

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
December 12, 2023

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

Public: 9 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to approve the October 25, 2023 minutes.
Watkins & Hendrix abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve the November 14, 2023
minutes. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to approve the November 2023
Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve the Town Clerk's November
2023 report for \$872.25. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Engert's November 2023
report for \$853.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Stone's November 2023
report for \$21,360.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

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BILLS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling to pay GFIM bill for \$627.75. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY – Newtown reported he would like to apply for NYS Bridge & Culvert Grant 2024. Town has a bridge and a culvert that need work (Second Street & Pine Bush Road). Salt Shed – Newtown will contact Atlantic Testing to begin 1st steps of ground testing. Jason Wellington started as seasonal MEO on December 11, 2023 at \$21.54 per hour.

Newtown would like to have his name put on list for new dump/snowplow truck, there is a 2 to 3 year wait time.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to send a letter of intent for new large dump/snowplow truck. Carried.

Newtown asked about Comp time – board is still reviewing.

DOG CONTROL – Rovazzi asked what the policy should be if the Dog Control Officer needs to take injured dog to vets. More research needed.

CODES – 35 permits. Sweeney is working on updating solar application, has given it to Tim Carpenter (solar Attorney).

MATT VANSYLKE gave an update on comprehensive plan. Looking for more people to apply, left sign-up sheet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

COMP ALLIANCE – Town received approximately \$2,500.00 Comp Alliance Safe Workplace Award.

NEW light installed at far exit (east) of parking lot.

HIGHWAY Department and Rovazzi dug out dirt in Town Hall basement for new storage space.

NEW BUSINESS

LOCAL LAW NO. 2, 2023 – Local Law No. 2, 2023 establishing a six month moratorium on applications, approvals and/ or construction of installation of solar energy systems and/or solar farms within the Town of German Flatts.

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MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to adopt Local Law No. 2, 2023. Carried

BUDGET TRANSFER #14, 2023 – To reclassify bridge payments for Capital projects.
Decrease expenditures to \$0.00 from 2023 budgeted amount of \$60,000.00 in fund DA-9730.6, account Debt Principle, BAN

Increase expenditures to \$60,000.00 from 2023 budgeted amount of \$0.00 in fund DA-9950.9 account Transfer, Capital Project Fund.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve budget transfer # 14, 2023.
Carried.

BUDGET TRANSFER #15, 2023 – To reallocation of expenditures.
Increase expenditures to \$10,000.00 from 2023 budgeted amount of \$9,000.00 in fund A-1330.4 account Tax Collection, Contr, Expand.

Decrease expenditures to \$58,440.00 from 2023 budgeted amount of \$59,440.00 in fund A-1990.4, account Contingent, Contr expend.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve budget transfer #15, 2023.
Carried.

UJCA CONSOLIDATION – Rovazzi will contact Town of Warren to set up date & location for a joint hearing on UJCA consolidation.

REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE RESOLUTION – Tabled till next meeting.

COUNCILMAN BREWER submitted his letter of resignation effected after December 31, 2023.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to enter into executive session at 6:25 to interview persons for Brewer's Councilperson seat. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to exit executive session at 7:58. Carried.
Board will contact all parties they interviewed with their decision.

ROVAZZI presented Sterling & Brewer with plaques, thanking them for their service as councilmen.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to adjourn at 8:00. Carried.

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

THE FOLLOWING ARE APPENDED TO THESE MINUTES. (Executive session minutes)

After motion duly made and seconded, the board resolved to appoint Michael Stone to fill the vacancy in the position of Town Councilman created by the resignation of Councilman Brewer.

Also, after motion duly made and seconded, the board resolved to tender a written purchase offer to purchase 68 East Main Street in Mohawk at price of \$55,000.00.

Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk
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