

Minutes of May 18, 2015 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
Councilwoman Foley

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

Motion to approve the April 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 was made by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Mortenson, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communication by Joyce Vale

None.

Supervisor Craig said the Town Board received numerous letters in regards to zoning. Town attorney is to verify the files.

At this time we had a presentation from Germantown Central School superintendent Susan Brown. Mrs. Brown reminded the audience the budget vote is on Tuesday, May 19th at the school. She is hoping all voters will consider this budget. If there any questions please call the school. This is just the school budget not the proposal. They split the school budget into several sections.

Maintenance by Anthony Cidras

- Working with the Highway department installing the kiosk in town.
- Cutting brush north of the lake for the fireworks.
- Picked up the pool table donated to the Town by the VanTassel family and set it up in the Activity Building.
- All picnic tables are in.
- All water on.
- Carpets are being installed the first week of June.

Supervisor Craig would like to thank the VanTassel family for the donation of the pool table.

Highway by Councilman Mortenson

- Colarusso's paved Round Top Road
- Mowing and weed eating.
- Installed 2 driveways, 1 on Dales Bridge Road and 1 on Round Top Road.
- Helped Anthony with the kiosk.
- Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day.

Sewer by George Sharpe Jr.

- Average flow has been 24,000 gallons per day.
- Received 29 call before dig requests.
- Harkins finished the first phase.
- Everything is going good.

Police by Roger Rekow

- 21.5 hours logged in for the month of April for a couple of funerals.

In regards to Memorial Day, Commissioner Rekow said Main Street and Palatine Park Road will be blocked off for the parade. He also reminded everyone to please stand when the colors go past.

History by Susan Raab

- Almost finished renovating the office.
- Bard archeology working in June & July.
- Historic bike trip on June 20th, less than 15 miles through Germantown.
- Regional town historian annual meeting.
- Grave cleaning at Cheviot or Methodist Church cemeteries.

Business & Economic Development Committee

No report.

Community, Arts & Tourism

- Kiosk and benches are in Town.
- Design the space making it into a community space.

Independence Day Celebration by Councilman Phelan

- Signed contracts and agreements with food vendors.
- Working on finding volunteers this month.
- June will be handing out flyers.
- Celebration starts at 4:00pm - 9:30pm
- Rain date is Sunday, July 5th.

Old Business

- Sidewalks bid went out last Thursday, need to be in by June 9th.
- Offer for insurance settlement for \$2,302.08

Motion made to approve insurance settlement by Councilman Mortenson, no second.

Janet Crawford said the first insurance quote for \$2,302.08 was appealed for the kiosk, bench and bike rack, due to low price. There was no vote on the insurance settlement.

- Subdivision by David Stocks south and west of the sewer plant. Aaron DiPalo covering for Paul Freeman, Mr. Stocks attorney. Trying to purchase the utility easement from the Town. The road is in, but not paved. 0.2 acres 30' x 30' would give power to all three of the properties. Appraisal from Concra Appraisals. Town should pass a resolution. Town Clerk should publish for 30 days valid after 30 days. Councilman Mortenson asked if this would affect anyone along Main Street. He was told no by Mr. DiPalo. Power line will go underground. Supervisor Craig will ask Tal to talk to Mr. Freeman.

New Business

Supervisor Craig read a resolution authorizing the Town of Germantown to participate in the Local Government Efficiency Plan.

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Town of Germantown to participate in the Local Government Efficiency Plan

WHEREAS the State of New York has required each local government unit to file a Government Efficiency Plan with the New York State Division of Budget and

WHEREAS Columbia County is looking to be the lead governmental agency for filing the Plan, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes their Chief Financial officer to certify the Government Efficiency Plan.

Motion made to authorize the Local Government Efficiency Plan by Councilman Westmore, seconded by Councilman Mortenson.

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

Supervisor's Report

- Grievance day is Tuesday, May 26th 2-4pm and 6-8pm
- Memorial Day, May 25th ceremony at the monument at 9:30am and at the cemetery at 10:30am. Parade will start at 11:00am.
- June 27th is the deadline for Camp Palatine.
- June 22nd will be the next Town Board meeting.

Public

Martin Overington thanked everyone for a successful 18th annual River Sweep. There was a good turnout. They took out 980 pounds of garbage and 4 tires. Thanks to Anthony.

Martin also congratulated Mitchell Black in becoming an Eagle Scout. He is very proud of him, it is a great honor.

Supervisor Craig thanked the Overington's for their part with River Sweep.

Commissioner Rekow reminded the audience if it rains on Memorial Day, the ceremony will take place in the auditorium.

Ellen Jouret Epstein said she has had a lot of support from the residents in regards to forming a committee for updating the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Epstein said there is sufficient reason for a review focusing on the 9G corridor. It is a good time to do this. She suggested maybe a committee of five. Councilman Phelan as a Town Board look at how committee be formed. Councilman Westmore asked can the Town Board choose the committee. Councilman Mortenson with the Town Board changing maybe the new Board could help with this problem.

Kay Abraham reminded all that there should be a review of the Comprehensive Plan and to try to get a committee together.

Sally Saul agrees to reviewing the Comprehensive Plan.

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 Supervisor Craig, seconded by Councilwoman Foley, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to come out of executive session made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Westmore, with all in favor and none opposed.

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

Respectfully submitted,