

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street Mohawk, New York 13407
June 24, 2020

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

Public: 6 people See separate sign in sheet.

Meeting call to order by Rovazzi at 5:31pm at the Community Center due to the coronavirus. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling to approve the May 27, 2020 minutes. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve the June 9, 2020 minutes, Brewer abstained. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve May 2020 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve May 2020 Town Clerk's report for \$855.50. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Engert's May 2020 report for \$1696.00. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Stone's May 2020 report for \$8399.00. Carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve payment of GFIM bill for \$869.40. Carried.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway - Dutcher reported the new truck he has been waiting 7 or 8 months for is here. Department is caught up with their CHIPS work and everything is running smoothly.

Dog Control - Hawkins reported a slow month of June. Sterling asked how complaints are handled, first I give owner a written warning then if not corrected I issue a ticket. Sterling asked if Town had a leash law, Hawkins answered he follows Article 7 of the Agriculture & Markets Law. When a complaint is called into Clerk's office they (Town Clerks) will have caller make out complaint form but will have caller call Hawkins first. Sterling would like to see Hawkins issue more tickets to owners who are late renewing their dogs licenses.

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Codes - Sweeney submitted building permit report also a record of mileage which can also be used as a record of activity. Sweeney is happy with the set up and help he is receiving from the offices at Town Hall.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins at 6:03 to enter into executive session to discuss litigation as it pertains to the Creekside Mobile Home Park. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to have Deputy Supervisor Fitzer join executive session. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling at 6:30 to exit executive session. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to open Public Comment session. Carried.
2 people spoke.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Jones received a phone call asking if civic groups needed to pay for the use of the Community Center. MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to charge \$75.00 for civic group rentals of Community Center. AYE Hendrix, Brewer, Watkins Rovazzi NAY Sterling. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Trash Day Date - Trash day will be postpone till further notice.

Codes officer Sweeney Interim Appointment -

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to appoint Richard Sweeney as Interim Codes Officer effected June 11, 2020 at a salary of \$10,000.00 a year. Carried.

Humane Society Invoice - The town received a bill from HCHS for \$1,172.45. Bill has a \$880.00 charge for daily fee at \$20.00 a day for 44 days. Hawkins called the Humane Society and was told they would charge for only 5 days (\$100.00) lowering the bill to \$392.45.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to authorize payment of HCHS bill when received in amount of \$392.45. Carried.

Health District Consolidation Finalization Status - Atty. Manne is waiting on paperwork from Frankfort so he can file both Frankfort and German Flatts to the County and State at the same time. If he does not receive paperwork from Frankfort by next Monday he will submit German Flatts' alone. There is nothing more the Town needs to do.

Local Law #1, 2020 - Rovazzi asked board to please review local law and make any changes and/or addition to the law as they would like. Hendrix would like to have Sweeney review law.

AED Device - Hendrix has contacted MOVAC and their AED suppliers and received 3 quotes, all within dollars of each other, ranging around \$1600.00. Hendrix will continue to investigate compatibility of AED with what MOVAC uses.

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NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Establishing Standard Work Day -

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to approve resolution establishing standard work day for NYS and Local Employees' Retirement System, based on record of activities maintained and submitted by employee.

Templeton Contracts -

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve resolution approving a contract with Thomas J. Breiten, Landscape Architect for professional service for construction contract administration and construction observation service at the Fulmer High Bank Failure Project. AYE - Brewer, Hendrix, Watkins, Sterling, Rovazzi. Carried.

Daimier Truck Agreement - The Daimier Truck agreement previously approved at the December 2019 meeting needs to be updated due to the fact that the Town has just received the truck. Everything in the contract is the same except the interest rate which is lower at 4.0320% down from 4.39%.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Rovazzi to accept new agreement with Daimier (lender is Mercedes-Benz Financial Service). Carried.

Resolution Accepting Justice Court Audit -

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve resolution accepting justice court audit of Judge Stone and Judge Engert. Carried.

Budget Adjustment #4 - Increase expenditures to \$46,000.00 from 2020 budget amount of \$11,000.00 in fund DB-5130.1, account Machinery, Pers Serv. Decrease expenditures to \$96,500.00 from 2020 budgeted amount of \$131,500.00 in fund DB- 5110.1, account Maint. of Streets, Pers Serv. This adjustment is to reclassify payroll.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve budget adjustment #4. Carried.

Sterling informed the board he attended the Radio Clubs' meeting, and they will be holding a simulated emergency condition demonstration on Kilts Hill Roan on June 27th and 28th this will be open to the public.

Next meeting Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at the Community Center at 5:30pm

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to adjourn meeting at 7:08pm. Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk
Town of German Flatts