

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
February 23, 2022

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Ozzie Sterling, Councilman
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Jim Hawkins, Dog Control
Richard Sweeney, Codes
Carmen Newtown, Highway Superintendent
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Pam Jones, Town Clerk

Absent: John Brewer, Councilman

Public: 11 people attended, see separate sign in sheet

MEETING was call to order at 5:30pm by Rovazzi. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Sterling to approve the January 26, 2022 minutes.
Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve the February 4, 2022 minutes.
Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve the February 14, 2022 minutes.
Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Stone's July 1, 2021 -
December 31, 2021 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve December 2021 Treasurer's
report. Carried.

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

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MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve the Town Clerk's January 2022 report for \$700.00. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Stone's January 2022 report for \$17,608.00. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Engert's January 2022 report for \$995.00. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Sterling, seconded by Hendrix to pay GFIM bill for \$469.80. Carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

US LIGHT ENERGY SOLAR PRESENTATION - Zack Lissard of US Energy Solar and Chris Koenig of C.T. Male Associates gave a presentation on the proposed solar project at 316 Warren Road, Mohawk. Town will need to hire the professional services of legal counsel and engineer.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve proceeding with a RFP (Request for proposal) for each of these professional services. Carried.

Lissard and Koenig asked board to consider the following: Sequ process and File a GML (General Municipal Law) section 239-m with Oneida Herkimer Planning Board to determine county wide impact. Board will NOT take any action till the above professionals review all paperwork of the project.

OTHER REPORTS

DOG CONTROL - Hawkins turned in his February 2022 report. 2 calls in Mohawk and 2 calls in Ilion. A day of phone calls and a day of ticket writing. Over all it's been a quiet month.

CODES - Sweeney reported no change in number of permits. Busy with paper work and phone calls. Sweeney is done with his classes, passing all courses.

HIGHWAY - Newtown would like to purchase a new tractor with attachments through a state program, where the state will reimburse the purchase price. The new equipment must be kept for 10 years.

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MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to have Rovazzi send a letter of intent.
Carried.

2022 F-550 DIESEL DUMP TRUCK PURCHASE APPROVAL -

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve purchase of 2022 F- 550 diesel dump truck from Don's Ford of Utica for \$70,486.00 and a dump body from Altrux of Herkimer for \$12,295.00. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to sell Fiat loaded on Auction International. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix, to sell 2019 Ford pickup with plow on Auction International. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Sterling to sell old tires no longer useable on Town equipment on Auction International. Carried.

Newtown will send out Capital Equipment Replacement Plan to board in the next few weeks to review, this plan would help save money, keep up to date warranty and save on repair cost.

HIGHWAY HIRING - Highway Department has hired Jason Wellington as a seasonal full time temporary employee stating date February 13, 2022 - April 1, 2022 at \$20.00 per hour.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve hiring of Jason Wellington to the Highway Department as a seasonal full times employee starting February 13, 2022 to April 1, 2022 at \$20.00 per hour. Carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENT #4 - To record scrap metal.

Increase revenue to \$1,243.00 from 2022 budgeted amount of \$.00 in fund DA-2650.0, account Sales of scrap & excess material.

Increase expenditures to \$1,243.00 from 2022 budgeted amount of \$.00 in fund DA-5130.2, account Machinery, equip & Cap Outlay.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve budget amendment #4. Carried.

FRIENDS MEETING - Hendrix and Sterling met with the Friends Board of Directors on February 10th. Friends will give a list of projects they could help with, for in kind service, towards reduced rental fees. Hendrix and Sterling both said meeting was productive and hopes to re-establish a good working relationship.

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COMP ALLIANCE LOYALTY AWARD - Town has received a check for \$500.00.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

3 people spoke

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

OLD BUSINESS

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOKS - Board will meet on March 2, 2022 at 11:00am, at the Town Community Center, 555 State Route 5-S Mohawk to discuss the Employee handbooks.

NEW BUSINESS

COURT SECURITY AGREEMENT - Rovazzi will sign agreement and take it to the Village of Mohawk to have Mayor Baron sign, will take effect March 1, 2022.

BUDGET TRANSFER #2 - To adjust for taxes on municipal property.
Increase expenditures to \$248.00 from budgeted 2022 amount of \$200.00 in fund A-1950.4, account Taxes & Assess on Munic Property.

Decrease expenditures to \$70,420.00 from 2022 budgeted amount of \$70,468.00 in fund A-1990.4, account Contingent, Conte Expend.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to approve Budget Transfer #2. Carried.

BUDGET TRANSFER # 3 - To adjust the salary of Supervisor's bookkeeper.
Increase salary to \$56,194.00 from 2022 budgeted amount of \$51,837.00 in fund A-1220.1, account Supervisor, Per Serv.

Increase Expenditures to \$37,841.00 from 2022 budgeted amount of \$37,508.00 in fund A-9030.8, account Social Security, Employee Contr.

Decrease Expenditures to \$65,730.00 from 2022 budgeted amount of \$70,420.00 in fund A-1990.4, account Contingent, Contr Expend.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Sterling to approve Budget Transfer #3. Carried.

Next meeting will be Wednesday March 2, 2022- Employee Handbooks and
Wednesday March 23, 2022 monthly Board meeting.

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MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to adjourn at 8:15. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk
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