

Minutes of October 11, 2022, Germantown Town Board Public Hearing on Local Law C, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY or via Zoom, commencing at 6:45pm.

Present: Supervisor Helsley  
Councilman Sullivan  
Councilman Kukon  
Councilman Christian  
  
Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Present via Zoom: Councilmember Suarez

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Helsley opened the Public Hearing on Regulating Fire Alarm Systems for Town of Germantown. Supervisor Helsley stated that everyone must register with the County. Corinne made revisions from Town Board members comments and is waiting to hear comments from the Fire Department. Councilman Christian asked are people who have their own alarms covered by this law if they call 911? Corinne said they are covered. Corinne said this models the County the requirements are different and the charges for false alarms are a little different and they will have to register their alarm with the County and the town. Councilman Christian asked if someone bought one of these alarms would they need it professionally installed? Corinne answered the regulations are NYS building code, fire code of NYS and the National Fire Prevention Association regulations from 2016. Supervisor Helsley said he received no response from Columbia County and that he should have answers by next Town Board meeting. Corinne said the Fire Department asked for the Local Law. Supervisor Helsley said they will change the verbiage on self-installed alarms. Corinne said they can make changes to the alarm system definition. Supervisor Helsley will talk to Brandon and get his input. Councilman Christian said they should make clear to those with systems to register. Corinne suggested adding that to Section 5B. Councilman Christian asked to make changes from Germantown Fire Department to member or representative. Dale said it would be just one person.

Supervisor Helsley and the Town Board discussed moving the date of the Public Hearing and the next Town Board meeting from Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Election Day to Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Town Board agreed to this date.

Supervisor Helsley adjourned the Public Hearing on Local Law C until November 7, 2022 at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,