

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting  
66 East Main Street Mohawk, New York 13407  
March 25, 2020

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor  
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor  
John Brewer, Councilman  
Scott Hendrix, Councilman  
Ozzie Sterling, Councilman  
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman  
Karl Manne, Town Attorney  
Pam Jones, Clerk

Meeting called to order by Rovazzi at 5:30pm. Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

Department Heads were asked not to attend meeting and there were no residents present due to the Coronavirus.

#### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to approve February 26, 2020 minutes. Carried.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve February 2020 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to approve Judge Stone's Treasurer's report for July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Engert's Treasurer's report for July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019. Carried.

#### BILLS AND TRANSFERS

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to accept Town Clerk's February 2020 report for \$602.00. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to accept Judge Stone's February 2020 report for \$8,875.00. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to accept Judge Engert's February 2020 report for \$3,975.00. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve payment of GFIM bill of \$477.90. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Brewer to pay bills with contingency on bill submitted by K. Brown. Carried.

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**OTHER REPORTS**

Sterling reported on the Friends of Town Park March 5, 2020 meeting. Frank Spatto, president of the Friends, has asked to have a key as an emergency contact with security company or to have a new call list formed. Spatto also is worried about renters using the stove and ovens and wants large refrigerator door locked during a rental. Board all agree refrigerator door will remain unlocked and Spatto does not need a key. Rovazzi has recently spoke with the Mohawk Fire Department and been informed that the Fire Department now has the knox box system available and ready for purchase. Rovazzi will talk to Mohawk Fire Department on purchasing a knox box. Friends are willing to do in kind services but not pay fully for equipment. Sterling would like to see if Highway Department could help with some of the work at Community Center. Rovazzi will talk to Dutcher. Community Center is in need of a septic pump, plumbing work and water filter system. Brewer said, he is all for working with the Friend but the Friends need to work with the Town. Friends need to submit a list of what they are going to contribute to Community Center. Sterling said he has asked for a copy of the Friends By- laws and still has not received them.

**DEPARTMENTS**

Dog Control Officer - Hawkins turned in his March 2020 report.

Justice – A court audit needs to be done by members of Town Board, Watkins and Hendrix will conduct audit as soon as court is back in session.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No new trash permits will be given out till end of April due to Coronavirus.

Comp Alliance Safety training as of today is still on for April 23, 2020 at Travelodge Inn in Little Falls.

**OLD BUISNESS**

Consolidated Health District Resolution -  
MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to pass resolution to dissolve Consolidated Health District with Village of Mohawk and have County of Herkimer assume responsibilities and duties. Carried. (see resolution)

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NEW BUSINESS

Richfield Street Bridge Bid Award -  
Bridge lowest bidder is approximately \$300,000.00 over DOT Funding Award amount. Town needs to pay 5% or \$127,500.00 of project which would make Town's total cost approximately \$427,500.00. Rovazzi is working with Michele Palmer of Templeton to find more money through grants or changing work order. Town may have to look into a long or short term bond . Manne said to pass BAN and/or bond resolution Town would need Permissive Referendum. Manne will research to see if Town can negotiate with lowest bidder to lower bid price.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to enter into executive session at 6:28pm. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to exit executive session at 6:55pm. Carried. Personnel (essential employees)

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to purchase copier for Assessors Office. Carried.

Next meeting Wednesday, April8, 2020 at 1:00pm CLOSED

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to adjourn at 7:02pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk  
Town of German Flatts