

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
April 25, 2023

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
John Brewer, Councilman
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Ozzie Sterling, Councilman
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
Jim Hawkins, Dog Control
Rich Sweeney, Codes
Carmen Newtown, Highway Superintendent
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Pamela Jones, Town Clerk

Absent: Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor

Public: 5 people attended, see sign-in sheet

MEETING called to order at 5:34 by Rovazzi at the Town Community Center. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Brewer to approve the January 20, 2023 minutes. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve the March 22, 2023 minutes. Brewer abstained. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Sterling to approve the March 2023 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve the Town Clerk's March 2023 report for \$866.00. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Engert's March 2023 report for \$1,328.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Stone's March 2023 report for \$16,128.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

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BILLS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to pay GFIM bill for \$451.50. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY – Newtown reported last day of work for Wellington was April 17, 2023 and for Mark Kenyon it was April 26, 2023. Chad Francisco will stay on as part time seasonal, call as needed. Newtown received a Memorandum of Inter – Municipal Agreement between Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida BOCES and Town of German Flatts for Drug and Alcohol testing, for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. This is a yearly agreement but Newtown wanted board to be aware of the new \$400.00 administration fee.

HIGHWAY 284 AGREEMENT –

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve agreement for the expenditure of highway moneys. Carried.

DOG CONTROL – Hawkins reported 2 dog calls in Mohawk and 1 dog call in Ilion. Hawkins also responded to a call only after receiving calls from the NY State Police and the Herkimer County Humane Society asking him to pick up the cat that was hit on Warren Road, and transport it to HCHS. The cat was euthanized. Mr. Schrader said Town will be responsible for bill.

HERKIMER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY AGREEMENT – Rovazzi contacted HCHS about adding wording on the new agreement to include having new adopted dogs license before the dog is released to their new owners. Per a phone conversation, Mr. Schrader was not in favor of this saying it was the DCO job to stop over to the shelter and get any information about the dogs being adopted out into his community. Said they are a 501(c)(3) not for profit and do not have the resources to do this. Atty. Manne suggested, writing this wording into contract, initial it, sign contract and mail it back.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve with changes suggested by Atty. Manne, the Agreement with HCHS. Carried.

CODES – Sweeney reported 7 permit have been issued this year, 2 have been closed and 2 are pending.

ARPA APRIL REPORT DUE – Rovazzi reported the majority of funds received for ARPA were spent on a new roof for the Town garage. Report is due at the end of the month. Will report next April for remaining funds.

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HERKIMER COUNTY LEGISLATURE ARPA FUNDS – The Town received \$18,000.00 through Legislator Hollum and \$15,000.00 through Legislator Johnson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to open Public Comment Session. Carried. 2 people spoke, both concerned about their roads' speed limits. Ferncliff Road and State Route 5-S. Rovazzi added he has received multiple complaints regarding excessive speed on Eberline Road as well.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to close Public Comment Session. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

May 13, 2023 – Trash day at Town Garage, 8 – 11am.

May 24, 2023 – Grievance day

OLD BUISNESS

FERAL CATS DISCUSSION – Louis Natarelli and Joe Franco stated the cat problem in Manion Heights has gotten worst. Would like Town to call Greg Foster and Herkimer County Board of Health. Rovazzi will contact both.

NEW BUISNESS

TOWN OFFICE BUILDING UPGRADES – Rovazzi would like to reach out to engineers with plans for court security, front wall, stairs, handicap parking and more storage upgrades at the Town Office Building.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer for a RFP on engineering for upgrades to the Town Office Building. Carried.

AED PURCHASE – Rovazzi would like to purchase 2 AED, 1 for Community Center and 1 for the Town Office Building. Rovazzi will check with MOVAC to see which AED they use so Town can purchase ones that are compatible to theirs and get a price quotes. This will be funded by multiple years, Deputy Fitzer decline his monetary compensation of \$1000.00 annually.

MAY MEETING – The May meeting will be changed to May 31, 2023 at 5:30 at the Town Community Center.

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MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Sterling to enter into Executive Session at 6:55 to discuss personnel. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to exit Executive Session at 7:27. Carried.
No action Taken. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to adjourn at 7:28pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela A. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P".

Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk
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