

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street Mohawk, New York 13407
July 28, 2021

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
John Brewer, Councilman
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Ozzie Sterling, Councilman
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Andy Dutcher, Superintendent of Highway
Rich Sweeney, Codes Compliance Officer
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Pam Jones, Town Clerk

Absent: Jim Hawkins, Dog Control Officer

Public: 3 people, see separate sign in sheet

Meeting called to order by Rovazzi at 5:36. Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve June 23, 2021 minutes.
Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve the June 2021
Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Sterling to approve the Town Clerk's June
2021 report for \$1,287.00. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Engert's June
2021 report for \$1,499.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Stone's June 2021
report for \$10,279.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

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BILLS & TRANSFERS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to pay GFIM bill for \$404.10. Carried.
MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to pay bills as audited. Carried.

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY - Dutcher turned in his June 2021 report. Bob Blaisdell from Comp Alliance visited to inspect the Town's property for safety issues. Mr. Blaisdell was very impressed with the condition of the Highway Garage, Hendrix commended Dutcher and his guys for do such a great job. Dutcher reported 6 cemeteries have been mowed for the second time, will mow again at end of September. Rovazzi said to use his best judgment. Rovazzi received permission, from the owner of land that the Griffin Road Cemetery is on, to mow the cemetery, owner asking not to leave any branches or clipping on his property. Mr. Becker of Robinson Road asked to have Highway come and look at the drainage problem he is having, Dutcher will get in contact with Mr. Becker. Robert Christensen turn in his 2 week notice of resignation. Rob last day will be July 27, 2021.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to accept resignation of Rob Christensen. Carried.

Rovazzi said the Frederick Street Bridge curbs need attention and the road needs to be sealed Dutcher will look into this.

DOG CONTROL - Hawkins turned in his report.

CODES - Sweeney turned in updated report with 36 permits so far this year. A second letter, this time certified, was sent to home owner on Pine Bush Road concerning a mattress which has been on side of the road for some time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to open Public comment session. Carried.

Public Comment - No one spoke

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins to close Public Comment. Carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Empire State Ride - Brewer received a request to use the Town Gazebo as a rest area for the Empire State Bike Ride on July 28th, as the bikers pass through the Town Park via Corridor Trail there will be about 250 riders, raising money for cancer, riding from Albany to Buffalo.

Thank you letter from BOCES for the use of the Community Center for the LPN graduation.

OLD BUSINESS

Federal Single Audit RFP Approval - Town sent out 6 letters for quotes for a Federal Single Audit receiving 3 bids back.

The Bonadio Group	BST & Co. CPA's LLP	EFPR GROUP
Syracuse NY	Albany, NY	Williamsville, NY
not to exceed	not to exceed	not to exceed
\$10,500.00	\$8,750.00	\$5,500.00

Rovazzi talked with Kim Sanderson and Kathy Cloutier both liked the positive reviews that EFPR Group have.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to award the bid to EFPR Group for the Federal Single Audit. Carried.

London Bridge Progress Update -Renovations performed by Rovazzi and Blauvelt on London Bridge is near completion. Rovazzi extended extra thanks to Blauvelt for his dedicated assistance with the project. Lease agreement with the YWCA should be sign and received back by Friday, July 30th.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Richfield Street Bridge BAN Renewal - Town will need a renewal Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$165,00.00 to pay the Town's cover portion of the grant funds for the Richfield Street Bridge Project.

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MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve resolution for BAN to finance the cost associated with the replacement of the Richfield Street Bridge. Carried. AYS-5- Brewer, Hendrix, Watkins, Rovazzi , Sterling NAYS - 0

ARPA Funding Update - Town has received \$115,000.00 so far for the Pandemic Reimbursement. Rovazzi would like the Manion Heights Water meters to be top priority with this money. Town will have to investigate first on what the money can be used towards.

Dutcher commented that the Town of German Flatts signs coming into the Town are in need of repair. Rovazzi stated he would like to see signs on trail (Town of German Flatts Town Park) (Historic Fort Herkimer Church)

Concrete work needs to be done at Town Park apron to new bathroom in Community Center's basement and pad for sign out front.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to adjourn at 6:41. Carried

Next Board meeting is August 25, 2021 at 5:30pm Town Community Center

Respectful submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk

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