

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 East Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
March 24, 2021

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

Absent: Rich Sweeney, Codes Compliance Officer

Public: 5 people, See separate sign in sheet.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Sterling to approve February 24, 2021 minutes. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve February 2021 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Rovazzi to approve the February 2021 Town Clerk's report for \$1,437.00. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Stone's February 2021 report for \$8,825.00. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Engert's February 2021 report for \$10.00. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to pay GFIM bill for \$419.25. Carried.

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

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OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY - Mileage report will start showing up on next months' Clifford Fuel bill. Dutcher was contacted by Herkimer County Health Department to see if they could use the Town Community Center as a site to give vaccinations, Dutcher will have them call the Town Office. The Board was ok with them using the facility.

DOG CONTROL - Hawkins turned in his March 2021 report. 6 calls in Mohawk, 3 calls in Ilion and 1 on Bell Hill. 5 days of phone calls.

CODES - Sweeney was absent. Rovazzi informed the board that Sweeney drafted a new floor plan of the south side of London Bridge (mammogram side).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to open the Public Comment Session. Carried

Tom Wiers spoke during this time (which should had been under Correspondence) asking the Board to consider putting a bike repair station on the trail near the Town Park, which would be donated by Dick's Wheel Shop and Tom Wiers, also to consider allowing bikers to tent at Town Park.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Rovazzi will submit AUD (Annual Financial Report) to the New York State Comptroller's Office. Report will be available for viewing at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Rovazzi has been in contact with a water treatment system distributor to help find the proper system for the Community Center's water problems.

Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Community Center June 30, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC EMPLOYER HEALTH EMERGENCY PLAN -

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to adopt the Public Employer Health Plan. Carried.

Trash day will be May, 15, 2021 8-11am at the Town Highway Garage. Town of German Flatts residents will need a permit which is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

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TOWN FACEBOOK PAGE - Board will contact Association of Towns for more information on social media policy.

GERMAN FLATTS POLO SHIRTS - Brewer will look into logo, style, color and price of shirts.

DOT AUDIT RFP AUTHORIZATION (REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL) - Rovazzi spoke with Kim Sanderson, Town's CPA, about completing the required single audit, due to expending over \$750,000.00 on the bridge project. Sanderson said her firm will not be able to perform the audit and that the Town would have to hire a separate firm to perform the audit. Atty. Manne will ask the Village of Mohawk who they have used in the past.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to send request for proposal to at least 3 accounting firms. Carried.

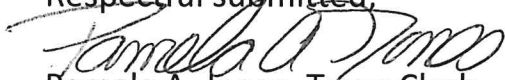
DOT ROW(RIGHT OF WAY) AGREEMENT- DOT wants timber frame barriers placed on the 4 corners of the Richfield Street Bridge for safety reasons, about 70sq. feet needs to be purchase. Property has a fair market value of \$100.00. Town and landowner will need to sign a Waiver Valuation Offer Letter & Settlement agreement and a Right of Entry giving permission to construct permanent timber guiderail.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to offer landowner \$400.00 to purchase the 70 sq. feet of property and an easement to install barriers.

Next meeting is April 28, 2021 at 5:30pm at the Town Community Center.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to adjourn at 6:31pm. Carried

Respectful submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk

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