

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 East Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
December 29, 2021

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

Public: 13 people attended, see separate sign-in sheet

MEETING called to order by Rovazzi at 5:34. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

JUDGE Stone was present to swear-in the newly elected officials Councilmen John Brewer, Scott Hendrix, Receiver of Taxes Cherri Hyer, Supervisor Peter Rovazzi, Town Clerk Pam Jones and Carman Newtown as the new Highway Superintendent.

CORRESPONDENCE

GREG Cromer presented aerial photos of the Villages of Ilion and Mohawk for sale to the board.

BILL VanGorder of NYNIR insurance went over Town of German Flatts premium summary and the reasons for the premium's increase.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve the minutes of November 17, 2021. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve the December 6, 2021 minutes. Carried.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve the November 2021 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to approve the Town Clerk's November 2021 report for \$1052.00. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Stone's November 2021 report for \$25,083.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Engert's November 2021 report for \$1434.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to pay GFIM bill for \$402.75. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY - 2 DAYS!! Dutcher said all is good at the Highway Department guys and equipment are running good. Dutcher said it has been an enjoyable time working for the residents of German Flatts. Wishing Carman Newtown the best of luck as the new Highway Superintendent. Rovazzi presented Dutcher with a plaque for his 31 plus years of service.

DOG CONTROL - Hawkins turned in his December report along with an incident report dated 12/26/21 of 2 dogs, a husky and an aggressive pit bull. Incident report is on file.

CODES - 50 permits so far this year with half being closed out.

ROVAZZI report the Town Park grants will expire at the end of August 2022, parking lot needs to be completed before then.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

1 person spoke

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Sterling to close Public Comment session. Carried.

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OLD BUSINESS

ARPA Funding Discussion - Rovazzi asked the board to begin thinking of what the Town will do with the money it received from the ARPA funding.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET Transfer #8 - To reclassify payroll

INCREASE payroll to \$70,803.00 from 2021 budgeted amount of \$66,803.00 in fund A-1110.0, account municipal Court, Per Serv.

DECREASE expenditure to \$8,094.00 from 2021 budgeted amount of \$12,400.00 in fund A-1110.4, account Municipal Court, Contr Expend.

INCREASE Expenditure to \$36,911.00 from 2021 budgeted amount of \$36,605.00 in fund A-9030.8, account Social Security, Employer Contr.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve Budget Transfer #8. Carried.

SCHEDULE for permit fees for 2022 - Discussion on solar projects fee rates were discussed. Schedule needed to be updated to reflect the local solar law adopted earlier this year. Rates for solar panel permit fees proposed as follows:

Tier 1- \$150.00 min. fee plus \$0.05/sqft of solar panels

Tier 2 - \$150.00 min. fee plus \$20.00/kw up to 25 kw

Tier 3 - 0 - 200 kw \$800.00

201 - 300 kw \$2,500.00

301 - 500 kw \$5,000.00

501 - 1.00 Mw \$7,500.00

1Mw + \$10,000.00 + \$500/Mw

Penalty for failure to notify transfer of ownership - \$500.00

\$100.00 each day thereafter

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to raise solar panel permit fees schedule on solar projects and add a penalty for failure to notify transfer of ownership. Carried.

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LONGEVITY - Eligible employees will receive their longevity bi-weekly in their pay check instead of the onetime payment in November.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve longevity payment plan. Carried.

BI-WEEKLY PAYROLL - All employees as of January 1, 2022 will be paid bi-weekly.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve bi-weekly pay for all Town Employees. Carried.

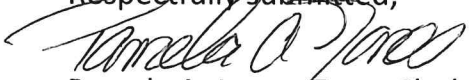
ORGANIZATIONAL meeting will be held on January 4, 2022 at 3:00pm, at the Town Community Center, 555 State Route 5-S Mohawk

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to enter into executive session at 6:51 with Atty, Manne and Jones to discuss Employee handbooks.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Brewer to exit executive session at 7:50. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to adjourn at 7:51. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk

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