

Minutes of January 10, 2023, Germantown Town Board meeting, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY and via Zoom, commencing at 7:07pm.

Present: Supervisor Helsley
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilmember Suarez

Present via
Zoom: Councilman Christian

Absent: Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Helsley opened the meeting and Led with the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion to approve the December 13, 2022 workshop on STR, public hearing on Local Law C, town board meeting and end of year meeting minutes made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to pay the audited bills for December 2022 with 2022 funds and January 2023 with 2023 funds made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

Written Communication to the Town Clerk

Highway Report.

JANUARY MONTHLY REPORT

1-PLACED A SALT ORDER

2-HAVE BEEN SPOT DITCHING TO KEEP WATER OFF THE ROADS

3-HAVE BEEN WORKING ON CLEARING RUST OFF OF 10-WHEELER AND PAINTING

4-RYAN HAS BEEN PUTTING TIME IN 6-WHEELER TO GET READY FOR HIS ROAD TEST

5- HAD 2 SNOW AND ICE EVENTS

6-WENT AROUND AND CHANGED FILTERS TO ALL FURNACES AND CLEANED UV LIGHTS
THE ONE IN TOWNHALL IS NOT OPERATING AS IT SHOULD AND WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED
THIS YEAR

7-CLEANED UP ANCHORAGE AND CHEVIOT

8-WORKED WITH JAMIE TO SOLVE PAYROLL ISSUES WE HAVE BEEN HAVING WITH
ACCOUNTANT

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
ANTHONY CIDRAS

Old Business

- Local Law C of 2022- Fire Alarm Law. Put on hold. Will be taken off future agendas.
- Short Term Rental Law. Discussion, next steps. Councilmember Suarez would rather hold the workshop on another night and not on the night of the Town Board meeting.

Discussion on date for the workshop. Town Board agreed to hold off setting the date for the workshop until hearing from Corinne.

- Lasher Park electrical service. One bid for \$9,950.00 received. Supervisor Helsley said the underground wiring failed and needs to be replaced. Councilman Sullivan thinks this bid is very high. Councilman Christian wondered if there could be one light in one location. Councilman Sullivan said that DEC doesn't want any lights there. Councilman Sullivan asked Martin Overington is there a possibility to put a solar light on the pole instead of running electricity? Martin said "yes". Councilman Sullivan will talk to Martin Overington and anyone else that is interested about solar lighting at the boat launch.

New Business

- Tax exemption for First Responders. Very short notice to be effective in 2023. Length of service requirement? Supervisor Helsley will talk to Assessor, Ralph DePozzo and get in place for 2024. Councilman Kukon thinks the sooner the better. Tony Albino said there are about 30 active fire department members.
- Updates to website documents. Corinne would like some documentation for ZBA policies and procedures updated on the website. Councilman Christian will be happy to work on this, he has already put several online forms up. Councilman Sullivan asked if Planning and ZBA have any recommendations.

- Appoint AOT delegate and alternate.

Motion to appoint Supervisor Helsley as AOT delegate made by Supervisor Helsley, seconded by Councilman Sullivan, with all in favor and none opposed.

Motion to appoint Councilman Sullivan as AOT alternate made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Motion approving the Supervisor to sign a retainer agreement with Whitbeck, Benedict & Smith LLP.

Motion to approve \$21,500.00 retainer agreement with Whitbeck, Benedict & Smith LLP for 2023 made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Motion to approve the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys as submitted by the Highway Superintendent.

Motion to approve the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys within 2023 budget of \$140,000.00 made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Motion approving the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Columbia County MIS department. For any technical support.

Motion approving the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Columbia County MIS made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Appoint Kaare Christian to the LWRP committee.

Motion to appoint Kaare Christian to the LWRP committee made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Suarez, with all in favor and none opposed.

- Supervisor Helsley has an additional item for the agenda. Matthew from LaBella's sent over the application for the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant.

Supervisor Helsley read the following Resolution:

Town of Germantown, NY

Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Resolution

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program for a project entitled the Town of Germantown Land Use Law Update, to be located in the Town of Germantown, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Germantown is requesting a \$10,000 towards completion of their Land Use Law Update Project and has allocated \$15,875.00 as cash match.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the governing board of the Town of Germantown hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program, for a project known as the Town of Germantown Land Use Law Update and located within this community.

Date of Adoption: January 10, 2023

Name of Municipal Clerk: Joyce Vale

Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Helsley will be coordinating a meeting for community and committee members to discuss community events for February. Date will be announced at the February Board meeting. We need to gauge council member interest-will this need to be considered a workshop? This meeting will be held mid-February (16th-24th)
- Meeting with Sheriff Krapf on Thursday, 1/12/23 to discuss the satellite station at Town Hall.

Comments from Councilmembers

Councilmember Suarez asked to try to make the meeting on February 26th.

Supervisor Helsley said next town board meeting is on February 7th 2023 at 7pm.

Councilman Kukon and Councilman Sullivan will start the planning process for camp.

Supervisor Helsley said the Independence Day Celebration is July 1st, 2023.

Comments and Questions from the public

No comments.

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

Meeting closed at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,