order title insurance from Whitbeck, Benedict & Smith LLP for the Bard parcel made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Abandoned application policy for planning and zoning. Corinne wants to look at the law. Supervisor Helsley doesn't think that it is in there. Supervisor Helsley will give Corinne the draft from New Lebanon to review. Corinne will look to see if we will need a Resolution or a Local Law. Councilman Christian suggested talking with Garrett Montgomery and Teresa Repko. Supervisor Helsley said their next meeting is July 11th and the Town Board meeting is on July 9th.

- Approval to proceed with the repairs to the lake aeration system in the amount of \$2,319.93- proprietary equipment.

Motion to approve the repairs to the lake aeration system in the amount of \$2,319.93 made by Councilman Christian, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Approval to purchase a replacement street light for the one that was damaged over the past winter. Quote for \$5,127.00 from the manufacturer. An insurance claim will be submitted. Our deductible is \$2,500.00.

Motion to approve the purchase of a replacement street light made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed. Supervisor Helsley will submit to the insurance company.

Councilman Christian mentioned the flagpole that needs repairs. Supervisor Helsley he has gotten several quotes and will talk to Dale Hinkein.

- Approval for the Supervisor to enter into the MOU extending the Greenway Grant for Roe Jan Park.

Motion to approve the Supervisor to enter into the MOU extending the Greenway Grant for Roe Jan Park made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Tom Shannon drafted a letter seeking guidance from Shipco. Supervisor Helsley said the letter was very well written. Councilmember Suarez and Councilman Kukon agreed.

Motion for Supervisor Helsley to sign the letter written by Tom Shannon made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor's Report

- Independence Day Event- July 6, 2024 from 3-10pm. In The Dust will be performing from 5-9pm. We have a good list of vendors. Some arrangements are still being finalized. Supervisor Helsley will finalize the port o potty's.

Comments from Councilmembers

Councilmember Suarez mentioned that the EV plug, closest to the post office in the municipal parking lot is not working. Councilmember Suarez gave the update that the post office extended their lease.

Comments and Questions from the public

No comments.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Next meeting is July 9, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,