

Minutes of December 21, 2015 Germantown Town Board meeting, held at the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig
Councilman Westmore
Councilman Phelan

Absent: Councilman Mortenson
Councilwoman Foley

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

Supervisor Craig said the Town received an engineering bill for the sewer study in the amount of \$37,000 and the Town had received a grant in the amount of \$30,000. The first payment of \$15,000 was paid and are waiting for the second payment from NYS to come in once approved. Supervisor Craig would like a motion to pay the second payment in the amount of \$15,180 to the engineer from the sewer fund balance. The money will be replenished in the sewer fund balance once received from NYS.

Motion made to pay engineering bill in the amount of \$15,180 made by Councilman Phelan, seconded by Councilman Westmore.

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

Motion to pay Town Board audited bills made by Councilman Phelan, seconded by Councilman Westmore.

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

Written Communication by Town Clerk

None

Maintenance

No report this month.

Highway

No report this month.

Sewer

No report this month.

Parks & Recreation

- Nice tree lighting service.
- Well attended community event.

There were a number of things discussed at the Town Board workshop.

Old Business

None

New Business

Marissa Cody from the Columbia County Land Conservancy spoke in regards to the proposal for Rainbow Hill farm conservation. This would not cost the Town anything just their support. Ms. Cody said there are 25,000 acres around the County protected by these easements. This easement would protect 48 Hog Trough Road and it's 153 acres keeping it as a single piece farm with no subdivisions and could continue as a farm.

Motion to support Rainbow Hill Farm conservation easement made by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Phelan.

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

Police by Commissioner Rekow

65.5 hours logged in for the month of October.

- 1 harassment
- 1 unlawful possession of marijuana
- 1 aggravated unlicensed operation
- 1 served papers
- 1 assist EMS
- 1 domestic dispute

97.25 hours logged in for the month of November, which included 64 hours of training for all officers.

- No activity to report, just patrols done.

Supervisor Craig said there are 3 police vehicles for surplus. Currently out for bids.

Supervisor's Report

- Year End meeting December 29 at 7:00pm.
- Re Organizational meeting January 4 at 7:00pm.

At this time Supervisor Craig presented Councilman Don Westmore with a plaque and commended him on his 4 years of service.

Supervisor Craig then announced that Commissioner Rekow would be stepping down as Police Commissioner. Mr. Rekow said he started in 1980 on the planning board, was a Councilman for 20 years and has been Police Commissioner for 15-20 years. Supervisor Craig thanked Mr. Rekow for his service to the Town.

Public

Kay Abraham thanked Councilman Westmore and Councilman Mortenson for their 4 years of service and that she was happy that they served on the Town Board. Ms. Abraham also said it is a pleasure to come to the meetings. Ms. Abraham said she was here to ask about the Comprehensive Plan and if any appointments had been made. Supervisor Craig told her that no appointments have been made yet. Ms. Abraham said if anyone is interested to approach Supervisor Craig and let him know of their interest. Ms. Abraham also said she was hoping that some of the residents from the old committee would be on the new committee. Ms. Abraham also asked the Board if there is any other way of hearing of the Town meetings. Supervisor Craig said the Town hired a new person handling the website and a discussion of turning it into a better tool. A resident suggested a Town sign.

Supervisor Craig then wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

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

Respectfully submitted,