

Town of German Flatts Town Board Meeting  
66 East Main Street Mohawk, New York 13407  
December 18, 2019

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor  
Denny Mowers, Councilman  
Sam Geloso, Councilman  
John Brewer, Councilman  
Scott Hendrix, Councilman  
Andy Dutcher, Superintendent Highways  
Tony Klimek, Codes Officer  
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor  
Karl Manne, Attorney  
Pam Jones, Town Clerk

See Separate sign-in sheet:

Meeting called to order by Rovazzi at 5:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

Rovazzi introduced William VanGorder of NBT Insurance Agency to talk over Town's property, liability, Auto, Crime and other coverage the Town carries and the rates of the polices. Mr. VanGorder suggested adding NYMIR Cyber Security Breach and Network Security Liability which protects the Town from cyber theft for an approximate premium of \$836.00. Also compared PERMA Workers Compensation (which Town has now) to COMP Alliance Workers Compensation. Major difference is PERMA estimates exposure where COMP Alliance uses annual payroll and training is done by COMP Alliance.

MOTION by Geloso, seconded by Mowers to go with COMP Alliance Workers Compensation instead of PERMA. Carried. Hendrix abstain

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to add NYMIR Cyber Security Breach & Network Security Liability. Carried

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to accept the 11/20/2019 minutes. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Mowers to accept the Town Clerk's November 2019 report for \$398.50. Carried

MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Rovazzi to accept Judge Stone's November 2019 report for \$17,123.00. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to accept Judge Engert's November 2019 report for \$992.00. Carried

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MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Brewer to accept the October 2019 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to accept the November 2019 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Brewer to pay GFIM bill for \$379.80. Carried.

MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Geloso to pay the bills as audited. Carried.

#### REPORTS:

##### Highway Department Report -

Town received resignation from Alan Meszler, with December 6, 2019 as his last day.

Al Dygert was hired on December 1, 2019 as a Seasonal Full-time employee with a hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour.

##### Codes Department Report -

Klimek reported November and December as being very quiet. Handed out updated building permit report.

##### Website Update -

Brewer reported a small snag with updating the website. Domain of the website's name needs to be released from the Village of Mohawk before the Town can continue.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Mowers to open Public Comment session. Carried  
5 people spoke.

Steve Enrich reported 5 trees and a core log were in creek near site of creek work done earlier near his home. Rovazzi asked Dutcher if he could remove these without going into the creek. Dutcher will attend to this as soon as his department has time.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### Master Contract with Daimler -

MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Brewer to approve agreement with Daimler for purchase of 2020 freightliner Truck. Carried. Lender is Mercedes-Benz Financial Service USA LLC

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## NEW BUSINESS:

## Budget Adjustments - #13, #14 and #15

#13 – Increase expenditure to \$6,663.00 from budgeted amount of \$6,100.00 for fund A-8160.4 account Refuse & Garbage, Contr Expend

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

Decrease expenditure to \$6,437.00 from budgeted amount of \$6,500.00 for fund A-1220.40 account Supervisor, Contr Expend. To adjust expenditures

#13- Increase expenditures to \$1,000.00 from budgeted amount \$0.00 for fund a-6789.0 Other Economic & Develop, cont expend.

Decrease expenditures to \$87,389.00 from budgeted amount of \$88,318.00 for fund A-1410.1 account Clerk, Pers Serv

decrease expenditures to \$39,001.00 from budgeted amount of \$39,072.00 for fund A-9030.8 account Social Security, Emp Bnft'

#13 – Increase expenditure to \$9,300.00 from budgeted amount of \$8,800.00 for fund A-1410.4 account Clerk, Contr Expend.

Decrease expenditure to \$86,924.00 from budgeted amount of \$87,389.00 for fund A-1410.1 account Clerk Pers Serv.

Decrease expenditure to \$38,966.00 from budgeted amount of \$39,001.00 for fund A-9030.8 account Social Security, Emp Bnft. - To adjust expenditures.

#14 – Increase income to \$27,158.00 from budgeted amount of \$26,500.00 for fund B-1170.0 account Franchises.

Increase expenditure to \$2,758.00 from budgeted amount of \$2,100.00 for fund B-9789.7 account Other Dept. Interest. To adjust expenditures.

#14 – Increase Income to \$27,899.00 from budgeted amount of \$27,158.00 for fund B-1170.0 account franchises.

Decrease expenditure to \$1,340.00 from budgeted amount of \$2,150.00 for fund B-7310.4 account Youth Program, Contr expend.

Increase expenditure to \$16,745.00, from budgeted amount of \$15,194.00 for fund B-8010.4 account Zoning, contr expend. To adjust income & Expenditures.

#15 – Increase income to \$103,958.00 from budgeted amount of \$101,070.00 for fund DA-2302.0 account Snow Removal Services, Other Govt.

Increase expenditures to \$66,444.00 from budgeted amount of \$65,000.00 for fund DA-5142.4 account Snow Removal, Contr Expend.

Increase Expenditures to \$66,444.00 from budgeted amount of \$65,000.00 for fund DA-5148.4 account Service Other Govt. Contr Expend. To adjust Expenditures.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Mowers to accept budget adjustments. Carried.

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## Sewer Board Appointment -

The Herkimer County Sewer Board has a 5 year term position up for renewal which is now held by Frank Spatto. Rovazzi said he would be interested in being on Sewer Board as a representative of the Town. Brewer & Hendrix are afraid Rovazzi's plate is full & asked if he really wants to take on more responsibility. Rovazzi read a letter from the Herkimer County Legislature stating the County will take **recommendation** from Supervisor on appointment and the County has final say as to who is appointed. Rovazzi said he is up for the job.

## Cable Fee Franchise Audit -

Troy & Banks is auditing Time Warner/Charter Communications agreements with municipalities across state. Troy & Banks would like the Town to authorize them to review the Town's franchise agreement to see if the Town is receiving the proper payment. Board will need to pass resolution to employ Troy & Banks at a future meeting.

## McManus Concert Floor Community Center-

McManus Engineering Group has turn in a bill with an additional \$960.00 difference from quoted amount of \$1500.00 for additional service done.

MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Brewer to accept and pay McManus bill in full. Carried. Klimek would like a copy of report from McManus Engineering Group.

## Town Park School House -

Mowers reported drawing provided by Architect Susan Snell are to be the basis of the restoration work to be accomplished on the schoolhouse, any deviations must be approved by Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation.

List of items- 1. Leveling the structure 2. Repair/replace floor 3. Repair/replace windows 4. Remove "Barn door" 5. Replace siding 6. Replace the roof.

Friends of Town Park will provide labor for installing door on north side, complete the interior finish of the building and install front door on south if necessary.

Mowers also wants an extension of the funding to be submitted to Jean M. Egenhofer, Grant Administrator of the Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation.

MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Brewer to ask for extension from OPRHP for Town Park grant funding Town Park School House project. Carried.

## Official Undertaking of Municipal Officers-

Attorney Manne looked over undertaking and said Judges and Court Clerk needed to be added to second to last paragraph.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to accept 2020 Town of German Flatts Official Undertaking of Municipal Officers with revisions. Carried.

## Voting Delegate Association of Towns-

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Mowers to name Rovazzi voting delegate at the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns of the State of New York and Hendrix as alternate voting delegate. Carried.

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MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Mowers to give Rovazzi permission to pay additional bills received before end of the year and have them (bills) audited at the 01/02/2020 meeting Carried.

Jack Fitzer is working on Manion Heights Water District usage and comparing the usage amount to amount of water Town is being charged for.

Rovazzi will send Atty. Manne paperwork on Manion Heights Water District Bond to review.

Brewer thanked Geloso and Mowers for their service to the Town. Mowers 4 years and Geloso has served the Town for 24 years.

Next meeting will be Organizational Meeting held on January 2, 2020 at 5:30pm.

MOTION by Geloso, seconded by Mowers to adjourn at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk  
Town Of German Flatts