

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
June 22,2022

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
John Brewer, Councilman
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
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
Scott Hendrix, Councilman

Public: 6 people, see separate sign in sheet.

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

APPROVEL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Brewer to approve the May 25, 2022 minutes.
Carried.

FINANCIAK REPORTS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve the Treasurer's report for May 2022. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to approve the Town Clerk's May 2022 report for \$770.00. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Engert's May 2022 report for \$831.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Stone's May 2022 report for \$7,286.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

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BILLS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to pay GFIM bill for \$495.90. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY - Newtown reported a new snowplow chassis could take years to receive (2025), would like to repurpose the 2015 Mack snowplow chassis instead of ordering a new one. Highway has started milling and paving Warren and Bullion roads. Newtown has received 7 job applications, hopes to have someone hired by end of July.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to sell 1982 & 1985 Mack snowplows on Auction International. Carried.

GARAGE ROOF - Rovazzi reported bid packets for the Garage roof are available at the Town Clerk's Office. The sealed bids are due back by 2:00pm on July 12, 2022 at which time the bids will be open. All bidders must inspect the project before submitting a bid. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 1pm on June 30, 2022 at the Town garage.

JACK Fitzer asked why Town had cones on Second Street Bridge sidewalk. Newtown reported sidewalks were crumbling from water damage, hopes to have them fixed sometime next week.

DOG CONTROL - Hawkins turned in his June 2022 report. 3 Mohawk calls, 2 Ilion calls and a cat call from the Herkimer County Humane Society. Department of Agriculture and Markets completed their annual inspection this week with a satisfactory rating.

CODES - Sweeney reported 15 active permits. Very busy with inspections and phone calls.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NO one signed in to speak.

CORRESPONDENCE

COMPLAINT Regarding Neighboring Cats - Manion Heights residents Joe Franco and Louis Natarelli attended the meeting to complain about the feral cats in the neighborhood that their neighbors are feeding. The cats are causing harm to personal property and landscaping. Would like the Town to look into a resolution or law to

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prohibit residences from feeding feral cats. Brewer said board will ask other Towns how they handle this situation.

NEW BUSINESS

RICHFIELD Street Bridge Supplemental Agreement No. 3 -
MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve the Supplemental Consultant Agreement No. 3 on the project Richfield Street Bridge over Steele Creek. Carried.

SET Date for Public Hearing on VanDell Residence - Public hearing will be July 27, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the Town Community Center. Mrs. VanDell needs to send certified letters informing all property owners within 500 feet of where the single wide trailer is going to be located, of the public hearing 30 days prior to the public hearing.

FEDERAL Mileage Rate Change - As of July 1, 2022 the standard mileage rate will be 62.5 cents per mile.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve increase of mileage rate for Town to 62.5 cents per mile. Carried.

ADIRONDACK Bank Positive Pay Agreement -
MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Brewer to accept agreement with Adirondack Bank for Positive Pay, a fraud detection system for business customers. Carried.

FITZER asked board if they saw the National Grid ad in the Talk of the Town & Topics Magazine, about installing EV charging stations at little or no cost.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to enter into executive session at 6:15 along with Newtown to discuss highway personal. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to exit executive session at 7:33. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to adopt Employee Handbook with corrections made in executive session. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to adjourn at 7:40. Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Pamela A. Jones Town Clerk, Town of German Flatts