

Minutes of November 21, 2017 Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, commencing at 7:03pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig
Councilman Moore
Councilwoman Foley
Councilwoman DuFresne
Councilman Kukon

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

Motion to approve the October Town Board meeting minutes made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay November Town Board audited bills made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications by Town Clerk

Town Clerk received a letter of resignation from Janice Mullins, resigning from her position of Tax Collector effective December 31, 2017. Letter will be available in the Town Clerk's office.

Town Clerk received a letter of resignation from John Rustici, resigning from his position of Police Commissioner effective November 30, 2017.

Town Clerk mentioned the bins for shredding important documents were coming to the Town Hall on December 4th – 15th.

Maintenance

No report this month.

Highway by Councilman Kukon

- Cutting dead trees.
- Chasing leaves and cleaning border basins.
- Worked with Anthony fixing seams on the corner boards in the salt building.
- Thank you to John Jennings for donating piece of equipment.
- Equipment ready for snow.
- Have a safe and filling Thanksgiving.

Sewer by Councilman Moore

- Average flow for the month is 20,000 gallons per day.
- Received 38 call before you dig requests.

- Everything is quiet.

Police by Supervisor Craig

- 1 vehicle & traffic ticket.
- 2 vehicle & traffic warnings.
- 1 parking ticket.
- 1 funeral detail.
- 1 larceny.
- 1 Halloween parade.

History

No report this month.

Old Business

Supervisor Craig said they held the Public Hearings for the Comprehensive Plan update and asked for a motion to adopt the Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Kukon made the motion and Councilwoman DuFresne seconded the motion. Councilman Moore said he is not ready to move forward with this at this point. Supervisor Craig said they had held two public hearings and the draft has been on the website for several months. Councilwoman DuFresne said they are not ready to make any adjustments to zoning and a committee to look into it. Councilman Kukon said he needs more time to review it. Supervisor Craig said a motion was made and seconded. Councilman Moore suggested a vote.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
Councilman Moore:	Opposed
Councilwoman Foley:	Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne:	Opposed
Councilman Kukon:	Opposed

Supervisor Craig said they will bring it up again next month at the Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Craig said the next item was the Ratification of UPSEU Collective Bargaining Agreement. Supervisor Craig said they had been working with the Highway employees for awhile to come to an agreement. Supervisor Craig then read the following resolution.

Resolution

Ratify first time collective bargaining agreement with UPSEU. Representing certain specified members of the Highway Department workforce and giving the Town Supervisor authority to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town of Germantown.

Motion to approve the Ratification of UPSEU Collective Bargaining Agreement made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

Supervisor Craig:	Aye
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Councilman Moore: Aye
Councilwoman Foley: Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye
Councilman Kukon: Aye

New Business

Supervisor Craig said they had discussed the option of the Bank of Greene County to be the collection point for real property taxes. Supervisor Craig said the Town of Livingston does this and it is pretty successful due to availability of bank hours.

Motion to authorize the Bank of Greene County to be collection point of property taxes made by Councilwoman DuFresne, seconded by Councilman Kukon.

Supervisor Craig: Aye
Councilman Moore: Aye
Councilwoman Foley: Aye
Councilwoman DuFresne: Aye
Councilman Kukon: Aye

Councilwoman Foley had some interest in doing a farmer's market and she would like to encourage residents to participate. Supervisor Craig named Councilwoman Foley as the contact point.

Councilwoman DuFresne said the Christmas event will be back in Town this year and will be working hand in hand with the town businesses. Alder East will be playing a movie, a horse and buggy ride. The event will be held December 9th 2-6pm. Santa will be in Town by the phone company.

Supervisor's Report

- Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be 11:30-12:30pm. Donna Diehl is in charge.
- Blood Drive on December 23rd 8:30-12:30pm at the Kellner Activity Building.
- Town Board will be December 19th at 7:00pm.

Public

Genette Piccici Oehlke spoke in behalf of families who would be eligible to host for profit events under the proposed draft Commercial Event Venue regulation. In attendance there are other landowners who are also supportive of this regulation. Genette said Germantown is changing and too must the town code change to allow families who have been here for generations to leverage their land and generate revenue from it. Ms. Oehlke said with the interest of the residents of Germantown, she would request the Town Board begin to discuss and pass the Commercial Event Venue regulation so that her husband, family and she can live and work in Germantown as they and the town prosper.

Martin Overington said thank you to the Town Board members for their service. Councilwoman Foley told Martin that she admired him and his family because they are all involved in everything the town does.

Margaret DellaCioppa asked when the street lights were being put in? Supervisor Craig said they are waiting for a permit approval from National Grid.

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

Meeting closed at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,