

Minutes of February 23, 2015, Town Board meeting held in the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:30pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig
Councilman Westmore
Councilman Mortenson
Councilman Phelan

Absent: Councilwoman Foley

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

Motion to approve the January Town Board meeting minutes made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Phelan with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay Town Board audited bills made by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Westmore, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communication by Town Clerk

None.

Supervisor Craig announced a presentation by Terese Fuchs and Martin Overington in regards to the Germantown Central School Capital Project. They are asking for support from all residents and to please vote on March 10th. All information regarding the project is on the school website and all residents were mailed a newsletter. The project would consist of a 400 seat auditorium, band room and set/wood shop that would attach to the existing gymnasium. They explained the district would borrow money over a 20 year period to match the aid being paid back. An example given, on a home assessed at \$200,000, tax increase would be \$6.12 a month and would begin in the year 2021.

Maintenance by Anthony Cidras

Anthony asked if he needed the Town Board approval to get rid of the information kiosks. Supervisor Craig asked if any of the racks were salvageable. Anthony said that two of the six racks were salvageable. He was told he didn't need approval that he could just clean up and dispose of them.

- Fixed the down spouts (galvanized) at the Parsonage.
- Still painting in the Town Hall.
- Inventory is done.
- Begun ordering supplies for spring and summer.
- Has been shoveling and helping the Highway department.

Sewer by Councilman Westmore

- Average flow has been 32,000 gallons per day.
- Received 2 calls before dig requests.
- Everything is surviving the cold.

Highway by Councilman Mortenson

- Snow and ice removal
- Enough sand thru March. Has an outstanding order of 150 tons of salt with Morton Salt.
- Cleaning and greasing equipment.
- Getting ready for next storm. Moving snow banks back.

Police by Brian DuBois

- 1 ticket
- 3 warnings
- 39 hours of training.

History

No report.

Business & Economic Development

No report.

Community, Arts & Tourism

No report. Looking for a new space for Art Space.

Old Business

New Business

Supervisor Craig asked for a motion to reappoint Ellen Jouret-Epstein to Columbia County EDC.

Motion made to reappoint Ellen Jouret -Epstein by Councilman Mortenson, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

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

Motion made to appoint Sue Rabb and Cheryl Jean to the CAT committee by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Mortenson.

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

Supervisor's Report

Town Board workshop will be held March 16th at 7:00pm, the agenda to be determined.

Public

Due to the large audience Supervisor Craig mentioned there is a three minute time limit so that everyone will get a chance to speak.

Carol Neville would like to ask the Board to initiate a study and update the comprehensive law and zoning laws. Ms. Neville would like to make sure goals are consistently met.

A resident asked if there was a meeting on Thursday. Supervisor Craig told her the meeting for the Dollar General will be at the March meeting at the earliest. She also asked how and when to write a letter to the board? Councilman Westmore told her to put in writing or email to the Planning Board. She also said the comprehensive plan should be reviewed and changes made as appropriate.

Steve Reynolds said to send the comments and will be addressed at the public hearing. Supervisor Craig said that they could speak at the public hearing.

Ms. Neville said she understood that there is no application for the Dollar General. Supervisor Craig told her that there is one filed and has to be reviewed. The Planning board would like to see the entire project together first instead of separate pieces.

A resident asked if Tal would be present on Thursday. Tal and Steve drafted something and that it would be on the Town website and on Facebook with the explanation of the whole process.

A resident asked if there could be a review of the comprehensive plan. Supervisor Craig told her that a committee would have to be put together and it is a lengthy process. NYS requires that we have one and suggests 5 year review.

David Weiss asked how to show our support or if we had any questions. He also said most residents support local and small businesses. He wonders if that plan reflects the village.

Supervisor Craig suggested putting their communications in writing. Will try to keep residents informed on where we are at.

The next Town Board meeting will be March 23, 2015 at 7:00pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,