

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 East Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
January 31, 2024

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Mike Stone, Councilman
Justin Dibble, Councilman
Carman Newtown, Highway Superintendent
Rich Sweeney, Codes
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Pam Jones, Town Clerk
Absent: Scott Hendrix, Councilman
David Moynihan, Dog Control
Public: 3 people attended, see sign-in sheet

MEETING called to order by Rovazzi at 5:33pm at the Town Community Center.
Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Stone to approve the December 27, 2023 minutes.
Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Dibble to approve the January 2, 2024 minutes.
Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins to approve Town Clerk's 6 months
Treasurer's report (July 1,2023 – Dec.31,2023). Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Receiver of Taxes' 6 months
Treasurer's report (July1,2023 – Dec. 31, 2023). Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Stone to approve Judge Engert's 6 months
Treasurer's report (July1,2023 – Dec. 31,2023). Carried.

MOTION by Stone, seconded by Dibble to approve Judge Stone's 6 months Treasurer's
report (July 1,2023 – Dec. 31, 2023). Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Town Clerk's December 2023
report for \$671.00. Carried.

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MOTION by Stone, seconded by Dibble to approve Judge Enget's December 2023 Treasurer's report for \$1050.00. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Stone to approve Judge Stone's December 2023 Treasurer's report for \$8,335.00. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Dibble, seconded by Watkins to pay GFIM bill for \$485.06. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Stone to pay bills as audited. Carried.

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY – Newtown submitted 3 quotes to the board for a new zero turn mower. Charles D. Stahl Sales & Service, Clinton Tractor & Implement Co. and White's Farm Supply, Inc.

MOTION by Dibble, seconded by Watkins to purchase Ferris ISx800: 27hp Briggs & Stratton engine, 52" deck, suspension seat, for \$8,423.67 from Clinton Tractor & Implement Co. Carried.

Newtown reported Pine Bush Road bridge is back to one lane due to lack of paperwork from C&S Engineering needed by the DOT. Newtown & Rovazzi have e-mailed and called several times for this information. Attorney Manne will send a letter to C&S Engineering.

DOG CONTROL – Moynihan submitted his January 2024 report.

CODES – Sweeney handed out his 2023 annual report. Sweeney will contact Matt VanSylke to set date for Comprehensive Plan community meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

MANION HEIGHTS FERAL CAT COMPLAINTS – Town received a complaint from Manion Heights resident about the feral cat problem. Resident also contacted Herkimer County Gregory Foster stating he believed that a cat might have rabies. Residents have requested the Town enact a feral cat town ordinance. Dibble has spoken with an advocacy group for All Paws and sent an email to 4 Pets Sake inquiring on the spayed or neutered program (at a cost to the Town). If Town were to pass local law on feeding feral cats how would they enforce such a law?

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NEW BUSINESS

HIGHWAY UNIFORM CINTAS CONTRACT – Newtown would like to have Cintas as the department's uniform company, with a 36 month contract.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Dibble to have Newtown enter into a 36 months contract with Cintas for Highway uniforms. Carried.

HIGHWAY 284 AGREEMENT – Newtown turned in his agreement for expenditure of highway moneys for 2024, with outline of work for year.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Stone to accept Highway 284 agreement. Carried.

HIGHWAY DEPT. AT WILL TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE HIRE – Cory Nagele was hired on January 29, 2024 as an At Will MEO at a rate of \$21.54 per hour for up to 8 weeks.

JUSTICE COURT AUDIT RESOLUTION 2023 - Watkins and Stone audited the 2023 court books on Tuesday January 30, 2024.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Dibble to approve resolution accepting Justice Court audit. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins at 6:32 to enter into executive session to discuss negotiation and personnel. Carried.

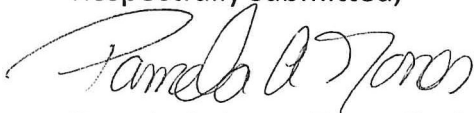
MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins at 7:09 to exit executive session. Carried.

MOTION by Dibble, seconded by Watkins to approve HRP Associates, Inc. request to access the GFIM properties located on Mortz Road to perform a Phase 1 environmental site assessment. Carried.

Next meeting February 28, 2024 at 5:30, Town Community Center

MOTION by Stone, seconded by Dibble at 7:15 to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk
Town of German Flatts