

Minutes of July 18, 2017 Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig
Councilman Moore
Councilman Kukon

Absent: Councilwoman Foley
Councilwoman DuFresne

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Motion to approve June Town Board meeting minutes made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Written Communications

None.

Maintenance by Councilman Moore

- Mowing, weed eating and cleaning a lot.
- Turned clay on the ballfields.
- Park ready for fireworks and cleaned up.
- Lake was treated twice and doing well.
- Tree came down at the Parsonage was cleaned up by the Highway and Maintenance.
- Three pickup truck loads cleaned up at the Anchorage.

Sewer by Councilman Moore

- Average flow 20,000 gallons per day.
- Received 8 call before you dig requests.
- Had a situation with pump station #1, has been fixed and station is running good.

Supervisor Craig said one of the pumps malfunctioned. They put a loaner in while the pump was being repaired. Suggested both be replaced.

Police by Officer in Charge DuBois

- 3 miles were logged in for the month of June.
- 1 funeral detail.
- 25.5 hours were logged for the month of June.
- Training with County working with probation and sex offenders.

Supervisor Craig asked how many sex offenders are currently in our town? Officer DuBois answered there were three and one moved out of town.

Officer DuBois said there was a discussion with the police commissioners about sending two people to the academy for training.

History by Sue Raab

- Field school is in full swing.
- Grounds look beautiful.
- Requested \$3,500 for dendrochronology. They found 2 other foundations with thousands of artifacts and they would like to be more accurate on the age of the building.

Comprehensive Plan Review Committee

- Supervisor Craig met with the committee. They are going over a few minor items. Supervisor Craig received the draft today will post that on the website. Then a public hearing will be held.

Jason Shelton, General manager at Gtel gave a broadband update. Jason said they are about to begin construction on the fiber plant. Vantage Point has been going around doing assessments. Starting construction as early as the fall. If the residents would like a Q & A session to show locations and a timeline he would be glad to do this. Gtelfiber.net is the website. Devin Overington has been working on this project. Mr. Shelton said this a great opportunity to supply jobs in our area. Gtel wants to continue to be a community partner. Job opportunities are listed on the website. They are going to be building over 400 square miles of fiber. Elaine Hogan asked how will they be notified about construction. Jason said it is would be your decision if they have fiber in front of their home. Jason said that fiber increases speed. Margaret Della Cioppa asked if the price will increase? Jason said price should you may see a decrease and to check your bill. Martin Overington said thank you for the hot spot in the center of Town and at the Library.

Old Business

No old business to report.

New Business

- Parsonage dendrochronology project. The \$3,500 will come from the Parsonage reserve account.

Motion to approve dendrochronology project made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Craig: Aye
 Councilman Moore: Aye
 Councilman Kukon: Aye

- Columbia County is working on shared services. One of the things they are offering is the sharing of their MIS department. Offering an agreement to the towns at \$50/hour.

Motion to except the Columbia County MIS shared services agreement made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Craig: Aye
 Councilman Moore: Aye
 Councilman Kukon: Aye

Councilman Moore said if we don't use them then we don't pay. Supervisor Craig said we only pay when we use them.

- Moving forward with the bond for upgrade for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Bond council recommended talking to a financial advisor in order to get the best deal possible.

Motion to adopt the financial advisory services agreement made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Craig: Aye
 Councilman Moore: Aye
 Councilman Kukon: Aye

Supervisor's Report

- Parsonage Archeological Dig talk will be held July 29th noon-1pm at the Parsonage and 4pm at the Library.
- Re-Cultivate NY presentation July 30th at 4pm in Town Hall.
- Camp Palatine fund raiser at Tousey Winery July 27th 4-8pm. All proceeds go to Camp Palatine.

- Amtrak planning on doing work replacing signals at the Cheviot crossing July 27th starting at midnight going through the afternoon.
- Town Board meeting is August 15th at 7pm.

Public

Dale Hinkein said he had spoken to Supervisor Craig about a local contractor parking dump trucks and trailers on the sidewalks on Main Street and these new sidewalks aren't going to last very long with them parking loaded trucks on them. Dale said there is a law on the books and could they just send them a letter if they keep doing it they are going to be fined. Supervisor Craig said they will look into what kind of action to take.

Ellen Jouret Epstein asked on the MIS shared services will the town have access to GIS services? Supervisor Craig said it is network or computer services. Ms. Epstein asked if the Town Board has made a decision on the Commercial Venue Law yet? Supervisor Craig said they have not made a decision and they are still discussing how they want to proceed.

Brian DuBois said thank you to Matthew and all the volunteers who helped with the Independence Day Celebration.

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 made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Craig: Aye
 Councilman Moore: Aye
 Councilman Kukon: Aye

Supervisor Craig said it will be a short session and the Town Board may take action when they come out of executive session.

Motion to come out of executive session made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Craig: Aye
 Councilman Moore: Aye
 Councilman Kukon: Aye

Motion to sponsor Dan Rivenburg and Christopher Hallenbeck for police academy made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Craig: Aye
 Councilman Moore: Aye
 Councilman Kukon: Aye

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

Meeting closed at 7:43pm

Respectfully submitted,