

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
April 16, 2024

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Mike Stone, Councilman
Justin Dibble, Councilman
Scott, Hendrix, Councilman
Carmen Newtown, Highway Superintendent
Rich Sweeney, Code
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Pam Jones, Town Clerk
Absent: David Moynihan, Dog Control
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Public: No public attended.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins to approve the March 27, 2024 minutes. Hendrix abstained. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve the March 2024 Treasurer's report. Carried.

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

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Engert's March 2024 report for \$325.00. Carried.

MOTION by Dibble, seconded by Stone to approve Judge Stone's March 2024 report for \$15,717.00. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Stone, seconded by Watkins to pay GFIM bill for \$459.15. Carried.

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

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OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY – Newtown reported the department’s new uniforms were in and the employees are very happy with them. New truck has arrived, the Highway guys installed the box to save money.

DOG CONTROL – Moynihan was a no show but did turn in his March 2024 report. Board would like to see the location of where dog calls are on the report and would like Moynihan to attend a meeting at least every quarter.

CODES – No change in permit count. Sweeney sent out 4 letters he received complaints on with only 1 resident responding and 1 letter for building without a permit.

Still no response from resident on Pine Bush Road and no correspondence from new company for solar project on Warren Road.

SUPERVISOR/CLERK – Postage machine – Rovazzi reported several departments have asked for a postage machine, asked board of their thoughts on this. Board asked Rovazzi to look into the cost of buying and leasing a machine.

CORRESPONDENCE

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Date for the May 9, 2024 needs to be changed, notices will be sent out.

OLD BUSINESS

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXCAVATOR PROPOSAL- Newtown received 3 quotes
Milton – Caterpillar 305 with work tools, \$80,015.00

John Deere – John Deere 60 P-Tier, \$93,867.40

Clinton Tractor – New Holland Sourcewell #88608, \$78,193.37

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve purchase of Caterpillar excavator from Milton. Carried.

TRASH DAY – Trash day will be May 18, 2024 8-11am at the Highway Garage.

GRIEVANCE DAY- Grievance day will be May 28, 2024 by appointments only.

NEW BUSINESS

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION –

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Dibble to adopt the Herkimer County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Carried.

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CONTRACT SALT STORAGE BUILDING – After reviewing contract sent to Town by Eagle Associates of Cazenovia LLC for the construction of a salt storage building, the board and Attorney Manne had many questions and concerns. Rovazzi and Newtown will contact Eagle Associates with these concerns.

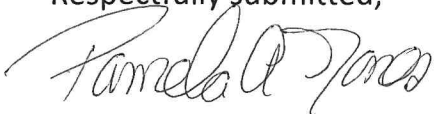
BUDGET TRANSFER #4, 2024 – To reclassify payroll
Increase payroll to \$35,000.00 from 2024 budgeted amount of \$28,000.00 in fund DA-5130.1 account Machinery, Pers Serv.
Decrease payroll to \$41,500.00 from 2024 budgeted amount of \$45,000.00 in fund DA-5142.1 account Snow Removal, Pers Serv.
Decrease payroll to \$41,500.00 from 2024 budgeted amount of \$45,000.00 in fund DA-5148.1 account Services Other Govts, Pers Serv.
MOTION by Stone, seconded by Watkins to approve budget transfer #4, 2024. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to enter into executive session at 6:32 to discuss employee request, Jones asked to attend. Carried.
MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Stone to exit executive session at 6:44. Carried.
MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Dibble to give the 2 employees no longer in union, the 8% raise, retroactive from January 1, 2024. Carried.

NEXT MEETING May 22, 2024 5:30pm

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Stone to adjourn at 6:46pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk
Town of German Flatts