

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
April 27, 2022

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Jim Hawkins, Dog Control
Carmen Newtown, Highway Superintendent
Rich Sweeney, Codes
Pam Jones, Town Clerk
Absent: John Brewer, Councilman
Ozzie Sterling, Councilman (Phone)
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Public: 5 people attended, see separate sign in sheet.

MEETING called to order at 5: 37 by Rovazzi. Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

THE March 23, 2022 and April 5, 2022 minutes could not be approved due to lack of Councilperson to pass the minutes (Watkins absent on March 23, 2022 and Hendrix absent on April 5, 2022)

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve the March 2022 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve the Town Clerk's March 2022 report for \$929.50. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi, to approve Judge Engert's March 2022 report for \$2,553.00. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Stone's March 2022 report for \$14,281.00. Carried.

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BILLS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to pay GFIM bill for \$429.15. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY - Newtown reported they have been very busy cleaning up from last Tuesday's storm, down trees and cleaning out ditches. Newtown said Town received \$13,916.61 from NY State to repair potholes, this can be used on any Town road. Newtown reported the price of blacktop has increased \$18.00 per ton. Newtown will change from Material Sand & Gravel of White Sand Lake NY to Barrett Paving Materials of Litchfield to get material. This will save the Town money on cost and travel expense. Highway began their 10 hour shifts, 4 days a week today.

DOG CONTROL - Hawkins turned in his April 2022 report. 2 calls in Mohawk, 1 calls in Ilion, 2 days of phone calls and 2 days of writing out 49 appearance tickets.

CODES - Sweeney gave update on the 2020 and 2021 permits. So far for 2022 there has been 9 permit issued. Sweeney would like all board member's comments back to him or Rovazzi by May 1, 2022 to finalize purposed Local Law for Building and Fire Prevention.

ROVAZZI reported the gathering at the Community Center after the Fort Herkimer Church Easter Service was well attended. Rovazzi served tea, hot cocoa, coffee and donuts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to open Public Comment at 5:49. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to closed Public Comment at 5:50. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

MRB Engineers canceled due to Covid exposure, therefore US Light Energy decided not to attend this meeting as some members of the Board and Town Attorney could also not be present.

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OLD BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK -

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to table discussion on handbook till employees have time to review the handbook, all written comments must be received by Rovazzi by May 13, 2022. Carried.

ROADSIDE TRACTOR -

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve purchase of Massey Ferguson (MF4710) tractor for \$62,587.00 from JAVA Farm Supply Inc. of Kirkville, New York. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

HIGHWAY 284 AGREEMENT -

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Highway 284 agreement between Town of German Flatts Highway Superintendent Newtown and the Town of German Flatts Town Board. Carried.

LOCAL LAWBUILDING & FIRE PREVENTION -

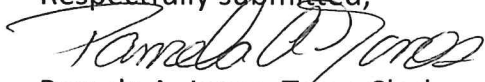
MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to set Public Hearing for Local Law #1, 2022 that provides for the administration and enforcement of NYS Uniform Fire Prevention & Building Code and State Energy Conservation Construction Code in the Town of German Flatts on May 25, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Town Community Center, 555 State Route 5-S, Mohawk, New York. Carried.

JCAP GRANT - The justice grant to replace the Judge's bench and remodeling of the break room was received by the Town in the amount of \$9,440.00. This was for remodeling of the break room only. After discussion, Rovazzi and Justice decided to ask Board if Town could return grant money and fund this small project ourselves this year. The intent is the town may be able to utilize a larger future year grant award in a more impactful manner.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to return money to JCAP Grant. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to adjourn at 6:07. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk

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