

Minutes of the December 13, 2022, Germantown Town Board Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. C of 2022, regulating alarm systems, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, New York and via Zoom, commencing at 7:11pm.

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

Recorded by  
Via Zoom: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Motion to open the public hearing made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Supervisor Helsley, with all in favor and none opposed.

Supervisor Helsley asked if there were any comments.

Brandon said he went to the last fire commissioners meeting and they would like to see a stricter law, more like Livingston's. Corinne said this draft was modeled after Livingston's. Brandon said Livingston updated the law in 2014 and have cut the false alarms. Brandon wants this done right so they don't have to go through this in another 3 years. Supervisor Helsley objected to remove the maintenance section. Councilman Sullivan wants the fire department to be happy with the law and the town covered by this law. Corinne said additional comments should be in writing. Martin Overington is representing the library and asked what does this have to do with their false alarms? Councilman Sullivan answered if they are not getting false alarms this has nothing to do with them it is about managing false alarm activations. Kathy Overington said does the library need to do something about their fire alarm? Councilman Sullivan and Supervisor Helsley both told Kathy that the library's system is already registered with the County. Corinne reminded there is a list of existing alarms users of existing alarms are covered a fee will be set by a Town Board resolution. Councilman Sullivan said this is not a moneymaking effort on the town this is just to deter multiple false alarms.

Supervisor Helsley asked twice if there were any further comments. Councilman Sullivan asked Brandon to get together with the fire department to discuss everything for the January meeting. The town board would like any comments prior to the end of the year.

Tony Albino said to send the draft to Roy Brown, chairman of the fire commissioners and the commissioners will discuss one more time and then meet with Brandon. Tony said they agree with most of it parts in question are the fee structure and some adjustments to maintenance.

Supervisor Helsley said he needs any changes by December 28<sup>th</sup>. Brandon has the final recommendation.

Motion to close the public hearing made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Closed at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,