

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
December 16, 2020

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
John Brewer, Councilman
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Ozzie Sterling, Councilman
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Andy Dutcher, Highway Superintendent
Jim Hawkins, Dog Control
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Pam Jones, Town Clerk

Absent: Rich Sweeney, Codes Compliance Officer

Public: ? people, see separate sign in sheet.

Meeting call to order at 5:34 by Rovazzi at the Town Community Center due to the coronavirus. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve November 18, 2020 minutes. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve November 2020 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to approve the November 2020 Town Clerk's report for \$559.00. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Engert's November 2020 report for \$2,662.00. Carried

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Stone's November report for \$11,614.00. Carried.

BILLS

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

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MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to pay GFIM bill for \$1061.40.
Carried.

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY - Dutcher informed the board that he has hired Jesse Reynolds, as the full time seasonal worker as of December 14, 2020 at \$20.00 per hour for 16 weeks.

Dutcher asked about getting a new cell phone.

MOTION by Sterling, seconded by Brewer to approve a new cell phone and protective case for Dutcher, using the same phone number he has now. Carried. Sterling wants in writing, stating the cell phone is the property of the Town.

Dutcher has offered to purchase a snow blower (out of his budget) to be used at the Town Park to clean sidewalks. To be used by a Town employee with training only.

Board asked Dutcher to add details to his pick-up truck showing it's a Town of German Flatts truck. Dutcher will have same emblem as the other trucks have placed on his pick-up.

Board would like Dutcher to keep track of his mileage with pick-up truck and report monthly.

DOG CONTROL - Hawkins turn in his monthly report for December up to 12/16/2020. A Mohawk Mailman was attacked by a pit bull dog, owner of the dog has been ticketed.

With the courts being closed Hawkins was not going to issue any new appearance tickets but the Town Attorney advised Hawkins he can still issue tickets returnable after Feb1, 2020. Board was in agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1 person spoke

Virginia Jaquish informed the board that she will be submitting paperwork to the Town, concerning the new mapping for flood plain lines, which the Codes Officer

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will need to review. Fitzer will sign and submit all paper work to FEMA.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to close Public Comment. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bill VanGorder of NBT Insurance was unable to attend meeting as planned, he contacted Rovazzi with next years' rates(2021) for NYMIR which will be a total of \$457.00 less than the 2020 rates. Rovazzi was contacted by another Insurance Company but never received a quote from gentleman he spoke with. The Town will stay with NYMIR for 2021.

MOVAC Memorandum - Greg Eisenhut drop off a memorandum from MOVAC, on Monday December 14, 2020 the Board will review memorandum for next month's meeting.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to enter into Executive Session at 6:13pm with Dutcher, to discuss Highway Personal. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to exit Executive Session at 6:50pm. Carried.

No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve new Community Center Rental Agreement. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to give Rovazzi authority to ask New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for a grant extension for the Leatherstocking Mobile Home Park Recovery Project and the Fort Herkimer Church - German Flatts Town Park Development . Carried.

Budget Transfer #14 - To record increase in revenue & expenditure.
Increase revenue to \$96,706.00 from budgeted 2020 amount of \$96,600.00 in fund B-1120.0 account Sales Tax.
Increase expenditures to \$2,206.00 from budgeted amount of \$2,100.00 in fund B-9789.7 account Other Debt, interest.

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

Budget Transfer #15 - To reclassify expenditure.

Increase expenditures to \$9,400.00 from 2020 budgeted amount of \$8,800.00 in fund A-1330.4 account Tax Collection, Cont Expend.

Decrease expenditures \$2,400.00 from 2020 budget amount of \$3,000.00 in fund A-1670.4 account Central Print & Mail, Contr Expend.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Budget Transfer #15.
Brewer abstained. Carried.

Budget Transfer #16 - To reclassify expenditure

Increase expenditures to \$9,200.00 from 2020 budgeted amount of \$5,750.00 in fund A-1355.4 account Assessment, Contr Expend.

Decrease expenditures to \$0.00 from 2020 budgeted amount of \$500.00 in fund A-7520.4 account Historical Property, Contr Expend.

Decrease expenditures to \$2950.00 from 2020 budgeted amount of \$5,900.00 in fund A-8160.0 account Refuse & Garbage, Contr Expend.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve budget transfer #16.
Carried.

Budget Transfer #17 - To reclassify expenditures.

Increase expenditures to \$8610.00 from 2020 budgeted amount of \$8510.00 in fund A-1410.4 account Clerk, Contr Expend.

Decrease expenditures to \$2850.00 from 2020 budgeted amount of \$2950.00 in fund A-8160.4 account Refuse & Garbage, Contr Expend.

MOTION by Hendrix, second by Brewer to approve budget transfer # 17. Carried.

Fitzer asked about the Richfield Street Bridge. Rovazzi reported that the bridge was open for traffic but there was still some minor work to be done. Work is done for the winter, an extension was given till middle of May 2021.


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Organization meeting will be held on January 5, 2021 at 5:30 at the Community Center.

Next monthly board meeting will be January 27, 2021 at 5:30 at the Community Center

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to adjourn at 7:07. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela A. Jones". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk
Town of German Flatt