

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 East Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
May 25, 2022

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

Absent: Jim Hawkins, Dog Control

Public: 9 people, see separate sign in sheet.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling to approve the March 23, 2022 minutes. Watkins abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Rovazzi to approve the April 5, 2022 minutes. Hendrix abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve the April 27, 2022 minutes. Sterling and Brewer abstained. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve the April 2022 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to approve the Town Clerk's April 2022 report for \$1,311.50. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Engert's April 2022 report for \$1,775.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

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MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Stone's April 2022 report for \$11,831.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to pay GFIM bill for \$423.90. Carried.

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

ROVAZZI introduced Tim Carpenter of MRB Group the Town's engineer for the Mohawk Community Solar Project. Zack Lissard of US Light and Chris Koenig of C.T. Male Associates were present to have discussion on solar project. Attorney Manne informed Lissard & Koenig that the Town has hired an attorney and engineer, and advised them to deal with them directly for any paper work that needs to be done. Carpenter and Attorney from Knauf Shax will then keep Rovazzi, board and Atty. Manne informed.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to have solar project attorney draft up resolutions for SEQR and referrals.

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY - Jeromie La Barge resignation was received by Newtown effected May 9, 2022. Seasonal employee Jason Wellington last day of employment was extended to April 28, 2022. Roadwork is underway, Bullion and Warren Roads will be the first roads to be paved. Cemeteries have been mowed, Newtown said he hopes to mow them weekly.

DOG CONTROL - Hawkins was absent but did hand in his April 2022 report.

CODES - Sweeney reported 10 active, 5 pending and 1 closed out permits. 4 - 2021 permits given Compliance Certificates.

MAY 2022 Trash Day - Rovazzi reported the Town Clerks Office gave out 159 permits, with only 104 being used. \$76.00 was collected from tires dropped off.

GRIEVANCE DAY - Rovazzi reported Grievance Day was very quiet.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

NO one sign up to speak.

CORRESPONDENCE

LETTER from Herkimer County Bike Trail Supporters - Town received a letter from Thomas Wiers asking if the Town would be interested in purchasing 2 wave bicycle racks for the Town Park . Board was all in agreement that this would be an asset to the Town Park and Trail.

ILION Library - Rovazzi received a phone call from Shauna Bishop asking about the Town's yearly donation to the Ilion Library. Rovazzi said it was The Town's understanding all funding for the library was to come from the newly added library tax on all Central Valley School taxes. Rovazzi asked Bishop if the library could provide a strong justification as to how the Town could justify allocating additional taxpayer funding beyond the school tax.

OLD BUSINESS

LOCAL law Building & Fire Prevention - Sweeney and Atty. Manne have reviewed the purposed law and have made several changes. The revised purposed law will need to be reintroduced at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

STANDARD Workday and Reporting Resolution -
MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution. AYES- 5 Hendrix, Brewer, Watkins, Sterling & Rovozzi. NAYS- 0. Carried.

BUDGET TRANSFER #6 - To adjust contractual expenses.
Increase expenditures to \$20,000.00 from 2022 budgeted amount of \$15,000.00 in fund A-5132.4, account Garage, Contr Expend.

Decrease expenditures to \$60,730.00 form 2022 budgeted amount of \$65,730.00 in fund A-1990.4, account Contingent, Contr Expend.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve budget transfer #6. Carried.

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ED & ED Scanning Agreement -

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve agreement with Ed & Ed for Google accounts to send & receive mail from third party devices (copiers). Carried.

Computer Quotes -

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve the purchase of computers for the Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Receiver of Taxes and Supervisor. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to enter into executive session at 6:50pm to discuss Employee Handbook & highway personal. Carried.

Newtown was asked to enter executive session.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to exit executive session at 7:22pm. Carried.
Hendrix and Rovazzi will meet to discuss Employee handbook.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to adjourn meeting at 8:25pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk
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