

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting  
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407  
March 27, 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, Councilman  
David Moynihan, Dog Control  
Public: 1 person attended, see sign-in sheet

MEETING called to order at 5:32 by Rovazzi, at the Town Community Center. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Stone to approve the February 28, 2024 minutes. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Dibble to approve the March 19, 2024 minutes. Carried.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Dibble to approve the February 2024 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Stone to approve the Town Clerk's February 2024 report for \$527.50. Carried.

MOTION by Dibble, seconded by Stone to approve Judge Engert's February 2024 report for \$1,696.00. Carried.

MOTION by Dibble, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Stone's February 2024 report for \$7,579.00. Carried.

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**BILLS**

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Dibble to pay GFIM bill for \$468.45. Carried  
MOTION by Stone, seconded by Watkins, to pay bills as audited. Carried.

**OTHER REPORTS**

HIGHWAY – Garage repairs- Newtown would like to make repairs to the garage doors and put tin on the outside of the garage. GEOTECHNICAL EVALUATION COMPLETED on March 18, 2024. Newtown is waiting on report. HIGHWAY SCHOOL June 3-5, 2024, Newtown will attend highway school in Ithaca NY on June 3-5, 2024. TRASH DAY is set for May 18, 2024, 8-11am. The town will accept paint, car batteries and the cost of tires will be \$2.00 each. Newtown turn in an updated highway large equipment list. Newtown went to Albany last week to lobby against Governor Hochul’s proposed cuts in CHIPS funding in the state’s budget. Highway Department will help with the Community Center roof repairs.

EXCAVATOR PROPOSAL- Newtown would like to purchase an excavator. 3 quotes Milton \$80,015.00 – John Deere \$93,867.40 – New Holland \$78,193.37. Tabled till next months’ meeting.

CODES – 4permits, 1 closed out.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE discussion on how to proceed with non-compliance residents (even after appearance tickets issued).

SUPERVISOR/CLERK – Discussion on Community Center rental with the renter getting a 1 day alcohol license. No rental with alcohol unless served under a caters license.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**CORRESPONDENCE**

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Next meeting will be March 28, 2024 at 7pm, at town Community Center.

**OLD BUSINESS**

BOOT ALLOWANCE DISCUSSION – Tabled till 2025 budget time.

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NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET TRANSFER #3, 2024 – To increase Bridge, Contr Expend.

Increase expenditures to \$7,000.00 from 2024 budgeted amount of \$6,000.00, in fund DA-5120.4, account Bridges, Contr Expend.

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

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

MOTION by Dibble, seconded by Stone to approve Budget Transfer #3,2024. Carried.

COPIER LEASE AGREEMENT- Received proposals from Ed & Ed and Hummels BME, both using State contract lease pricing. Hummels monthly service and supply charge, based on usage, is lower.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Stone to lease Town Clerk's copier from Hummels. Carried.

GRANT WRITING PROPOSAL SERVICE – Proposal received from Jerry Stucchi of JGK Associates for grant writing services for the completion of the Fort Herkimer Complex (Town Park)

MOTION by Stone, seconded by Watkins to accept proposal and to move forward with grant. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins to enter into executive session at 6:55 along with Jones for personnel request. Carried.


Jones out of session at 7:05

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins to exit executive session at 7:14. Carried.  
No action taken.

Rovazzi would like to establish a temporary position of building maintenance worker at a rate of \$24.00 per hour to help finalize the work at the Town Park Trail accessible restroom in the basement of the Community Center

MOTION by Stone, seconded by Dibble to hire Francis Kelly Knowlton as temporary building Maintenance Worker at \$24.00 per hour. Carried.

MOTION by Stone, seconded by Dibble to adjourn at 7:23. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk  
Town of German Flatts