

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting  
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407  
February 28, 2024

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor  
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor  
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman  
Mike Stone, Councilman  
Justin Dibble, Councilman  
Carmen Newtown, Highway Superintendent  
Rich Sweeney, Codes  
Karl Manne, Town Attorney  
Pam Jones, Town Clerk

Absent: Scott Hendrix  
David Moynihan, Dog Control

Public: 0 People attended.

MEETING was called to order by Rovazzi at 5:30 at the Town Community Center.  
Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Stone to approve the January 31, 2024 minutes.  
Carried.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Stone, seconded by Dibble to approve the December 2023 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Stoned, seconded by Watkins to approve the January 2024 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Dibble to approve the Town Clerk's January 2024 report for \$929.00. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Engert's January 2024 report for \$756.00. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Stone to approve Judge Stone's January 2024 report for \$15,838.00. Carried.

#### BILLS

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Stone to pay GFIM bill for \$484.95. Carried.

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

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#### OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY – Noah Nichol MEO resignation letter received. Last day February 2, 2024.

Newtown received 2 quotes for geotechnical evaluation. Kenney Geotechnical Engineering Service PLLC, \$6,385.00 and Atlantic Testing Laboratories \$8,495.00. MOTION by Dibble, seconded by Stone to accept quote from Kenney Geotechnical Engineering at \$6,385.00. Carried.

Pine Bush Road update – C&S Engineering has turned in to the Town all paperwork needed by the DOT to open the Pine Bush Road Bridge. Load Rating by DOT still remains low at 9 ton capacity. Newtown said DOT is reviewing the rate.

Letter of intent for Eagle Associates (Salt Structure Building) – Letter of intent to Eagle Associates for constructing a salt structure. This is the intent to use Eagle Associates but this is not accepting all the details of the proposal/quote as proposed. the Town will have the geotechnical evaluation etc. prior to a start date. MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Stone to send letter of intent to Eagle Associates. Carried.

Highway uniforms update – Newtown reported today was last day with the uniform company Unifirst. Town will start with Cintac on February 29, 2024, with approximately a 33% decrease in cost.

Discussion on new Ford 550's – Newtown would like to replace 2 (two) 2022 ford 550s. Board has asked that he get price of each new truck along with price of trade in of each truck (in writing) and put 2022 trucks on Auction International for 2 weeks.

Watkins asked if the Town could collect paint during the trash day drop off. Newtown will contact the Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste for a cost and quantity accepted. Newtown would also like to take batteries and Rovazzi would like to lower cost of tires from \$4.00 to \$2.00 per each tire in an effort to help the Town residents resolve any code complaints/violations stemming from accumulated tires.

DOG CONTROL – Moynihan turn in his January 2024 report.

CODES – Sweeney reported 2 permits, 1 has been closed all ready. 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 Comprehensive Plan meetings will be this Thursday, February 29, 2024 followed by March 7, 2024 and March 28, 2024 all meetings will start at 7pm and be at the Town Community Center.

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SUPERVISOR/CLERK –Rovazzi turn in the cans that Chuck Blauvelt had accumulated in the basement of the Community Center, which were left behind from rentals of the center, receiving \$55.75 which will be put into general fund.

Town Clerk’s copier lease will expire at the end of March. Rovazzi has received lease quotes from Hummels and Ed & Ed.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

ILION Village Board (dog control officer letter) – Town received a letter from Village of Ilion notifying the Town they would no longer keep a separate Dog Control Officer. The Village would like to enter into an agreement with the Town and is willing to help compensate for the position up to \$2,000.00 annually. Atty. Manne said there are 3 sets of laws Village, Town and Ag & Markets, Atty. Manne added the Town would not be obligated to enforce any Village of Ilion laws.

COMP Alliance Loyalty Award – Town received a check for \$500.00 from Comp Alliance.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The Town will not charge a rental fee for the June 8, 2024 rental. All money made will be given to the Town for restoration of the school house.

#### NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET TRANSFER #1, 2024 – To increase Bridge, Contr expend.  
Increase expenditures to \$6,000.00 from the 2024 budgeted amount of \$5,000.00 in fund DA-5120.4 account Bridge, Contr Expend.

Decrease expenditures to \$67,500.00 from 2024 budgeted amount of \$68,000.00 in fund DA-5142.4 account Snow Removal, Contr Expend.

Decrease expenditures to \$67,500.00 from 2024 budgeted amount of \$68,000.00 in fund DA-5148.4 account Services Other Govts, Contr Expend.

MOTION by Dibble, seconded by Watkins to approve budget transfer #1,2024. Carried.

BUDGET TRANSFER #2, 2024 – To record sale of equipment  
Increase revenue to \$10,950.00 from 2024 budgeted amount of \$0.00 in fund DA-2665.0, account Machinery, Equipment.

Increase expenditures to \$154,952.00 from 2024 budgeted amount of \$144,002.00 in fund DA-5130.2 account Machinery, Equip & Cap Outlay.

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MOTION by Stone, seconded by Dibble to approve budget transfer #2, 2024. Carried

RADIO Club has asked for more keys to Radio Room. Rovazzi will put up a lock box instead of handing out more keys.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins at 6:55 to enter into executive session for personnel reasons. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Dibble to exit executive session at 7:20. Carried.

No action taken.

The meeting for April has been changed to from April 24, 2024 to Tuesday April 16, 2024 at 5:30.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Stone to adjourn at 7:21. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela A. Jones".

Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk  
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