

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
February 23, 2023

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Rich Sweeney, Codes
Jim Hawkins, Dog Control
Carmen Newtown, Highway Superintendent
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Pam Jones, Town Clerk
Absent: Ozzie Sterling, Councilman
John Brewer, Councilman
Public: 3 people attended, see sign-in sheet

MEETING called to order at 1:15pm at the Town Community Center. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tabled till next meeting due to lack of board members.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve the December 2022 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve the January 2023 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve Receiver of Taxes' July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Engert's July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Stone's July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve the Town Clerk's January 2023 report for \$953.75. Carried.

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Motion by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Enget's January 2023 report for \$265.00. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Stone's January 2023 report for \$14,756.00. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to pay GFIM bill for \$419.40. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY – Newtown reported inmates did a great job painting at the Town Highway Garage. Newtown reported he was unable to apply to Culvert New York or Bridge New York Grants for money due to lack of an ID number for the first bridge on Pine Bush Road. The bridge has 6 beams, 1 is rotten and 2 are damaged. Bridge is now only 1 lane till repairs can be made. Town will need to hire an architecture engineer. Newtown will hold ELDT (entry level drivers training for a CDL) classes at the Town Community Center on the week of March 6, 2023, open to all Municipalities. Town will be receiving money (amount not determined yet) from Herkimer County Legislator funding. (Ray Johnson).
Rovazzi picked-up 4 doors in Albany, 2 for Town Park (trail accessible restroom) and 2 for garage.

DOG CONTROL – Hawkins turned in his January 2023 report. 4 calls in Mohawk, 1 call in Ilion, 2 webinars and 1 day of phone calls. Sweeney told board he has a phone number for a person that is from Health Dept. that the Town can contact for the cat problem in Manion Heights. Hawkins reported spending over 3 hours looking for the dog that was dropped off at the Herkimer County Humane Society on Feb.2, 2023.

CODES – Sweeney reported 1 permit so far this year as a result of an appearance ticket issued. Sweeney would like to apply for grants to help replace the historical land marks throughout the Town, with the help of a board member. A summer youth employee maybe able to help with this as well. Sweeney has invited Matt VanSlyke, Jim Greiner and the Codes Officer from the Town of Marcy to next month's Board meeting to discuss the formation of a Comprehensive Plan.

PUBLIS COMMENT

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

Karen Slazak offered her help to the Town with any committees that may need to be filled.
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MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to close Public Comment Session. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

SALISBURY Ridge Runners Grant – Town received a letter from Salisbury Ridge Runners asking for letters of support for a grant proposal, project name Trail Groomer Purchase. MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to submit a letter of support to the Salisbury Ridge Runners. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORGANIZATIONAL meeting minutes amendments – Tabled till next month meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

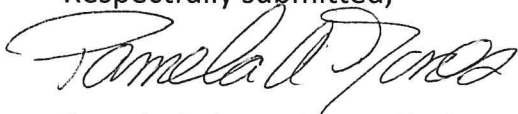
JUSTICE Court Audit Resolution 2022 -
MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to accept the Resolution accepting the Justice Court Audit done by Board Members Watkins and Hendrix on February 14, 2023. Carried.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS – Rovazzi asked about the new New York State property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters. Fitzer added that property exemption is capped and that the current income tax credit seems to be the most receptive among firefighters. Rovazzi added that the sediments were the same among attendees at the annual Association of Towns Conference.

Next meeting is March 22, 2023 at 5:30pm Town Community Center.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to adjourn at 2:42pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk
Town of German Flatts