

Minutes of October 25, 2016 Germantown Town Board Budget Public Hearing, held in the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 6:30pm.

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

Recorded by: Joyce Vale, Town Clerk

Supervisor Craig opened the Budget Public Hearing saying the budget would increase by \$19,817.00. Revenue sources other than taxes will increase by \$39,034.00 Big increases in revenue were Camp Palatine and the fireworks. Fund balance is \$31,574.00 less than used last year. An increase in the tax levy of \$12,357.00 above that \$8,975.00 carry over which is a credit and applied most of that to the budget. A big increase of \$20,000 budgeted for contract negotiations. Based that on the Town of Coxsackie. Estimate of \$25,000 to cover contract negotiations. Not included any salary increases for Town employees this year until the contract negotiations has been settled.

New generators for Town Hall, Kellner Activity Building and Highway Garage, which serve as emergency shelters. Hopefully JCAP grant will cover the generator for Town Hall. Budgeted \$10,000 for a generator at the Highway Garage. Another big increase was for the 2 committees for \$20,000 in the planning to cover our share, did get matching grants. Next year will have a sidewalk bond payment also may have some sewer plant issues. Did keep under the CAP. Supervisor Craig would like to put it out tonight for any public comments. They can either email or send letters in. The proposed budget is on the Town website.

Next Tuesday, November 1st will vote to approve the budget. In negotiations with the Code Enforcement Officer in regards to his salary.

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

Public Hearing closed at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes of October 25, 2016, Germantown Town Board meeting, held in Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:00pm.

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

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

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

Motion to pay October Town audited bills made by Councilwoman Foley, seconded by Councilman Phelan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications

None

Maintenance

No report this month.

Highway

No report this month.

Sewer

Supervisor Craig said there were some issues with the security cameras at the plant. A technician came to look at them and reported the cameras had been tampered with. They are looking in to this matter. If anyone sees any tampering they are asked to report to Town Hall or Town police.

Police by Chief DuBois

50 hours and 226 miles logged in for the month of September.

- 3 vehicle & traffic tickets.
- 11 warnings.
- 1 noise complaint- loud party.

Park patrols: Cheviot- 6 times, Anchorage- 9 times, School- 6 times, Palatine Park- 8 times, Dales Bridge- 6 times.

Chief DuBois reminded everyone of the children out on Halloween to drive safely. Supervisor Craig said now that the County has striped the parking areas are marked and to pay attention to where you are parking. Parking will be enforced.

History

Supervisor Craig spoke with Sue Raab and Palatine Heritage Day was a big success. Sue wanted to thank the Highway department and the Sheriff's department for helping with this event.

Supervisor Craig also thanked Sue Rabb, the History department and the school for their participation.

Park Commission by Councilwoman DuFresne

On Saturday, October 29th the PTSA will be holding the Halloween Party. The park commission will be hosting the parade through town. Line-up is 5:00-5:15pm at Palatine Manor. Halloween party at the school 6-8pm. A reminder to drive slow through Town.

Old Business

Comprehensive Plan review. Both committees met. Enthusiastic volunteers. November 19th envisioning session at 10am. Good opportunity for public input. Local Waterfront committee met as well. A lot of good ideas presented. Have scheduled several meetings.

New Business

Need to approve Emergency services chargeback for 2017. Contracted with Northern Dutchess Ambulance Service for the Town. The town does not pay directly for the service. The County Treasurer takes out the specified amount from our sales tax before they pass along to us. Last year's chargeback was \$82,812.40. Supervisor Craig would like to renew the service at the same level as last year. There was some discussion about the cost.

Motion to authorize the Treasurer to enter into a chargeback agreement same as last year made by Councilman Phelan, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

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

Supervisor's Report

- Vacancy on Board of Assessment Review.
- Vacancy on Columbia County Office of Aging Advisory Committee.
- Budget meeting is November 1st at 6:00pm- to finalize and adopt the 2017 budget. Budget is on the website.
- Flu Clinic is Thursday, November 3rd 11am-12noon at Town Hall.
- Election Day, November 8th.
- Veteran's Day ceremony at the Town Hall November 11th at 10am.
- Comprehensive Plan Visioning Session November 19th at 10am Kellner Activity Building.
- Thanksgiving Dinner November 24th for info call Donna 537-6405. Volunteers welcome.
- November Town Board meeting November 22nd at 7pm.

Supervisor Craig mentioned the passing of Helen Henderson at age 105. Ms. Henderson was a teacher at Germantown Central School and an active participant of the History department. We will mourn her passing.

Public

No public comments.

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

Meeting closed at 7:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,