

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
January 26, 2022

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

Public: 5 people attended, see separate sign in sheet

MEETING call to order by Rovazzi at 5:32. Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve December 29, 2021 minutes.
Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve the January 4, 2022 minutes.
Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve the Town Clerk's July 1, 2021 -
December 31, 2021 Treasurer's report. Carried.

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

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve Rec. of Taxes' July 1, 2021 -
December 31, 2021 Treasurer's report. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Rovazzi to approve the December 2021 Town
Clerk's report for \$521.50. Carried.

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MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Stone's December 2021 report for \$17,353.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Engert's December 2021 report for \$1,892.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to pay the GFIM bill for \$412.52. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY - Newtown reported the test of using brine on several Town roads showed a lot of success. Will test again on other Town roads when weather permits. Newtown gave board proposals for 2 trucks a 2022 Ford f-550 dump truck and a 2022 Ford f-550 flatbed to replace the 2017 Dodge dump truck and 2016 ford f-250 pick-up.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to have Newtown pursue more information and on up fitting of truck with deck or dump box and snowplow ect. Carried.

Newtown would like to sell old snowplow and sanded which have not been used in several years. Newtown will place both on International Auction block with a \$1,000.00 minimum reserve on truck and \$500.00 minimum reserve on the sander.

Newtown will be using OGS (Office General Services) to buy supplies could have up to 40% savings.

Newtown is preparing a spreadsheet on past CHIPS projects.

Capital Equipment Plan- Newtown would like to purchase equipment which could be used in all 4 seasons.

Newtown would like to attend highway superintendent training and educational conference being held at Ithaca College on June 6 - 8, 2022 is waiting on more details to see if other highway members would also attend.

The Town will purchase a new laptop for Newtown's office.

DOG CONTROL - Hawkins turned in his January report, 3 calls in Mohawk, 2 calls in Iliion, and 1 day of phone calls. Also had 2 calls of dogs be left out in the cold which he turned over to Greg, Humane Investigator from the Herkimer Humane Society.

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CODES - Sweeney turned in 2021 Annual report. 50 permits issued. 1 permit for 2022.

ROVAZZI reported that on the new solar schedule fee tier #2 and #3 should include a DC or AC rating.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to add a AC rating to tier #2 and #3 on Solar Schedule Fee. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE.

CORRESPONDENCES

AOT Annual Meeting - The AOT annual meeting will be an all- virtual event. Dates will remain the same February 20 -23, 2022.

COURT Security Officer - Town has received a written proposal from the Village of Mohawk to have 1 of their Police Officers work on DA nights at the Town on the first Monday and third Tuesday of each month at \$41.02 per hour or \$246.12 per month (6 total hours -3 per night).

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to pay the Village of Mohawk for Court Security on DA nights. Carried. Town will pay Village, then Village will pay officer. Atty. Manne will draft a proposed agreement with the Village of Mohawk. Officer can't start till agreement has been signed.

DOT Speed Reduction Route 5-S - Rovazzi received a letter from DOT stating they have been asked by a resident to extend the 45MPH speed limit on 5-S east to just pass Griffen Road. DOT would like a request to pursue from the Town.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling to have Rovazzi send letter, request to pursue to DOT. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA Funding Discussion - Rovazzi update board of ARPA funding, asked board to continue their thoughts on possible projects.

GRANT Extension - Fulmer field (Leatherstocking Park Dev.) EPF #141195 be extended until 12/15/2022 and Town Park EPF # 138937 be extended until 12/31/2022.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve the extension of grants EPF#141195 until 12/15/2022 and EPF#138937 until 12/31/2022. Carried.

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HIGHWAY Shared Services Agreement With Herkimer County -
MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve agreement for shared highway services with the County of Herkimer. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET Transfer No. 1 - To adjust for unallocated insurance.
Increase expenditures to \$41,218.00 from 2022 budgeted amount of \$41,000.00, in fund A-1910.4, account Unallocated insurance, Contr Expend.

Decrease expenditures to \$70,468.00 from 2022 budgeted amount of \$70,686.00 in fund A-1990.4, account Contingent, Contr Expend.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve Budget Transfer No. 1. Carried.

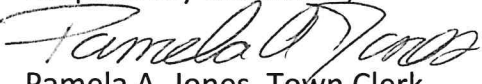
Interim Court Clerk Joann Young last day extension until January 12, 2022 -
MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to extend Joann Young Interim Court Clerk, last day of work to January 12, 2022. Carried.

ANNUAL Audit of Town Justices Records - Watkins and Hendrix will do the annual audit of Town Justices records. Will make a date with Court Clerk. A resolution of the audit will need to be approved at the February 2022 meeting

EMPLOYEE Handbook Discussion/Review - The board will meet on February 4, 2022 at 10:00am, at the Town Community Center to discuss the employee handbooks.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Sterling to adjourn at 6:50pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk

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