

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
August 23, 2023

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

Public: 3 people attended, see sign-in sheet

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

CORRESPONDENCE

NYS DEFERRED COMP – Christine Harvey gave a presentation on the benefits of having NYS Deferred Comp over Nationwide.

HAYLOR-FRYER & COONS – Becky Perkins & Tom Augostini of Haylor-Fryer & Coons were at the meeting to answer any questions the board may have concerning their proposed insurance policies.

CINDY BENNETT – Bennett handed out the renewal rate for Excellus BCBS Medicare for 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve the July 26, 2023 minutes. Brewer abstained. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve the July 2023 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve the Town Clerk's July 2023 report for \$824.50. Carried.

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MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Engert's July 2023 report for \$1,516.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Stone's July 2023 report for \$12,750.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to Pay GFIM bill for \$401.40. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY – Newtown asked for date of October trash day – October 14, 2023. Highway will begin phase 1 on blacktopping Applewood and Mckensy Place hopefully by Labor Day week. Donald Meszler turned in his resignation letter effective on August 31 at 4:30pm.

DOG CONTROL – Hawkins turn in his August 2023 report with 4 dog call in Mohawk.

CODES – 23 permits out, 1 pending and ½ dozen with incomplete information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to open Public Comment Session. Carried. 1 person signed into speak but changed her mind.

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

OLD BUSINESS

UFCW LETTER REGARDING REMOTE WORK – Town received letter from UFCW District Union Local One stating they have no problem with their members working remotely.

NYMIR HARASSMENT & DISCRIMINATION UPDATE POLICIES – Jones will e-mail new proposed H&D policy to board members to review.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN APPROVAL – Discussion on approval of next year's insurance. Letter was read from employees to keep Cindy Bennett as Town's broker. Hendrix said board would need to vote on policy and broker of record. Hendrix asked for approve to be tabled till next month, to see if Bennett can offer same or better policies.

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AMY CLOUTIER FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT LETTER – Amy Cloutier submitted a letter stating she has accepted a full time position elsewhere but was still interested in being the Sole Assessor for the Town.

TOWN PARK GUTTER QUOTE APPROVAL – Town received 3 quotes for gutters on the Community Center. Premier Seamless Gutters \$4,249.00 plus \$908.00 total \$5,157.00
Gutter Tech Enterprise \$8,500.00
CNY Seamless Gutters \$8,310.00

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to accept Premier Seamless Gutters' bid for \$5,157.00. Carried

SCHOOLHOUSE WINDOW SASH RESTORATION –

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to approve restoration of 16 window sashes in the Schoolhouse in the amount of \$9,600.00 upon receipt of sample sash components for quality and workmanship. Rovazzi will contact Redpoint Design/Build and Contractors' Millwork, Inc. Carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD BUDGET ESTIMATES – Budget estimates are due to Rovazzi no later than September 20, 2023.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 1, 2023 – Local Law No.1, 2023 was introduced by Rovazzi, authorizing a property tax levy in excess of limit established in General Municipal law 3-C.

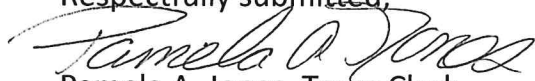
MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to hold a Public Hearing on September 27, 2023 at 6:00 at the Town Community Center, 555 State Route 5-S, Mohawk, on Local Law No. 1, 2023. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to enter into executive session at 7:22 for personnel matters. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to exit executive session at 8:12. Carried.
No action taken.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to adjourn at 8:13. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk

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