

Minutes of January 12, 2021 Germantown Town Board meeting via Zoom commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Beury
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilmember Suarez
Councilman Christian

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Beury welcomed everyone and Led with the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to open the meeting made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to approve the December 8, 2020 and December 29, 2020 meeting minutes made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay audited bills for December 2020 made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay audited bills for January 2021 made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communications to Town Clerk

Town Clerk received a letter from Emil Ericson Jr resigning from the Planning Board effective January 10, 2021. Letter is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Old Business

- RFP for LWRP Planner. The LWRP committee drafted the RFP with the advice of the Town Attorney, and it is ready to go to NYS for review.

Motion to send RFP to NYS made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Agreement between Town and Bard regarding Parsonage Dig and Artifacts. The agreement work up will be presented to the Town Board in the next month or so. Town Historian Tom Shannon will look over the draft agreement as well.
- Motion to approve purchase of 2020 Ford F350 STX Regular cab with plow for a total cost of \$47,518.88.

Motion to purchase 2020 Ford F350 STX Regular cab with plow for a total cost of \$47,518.88 made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Update notice of status of Town facilities 1/16/21 – 2/15/21.

All Town Board members agreed to keep as is for the next 30 days.

New Business

- Appoint Garrett Montgomery to the Planning Board through 12/31/2021

Motion to appoint Garrett Montgomery to the Planning Board through 12/31/2021 made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Appoint Rachel Levine to the Zoning Board of Appeals through 12/31/2024

Motion to appoint Rachel Levine to the Zoning Board of Appeals through 12/31/2024 made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Appoint Martin Overington to serve as Co-Chair of the Waterfront Advisory Committee.

Motion to appoint Martin Overington to serve as Co-Chair of the Waterfront Advisory Committee made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Discussion regarding Tiny Houses. Town Board will discuss more in depth next month.
- Discussion regarding the formation of a Zoning Re-Write Committee in 2021. Supervisor Beaury said we can address a solar law and short-term rentals now. Supervisor Beaury also said the complete re-write will take a few years to get done and we will need the assistance of a planner and our attorney. He also said that we can form that committee at the end of the year when we can budget for it. Supervisor Beaury suggested forming two committees now for solar and short-term rentals. Councilman Kukon asked if they could find enough people for these committees. Councilmember Suarez suggested using members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals for assistance. Town Board will put out requests for volunteers. At the request of Supervisor Beaury, the Town Attorney explained the situation regarding taxing short-term rentals by municipalities. Corinne explained that a municipality needs legislature approval and currently the Governor wants a uniform policy on taxation across NYS regarding taxing short term rentals. Therefore, municipalities can regulate but not tax short-term rentals at this time.

Motion to form a solar committee made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to form a short-term rental committee made by Councilman Kukon, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor's Report

- Story Hike for Winter. Councilman Sullivan said the Library will place non-permanent signs throughout the trail. This will start in February.
- Germantown Holiday Lights Tour. Supervisor Beaury thanked and congratulated all that participated.
- Germantown Winter Glow, December 19, 2020. Was a big hit. 3,000 bags were placed throughout the Town.
- Conference on 1/6/2021 with Contractors for Salt Shed Roof. Bids are due 1/21/2021 at 11am.
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Comments from Councilmembers

There were no comments from Councilmembers.

Comments and questions from the public limited to those received in writing before the meeting, and may be submitted via email to Townboard@germantownny.org

Martin Overington said Happy New Year.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:33pm to discuss Personnel and Contract matters made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 8:27pm made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Meeting closed at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

