

Minutes of August 25, 2014 Germantown Town Board meeting, held at the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig
Councilman Westmore
Councilman Mortenson
Councilman Phelan

Absent: Councilwoman Dunn

Recorded by, Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Craig opened the meeting and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to approve July Town Board Meeting minutes was made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Westmore, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to approve paying town audited bills made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Westmore:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye

Written Communication by Joyce Vale

None reported.

Maintenance by Anthony Cidras

- 2 floating islands were installed in the lake. They are formed as a wetland with variety of grasses to help with the duckweed, algae and water purification.
- Mowing & weed eating.
- Picked up head stones in the cemetery that had fallen over.
- Fixed the water leak in the basement of the Parsonage.
- Ripped out a stump at the Parsonage. Will be working on the stump next to the garage.
- Doors for Town Hall are in at Herringtons. John Jennings will be installing them.
- People are complaining about the overgrown grass in the Dog Park. Anthony explained that he cannot mow the Dog Park when dogs and their owners are using the park. A suggestion was made by Councilman Westmore, of getting a sign to put on gate when he is maintaining the park.
- Have the temporary summer help for one more week of work.

Anthony said a thank you to Lucas Foster, Jared Wynnkop and Gabriella Cidras for their help this summer.

Highway by Councilman Westmore

- Intercommunity cooperation from the towns of Livingston and Clermont helped blacktop Hover Avenue Ext, Ford Rd and Sunset Circle. Putting shoulders in on those roads.
- Started the next pass of mowing on those shoulders.
- Helped the Town of Clermont.
- Cleaning ditches getting them ready for winter.
- Oil spill at Anchorage docks- All cleaned up, docks are fine and re-opened by DEC.

Sewer

No report- Vacation

Police by Brian DuBois

- 155 hours were logged in for the month of July.
- Logged in 610 miles on the car.
- 17 traffic violations
- 15 warnings
- 1 DWI
- 1 electronic device,(burglar alarm)response
- 1 disabled vehicle
- 2 background investigations
- 1 trespass
- 1 AUO
- 1 assist another department

Park patrols: Cheviot- 23 times, Anchorage- 24 times, School- 22 times, Palatine Park- 27 times, Dales Bridge- 22 times.

History by Sue Raab

- Thanked Anthony and crew for work done at the Parsonage.
- New well display which was built with the rocks from the surrounding dig area. The new well will be secured with a lock.
- More shingles are falling off the roof.
- Gearing up for the Palatine Heritage event in late September.

Business & Economic Committee by Roy Brown

- Municipal lot was used for last weekend parking, instead of parking on Main Street.
- Will need to get the message out for 2 hour parking limit in town. Not looking for a Local Law or police involvement.
- Roy showed a sample of a sign to the Town Board.

A discussion was held in regards to the new signs for 2 hour parking.

Supervisor Craig asked how many more signs were needed. He mentioned that the Town would have to work with the county in regards to putting these signs up. This matter will need approval from Bernie Kelleher at the County.

Roy Brown discussed the problem with DOT and the sign on Main Street/County Route 8, too many signs in one spot, one sign blocking another.

Roy was invited to a discussion with the GEDC and some local distilleries and wineries held on September 18, 2014 at CGCC.

He also mentioned the Chatham Business Alliance which is scheduled for September 21st.

The next meeting for the B&E committee will be Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00pm at the Central House.

Apple Fest is September 20th.

Roy congratulated Corrine Curry and the Arts & Tourism Committee on a very successful opening for Art Space, standing room only.

Old Business

No business to report.

New Business

- Supervisor Craig has received numerous complaints over the last couple months about newspaper ads being thrown around landing in driveways and ditches. Tal Rappleyea prepared a No Littering Resolution for the Town.

Resolution Town Board of the Town of Germantown No Littering

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Germantown has witnessed a recent increase in litter, trash, waste paper and other refuse being deposited on and along the roadways in the Town, including but not limited to inappropriately delivered newspapers, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Germantown believes that such littering is in violation of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1220.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Germantown hereby requests that the Germantown Police Department take notice of any such littering and issue any necessary citations that may be appropriate when such violations are found.

Motion made for a No Littering Resolution by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Westmore:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye

Judge Beaury has applied for JCAP grants for several years now. Supervisor Craig asks for a resolution for Judge Beaury to apply for a JCAP grant.

Resolution to allow the Germantown Justice Court to apply for a JCAP Grant by the Town Board of the Town of Germantown, in the County of Columbia, as follows:

Whereas the Germantown Justice Court wants to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program grant from the New York State Office of Court Administration for upgrades to the Town Court, now

Therefore be it Resolved that the Germantown Town Board hereby grants the Town Justice Court authority to apply for the maximum amount available for grant funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program from the New York State Office of Court Administration this 25th day of August 2014.

Motion made for the Resolution to allow the Germantown Justice Court apply for a JCAP Grant by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Westmore:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye

Supervisor Craig said representatives from the Red Cross took a tour of the Activity Building with Janet. In an emergency the school would be the first priority. The Activity Building would be used as a short term facility for a warming or cooling center only because there are no showers or handicap facilities. There was a discussion about the Red Cross using the Activity Building as an emergency shelter. A meeting will be set up with the Red Cross to further discuss this matter.

Supervisor Craig said there is a contract with Greenman-Pederson to oversee the sidewalk construction and inspection. Bid will be in late fall for construction in the spring.

Motion made for a contract with Greenman-Pederson for the sidewalk construction by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Westmore:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye

Supervisor's Report

Councilman Westmore mentioned the Germantown Parks Department was sponsoring a kayak battle starting at Lasher Park on September 6th from 11-3:00pm. There will be fund raising barbecue at the Roe Jan Boat Club for restoring a historic boat.

Sue Raab said there will be a film about some residents of Germantown which will air on September 9th at 2:00pm and 7:00pm in the Hover Room at the Library. The Lions Club will also be showing the film at Club Helsinki on September 24th at 7:00pm.

On September 11, 2014 at 9:00am Supervisor Craig will hold a short memorial service at the 911 Memorial.

Town Board workshop on September 15th at 7:00pm.

The Apple Festival will be held on September 20th.

Columbia County Fair starts Wednesday, August 27th and runs through Labor Day.

Supervisor Craig thanked all the responders to the oil spill which included Germantown Fire Department, Livingston Fire Department, Columbia County Sheriffs Department, Columbia County Fire Coordinator, Columbia County Emergency Management, NYS Police, NYS DEC, Office of Management and the Coast Guard.

Public

Frank Mammone spoke in regards to his neighbor's property and that he has not cleaned it up his yard cleaned up yet. He passed out pictures of the neighbor's property to the Town Board. He wanted to know what the Town is going to do to help him get this mess cleaned up. He even offered to pay for the clean up but was told he had to negotiate with the property owner. Supervisor Craig sympathized with Mr. Mammone and he mentioned that he and John Fieser had an appointment with the neighbor, but his attorney didn't was not there and they were asked to leave his property. Tal Rappleyea has tried to reach out to his attorney. A discussion was held about the neighbor's property.

Supervisor Craig made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Westmore:	Aye
Councilman Mortenson:	Aye
Councilman Phelan:	Aye

Motion made to come out of executive session by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Mortenson.

The next Town Board meeting is September 22nd at 7:00pm.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Westmore.

Respectfully submitted,

