

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting

66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407

May 31, 2023

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

Absent: Penny Watkins, Councilwoman

Public: 4 people attended, see sign-in sheet

MEETING called to order at 5:32 by Rovazzi at the Town Community Center. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve the April 25, 2023 minutes. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Sterling, seconded by Hendrix to approve the April 2023 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to approve the Town Clerk's April 2023 report for \$1,030.50. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Engert's April 2023 report for \$326.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Stone's April 2023 report for \$17,123.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to pay GFIM bill for \$433.65. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY – Newtown reported he has hired Rosario Pumilio as a MEO employee at the MEO probationary rate of \$21.54. Newtown will inform the Clerk's Office when Pumilio's probationary period is over. Newtown talked about purchasing 2 new trucks a F-350 and F-550.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to send a letter of intent for both trucks. Carried. Newtown reported all the sand and salt for next winter has been stacked. Highway rented a stacker to help with this project.

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DOG CONTROL – Hawkins reported 5 dog calls in Mohawk, 1 dog call in Ilion and 1 day of phone calls.

CODES – Sweeney reported 9 permits have been issued. 2 permits were sent back due to lack of information, 2 pending.

MAY 31, 2023 TRASH DAY – Rovazzi reported 158 permits were given out, with 118 permits used. \$206.00 was collected for tires dropped off and Town has not heard back on money for the metal dropped off.

COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT – Rovazzi reported work being done by Highway Department on Community Center parking lot to prepare it for blacktop.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to open Public Comment Session. Carried. No one spoke.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to close Public Comment Session. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

HERKIMER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY AGREEMENT – Herkimer County Humane Society did not welcome the edited agreement the Town returned.

Mr. Schrader asked the Town to please sign the agreement as they sent.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to sign the 5 years agreement with HCHS as sent by them. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

STANDARD WORKDAY RESOLUTION -

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve the Standard Workday Resolution. Carried.

MORATORIUM RESOLUTION -

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve 6 months extension on the moratorium (Local Law No. 3, 2022). Carried.

HENDRIX asked when work on the trail would be completed, Rovazzi reported by the end of next week, adding a bench had been damaged, which will be replaced by the company who damaged it (Tioga).

5-S east bound will be closed for work being done near Buell Gas Company, to put down a new drain pipe.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Sterling at 6:02 to enter into executive session to discuss a codes issue. Sweeney was asked to attend. Carried.

Sweeney exited executive session at 6:27.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to exit executive session at 7:21. Carried. No action taken.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to adjourn at 7:22. Carried.

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

