

Town of German Flatts Town Board Meeting
February 12, 2020
66 E. Main Street Mohawk, New York 13407

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
John Brewer, Councilman
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
Ozzie Streling, Councilman
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Kathy Cloutier, Bookkeeper
Pam Jones, Town Clerk

See separate sign in sheet (12)

Meeting called to order by Rovazzi at 1:00 pm Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Wesley Maine & Dick LaPoint of Bell Hill Road spoke about their neighbor Robert Radziewicz piling snow in the road in front of Mr. Maine's mailbox. Mr. Maine is afraid that someone may be hurt or even killed by this action. Mr. Maine has called the New York State Troopers for help, they say they can not do anything till something bad happens. Brewer & Hendrix both agree that Mr. Maine should continue to call NYS Troopers when ever he deems necessary, by calling 911.

OTHER REPORTS:

Notice of Violation for Manion Heights Water -

The Town received a Notice of Violation from NYS Department of Health. The Town's Water District, Manion Heights receives water from the Village of Herkimer which was found to have lead & copper in it. Herkimer has sent letters to all water customers.

Dog Control -

Jim Hawkins will set up a meeting with the Village of Mohawk & Ilion Police Chiefs to discuss dog control in the villages. 9 appearance tickets have been issued for unlicensed dogs.

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Highway:

Jones informed the board that Friday February 14, 2020 will be the last day for Leslie Hosler who was hired as a full time seasonal and Deown Hoag who was also hired as a full time seasonal will now become a full time employee as of February 13, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

Artifacts -

Sterling met with Daniel Sargent Vice President of Herkimer County Community College as of their meeting the college were the owners of the artifacts, however after an upcoming college meeting the Town would have full ownership of all artifacts and display cases. Rovazzi received an email from Daniel Sargent on 1/30/20 stating the college could prepare a written agreement that would officially and legally transfer complete ownership and control of the artifacts and the display cases over to the Town of German Flatts.

Humane Society Agreement -

Board has many issues with the new agreement with Humane Society. Rovazzi will have Atty. Manne review agreement.

Employee Handbook -

Kathy Cloutier spoke to board about new Employee Handbook will continue to update the book with any input welcomed.

MOTION by Sterling, seconded by Hendrix to enter into executive session at 1:51.
Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to come out of executive session at 2:23.
Carried.

Board discussed employee hour and salary.

Community Center Agreement -

Hendrix handed out a proposed agreement for use of the Town Park & Community Center between the Town of German Flatts, the Friends of German Flatts Town Park and the Radio Club. Sterling had a few additions to the agreement, Hendrix will add them to agreement then give it to Atty. Manne for review.

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Rovazzi informed the Board that the locks have been changed at the Community Center and that the old keys still work to the door going into the Radio Club room. Door between Radio Club Room and kitchen has new lock. Board talked about changing lock to radio room due to the radio club having such expensive radios in room. Brewer will check with the Radio Club to see if they would help with the cost of the internet. ALL keys are to be turned back in to Town.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to purchase a BJ membership to purchase new camera system for Town Park. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to make Sterling liaison to the Radio Club. Carried.

A new Memorandum of Understanding between Town of German Flatts and Fort Herkimer Amateur Radio Association Inc. needs to be written.

Bank Account -

Town needs to have 2 people on bank accounts Mowers & Rovazzi were on the accounts as of last year 2019. Rovazzi will contact Atty. Manne to see if a non elected person (Deputy Supervisor) can be on accounts.

Codes -

Watkins & Rovazzi looked at the Codes records in Town's vault and found no records after 2017.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to have all codes files and records returned to Town Hall ASAP both old and active and left on Town Property. Carried.

Watkins and Brewer will set up a meeting with codes to go over Policy & Procedures.

Knox Box -

Rovazzi will research prices of knox boxes and get in touch with Fire Department.

Town Park Plowing -

MOTION by Sterling, seconded by Hendrix to have the Town Park parking lot plowed every time it snows by Highway Department, as it is Town property. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to open Public Comment session. Carried.