

Town of German Flatts Town Board Meeting
66 East Main Street Mohawk, New York 13407
July 24, 2019

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Sam Geloso, Councilman
Denny Mowers, Councilman
John Brewer, Councilman
Cindy Bennett, Councilwoman
Karl Manne, Attorney
Andrew Dutcher, Highway Superintendent
Pamela Jones, Town Clerk

See separate sign-in sheet:

July 24, 2019 monthly board meeting was called to order at 5:31 by Rovazzi.

MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Bennett to accept the June 26, 2019 minutes.
Carried.

Financial Reports

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Mowers to accept the Town Clerk's June 2019 report for \$1502.00. Carried.

MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Geloso to accept Judge Stone's June 2019 report for \$10,684.00. Carried.

MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Geloso to accept Judge Engert's June 2019 report for \$911.00. Carried.

MOTION by Geloso, seconded by Mowers to approve payment for a GFIM bill for \$394.65. Carried.

There were questions on the June 2019 treasurer's report, Rovazzi will contact Kim from Peters & Associates for information.

MOTION by Geloso, seconded by Mowers to pay bills as audited. Carried.

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Department Head Report:

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Mowers to enter into executive session at 5:43 pm for Town Hall personnel reason.

MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Brewer to exit executive session at 6:14 pm. Carried.

Rovazzi would like to see more communication from Codes if there is a problem with a building permit paper work to be issued to resident. Board would also like monthly reports of activity.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Mowers to receive reports from Codes with issues on permits, any violations and a monthly report of activities. Carried.

Town Park Gazebo – Rovazzi attended the July 11, 2019 Friends of Town Park meeting and reported that the members of friends are willing to pay for repairs to the gazebo.

New Sign at Community Center-

MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Geloso to locate new Community Center sign in front of Community Center. Carried.

Polka Fest will be held on Friday night, August 23, 2019 at Community Center

Highway Department Report-

Unemployment Insurance Contribution for personnel is \$3241.70.

NYMIR Assessment Report- Rovazzi received a letter from NYMIR with these recommendations. 1) Automatic fire detection at garage 2) inventory & warning signs and their location be maintained and periodic inspected by DPW 3) local law to supersede NY Town law 65-A 4) Town Clerk keep log of notifications Town receives regarding defects to roads or streets. 5) Drivers of trucks do pre-trip inspection. 6) LENS program with NYS DMV. 7) Master disconnect switch on all trucks and heavy equipment. 8) All employees complete and maintain a federal I 9 form in personal file. Response required within 60 days, on discussed highway items.

Loader Lease – New loader at a cost of \$174,301.75 minus a trade in of \$91,000.00 with Five Star, leaving a balance of \$83,301.75 with a 5 year lease. The Town of German Flatts will have the option to enroll the loader into auction should it not sell Five Star Equipment will allow the above stated price for trade allowance.

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MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Brewer to purchase new loader and put money received from sale or trade-in of old loader on purchase price. Carried.

Dutcher reported that all streets in Manion Heights have been paved.

Richfield Street Bridge – Rovazzi attended meeting on right away with DOT, Village of Ilion and C&S Engineers about easement through property on southeast side of Richfield Street

London Bridge update - Have Mike Steele weed eat around building and mow more often. Outside water spigot broken, Air condition in YWCA not working properly. We have had 1 inquiry on property so far.

Town Park Paving Plan - Plans have been approved by DOT, waiting on office of Parks & Recreation.

Town Park Trail Accessible Bathrooms – Plans should be received by Town by Friday, July 26, 2019.

Town Proposed Local Law #1, 2019 – Voting for authorizing Game of Chance by Authorized Organizations within the Town was passed with 36 voters for and 6 voters against new law.

Public Comment - 3 people spoke.

Old Business:

Manion Height DOH – All requirements have been satisfied. Herkimer water department will do all testing. Meter Calibration needs to be done on all meters every 15 years per DEC this is due to be done in 2020.

Budget adjustment

Fund A 1081.0 – other payment in lieu of taxes budgeted amount \$12,645.00 increased income to \$15,560.00. Fund A 9795.7 – Inter fund loans budget amount \$8,700.00 increased expense to \$11,615.00. To include PILOT not in original budget. 7/15/19

Fund DA 3089.0 ST. aid. Other budgeted \$.00 increased income to \$44,355.32. Fund DA5120.4 bridge, contr expend budgeted \$16,410.00 increased expense to \$60,765.00. To record income for grant reimbursement request. 7/15/2019

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Fund DA 2302.0 – snow removal service – other govt. budgeted \$100,000.00 increased income to \$101,070.00. Fund DA 9050.8- unemployment insurance, Emp bnft. budgeted \$.00 increased expense to \$1070.00. To increase budgeted income & record expenditure 7/15/19.

Fund A1410.4 Clerk, Contr Expend budgeted \$7,000.00 increase expense \$8,800.00.

Fund A1410.4 Clerk Pers Serv budgeted \$89,990.00 decrease expense \$88,318.00.

A9030.8 Social Security Employer Contr – budgeted \$38,780.00 decreased expense to \$38,652.00. To adjust expenditures for Clerk. 06/27/2019.

MOTION by Geloso, seconded by Brewer to accept budget adjustments. Carried.

FEMA Letter regarding (NFIP) - Rovazzi will contact codes officer Klimek to review this letter and respond to FEMA asap.

Town Park School House Bid - Town received only 1 bid on school house project. Rovazzi and Breiten both advise bid were to high. Rovazzi wants spec to have more details.

MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Brewer to reject bid received by Town for school house project. Carried.

PERMA Safety Coordinator & Committee - Rovazzi & Jones met with PERMA, need to form a safety committee & have a safety coordinator. Brewer volunteered to be coordinator and there will be 1 person from each department for committee.

Subdivision & Village Annexation – Mowers would like to annex some of his property into the Village of Mohawk at 141 Mower Lane. The property is west of Warren Road with approximately 215 feet of road frontage. Atty. Manne said he will need to file petition with Village of Mohawk and Town of German Flatts.

Ilion Water Department Agreement -

MOTION by Mowers, seconded by Geloso to approve 5 year (2018 – 2023) agreement between the Village of Ilion and Town of German Flatts for the supply of water service to the residents of the Town of German Flatts water districts. (see agreement)

Website Upgrades – Jones will contact Brian Keeler to see if Town's website could be upgraded and more mobile friendly.

SEQR (lead Agency) – Board tabled Village of Ilion Transmission Line, Canal Authority Earthen Embankment and NY Power Authority SEQR for lead agency until more information is collected.

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Motion by Brewer, seconded by Mowers to approve the making of 2 more keys to the Community Center. 1 for Jones and 1 extra for town Clerk's office. Carried.

Chuck Blauvelt will receive his regular hour wage plus mileage to supervise Town Park rentals.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Motion by Mowers, seconded by Bennett to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela A. Jones".

Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk
Town of German Flatts