

Minutes of the March 21, 2017 Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:48pm.

Present: Supervisor Craig
Councilman Moore
Councilwoman DuFresne
Councilwoman Foley

Absent: Councilman Phelan

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

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

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

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

Written Communication

Residents were reminded the bins in the Town Hall lobby are for shredding personal documents and will be there until the end of the month.

Highway by Councilman Moore

- Second biggest snowstorm in March history.
- '03 International brake canister bracket broke, it's being replaced along with new brakes.
- Stoop by the Variety shop was moved during snowstorm, it wasn't shoveled or marked. They fixed it today, poured the concrete and replaced the cedar shakes.
- They are ready for spring.
- Start sweeping next week when the weather allows.
- NYS DEC coming April 12th to install docks in at the Anchorage.
- Waiting for a date for the road side clean up.
- What is the progress on updating the Snow Ordinance Law.
- Rich Jennings thanked the residents that helped out in the storm. Rich also thanked his crew.

Supervisor Craig thanked the Highway & Maintenance Departments.

Police by Supervisor Craig

- 2 vehicle & traffic tickets.
- 14 warnings.
- 1 vehicle & traffic complaint.
- Had an attempt to locate a National Sex Offender Registry person.
- 2 assist other agencies.
- Resignation of Officer William H. Jennings taking effect March 19th.

History by Sue Raab

- Busy month.
- Mounted an exhibit honoring women.
- Dr. Linder and Sue are working on mini curriculum on the history of the Palatines for Germantown students which they will present to the Germantown School Board and hopefully will become part of their curriculum.

LWRP Committee

- Meeting March 28th at 7:00pm.
- Community meeting April 22nd 10-noon.

Comprehensive Plan Review Committee

- Committee meeting March 30th at 7:00pm.

Old Business

Mary Beth Bianconi from Delaware Engineering gave the update on the waste water treatment plant. Ms. Bianconi said the plant is old and needs improvement. A grant was written and approved. The resolution is the first step in adopting this engineering report, the next step will be to schedule a public hearing. Supervisor Craig set the public hearing for April 18th at 6:30pm prior to the Town Board meeting. Joe Guida asked if this plan expanded the sewer district. Ms. Bianconi said all options cost more than they brought in. Art Cady asked about an expansion toward Flo Weld. Ms. Bianconi answered that would be a separate process. Mary Beth said that the existing plant was built 19 years ago and this plan is to extend its useful life.

A RESOLUTION AND ORDER AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT TO BE EXTENDED TO \$2,500,000 AND ACCEPTING THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 202-b, 209-d, AND 209-h OF TOWN LAW.

Motion for a resolution accepting Waste Water Treatment Plant preliminary report made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

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

Supervisor Craig said there will be some discussion amongst the Town Board on the proposal brought to them tonight. Councilwoman DuFresne said they had time to review this and more discussion is needed on the monthly fee and the deposit needed. Councilwoman DuFresne said they heard mixed feelings. Supervisor Craig said the Planning Board could look over the site plan if needed. Councilwoman DuFresne said they would be making a piece of property better, it will bring a lot to our community and it's not a permanent thing. Councilman Moore said there is no financial impact. Councilwoman Foley based on what they heard they can put revisions in and can re-visit. Councilwoman DuFresne looked over the Environmental Assessment and did not see any serious impact on any of the items. Supervisor Craig asked if the Town Board should refine the agreement? Noise level was discussed amongst the Town Board. Councilwoman DuFresne said Tal can add a noise restraint if needed.

Motion to declare the Town of Germantown lead agent made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

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

Supervisor Craig said all the Town Board have seen the SEQRA and asked if there were any impacts. Councilwoman DuFresne did not see any impacts.

Motion to declare this a negative environmental impact made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

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

The Town Board will not move forward on this agreement until they hear from Tal.

Supervisor Craig said he would like to put out a request for quotes for the installation of street lights in the hamlet. Quotes will need to be by noon on April 14th.

Motion to put a request for quotes on street light installation made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

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

New Business

Supervisor Craig said Donna Diehl had taken a leave of absence is now back and the Town Board would like to appoint Donna Diehl as Deputy Town Clerk and a representative for the Columbia County Office for the Aging Advisory Council.

Motion to appoint Donna Diehl as Deputy Town Clerk and representative for Columbia County Office of the Aging Advisory Council made by Councilman Moore, seconded by Councilwoman DuFresne.

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

Janet Crawford asked Supervisor Craig to change the date for the bids to April 13th instead of April 14th as it is Good Friday. Councilman Moore made a motion to amend the date to Thursday, April 13th seconded by Councilwoman Foley.

Supervisor Craig said another item of new business is what to do with the Germantown Police Department. The Town Board would like to take this into a public discussion prior to budget and election season. Supervisor Craig said times and requirements are changing and we do appreciate our Police department. Councilwoman DuFresne said over the next couple of months will be collecting numbers and discussing. Councilman Moore said they will be discussing what is required financially.

Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Craig said they are still looking for volunteers for the Columbia County Traffic Safety Board and the Town Ethics Committee.
- Matthew Phelan has resigned from the Town Board with his job situation he could not hold the position. We wish Matthew the best.
- Randy Phelan was appointed to the ZBA.
- Thank you to Chuck Abraham who previously served in that position and wish him the best.
- Rabies clinic Saturday, April 15th from 10:00am to Noon at the Kelner Activity Building.
- Town Board meeting is April 18th at 7:00pm. Public hearing for the Waste Water Treatment Plant will be held at 6:30pm prior to the Town Board meeting.

Public

Dawn Chen requested putting information for volunteers on the Town website.

Margaret DellaCioppa asked if she missed how much the Hudson River Air Dogs was going to pay us? Supervisor Craig said that was part of the discussion and that is why they put off the agreement.

Billy Kimmel said the presentation about the Hudson River Air Dogs was not good and there was a lot left out. Mr. Kimmel believes traffic will be a problem and there are still many questions. Mr. Kimmel thinks the Town Board is not quite sure. He appreciates what bringing to they are bringing to the Town.

Councilwoman DuFresne said they had been talking about this for almost a year in the workshops and nobody came to these workshops. Councilman Moore said it is for a single

season, like a trial period. Councilwoman DuFresne said this reason we have the public hearing to discuss.

Pam thinks it will grow and appreciates the review.

A resident asked about the liability and is the Town responsible. He was told that Hudson River Air Dogs would pick up all liability.

Joe Guida concerned about the field, wetland. Councilwoman DuFresne said it is not a wetland.

Roy Brown added the Lions Club would not be putting on the Apple Festival this year, hopefully next year they can partner with another organization. Mr. Brown also said the dog pool is just for a year. They will be doing all the clearing and draining and when they are gone it could be the soccer field. Supervisor thanked Roy & Nicky Brown for the 5 years they put on the events.

Steve Savoris said something about draining and the cost of it.

A resident commented it's going to be very attractive. She can see how it will change the park and it will be difficult to get them to leave.

A resident who lives next to Stewarts read a letter in regards to the LED lights at the Xtra Mart. He asked the Town Board for their help and consideration in this matter.

A resident thinks the sign looks larger and a lot brighter. Supervisor Craig said it came before the Code Enforcement Officer and it is within their guidelines.

Lee Wurtzburger said it does not conform.

Art Cady wants to know if the Code Enforcement Officer made a determination. Supervisor Craig said he believes they did come in to see the Code Enforcement Officer.

Carol Neville wants a copy of the Town Board Meeting tape. Councilwoman DuFresne said it is always available on GTel TV.

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 Councilwoman Foley, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor Craig said the Board will not be making any decisions.

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

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

Meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,