

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting  
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407  
November 17, 2021

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor  
John Brewer, Councilman  
Scott Hendrix, Councilman  
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman  
Ozzie Sterling, Councilman  
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor  
Rich Sweeney, Codes Officer  
Karl Manne, Town Attorney  
Pam Jones, Town Clerk  
Absent: Jim Hawkins, Dog Control  
Andy Dutcher, Highway Superintendent  
Public: 10 people, see separate sign in sheet.

MEETING called to order at 5:34 by Rovazzi . Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Brewer to approve the October 27, 2021 minutes. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve the November 8, 2021 budget workshop minutes. Carried.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to approve the October 2021 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to approve the Town Clerk's October 2021 report for \$500.66. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Engert's October 2021 report for \$3103.00. Carried.

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MOTION by Sterling, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Stone's October 2021 report for \$26,549.00. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to pay GFIM bill for \$404.10. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

DOG CONTROL - Hawkins turned in his November report (Nov.1 - Nov. 16)  
2 calls in Mohawk and 2 calls in Ilion with 2 days of phone calls.

CODES - Sweeney reported 48 building permits with 2 more pending.

Rovazzi reported furnace at London Bridge stopped working, needed a new ignitor, which he fixed. Radio Club asked that the Town furnish a new sink faucet and toilet fill valve for the radio room bathroom. Town's maintenance man had to clean entire bathroom before working and new fixtures could be installed. Rovazzi will install fixtures. Board discussed, and from now on, it will be the Radio Club's responsibility to clean the radio room and bathroom, seeing they are the only ones using the facilities and do not pay rent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to open public comment session.  
Carried.

NO one spoke.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Brewer to close public comment session .  
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Boy Scouts may be interested in using the Community Center for their meetings. Will be in contact with Rovazzi.

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Friends of Town Park will not have to pay for using the Community Center for Thanksgiving after church service, but will need to pay for Santa in December.

OLD BUSINESS

2022 Budget Filed with County - The 2022 Town budget has been filed with the County. Town was informed that the 2 delinquent water bills can not be re-leivied on to the 2022 Town and County Tax bill due to Governor's covid memorandum. Town will have amounts owed rolled over to the next billing.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING on Local Law No.4, 2021 - opting out of licensing and establishing cannabis dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments within the Town of German Flatts.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to open Public Hearing at 6:03.  
Carried.

Rovazzi told Board his feelings was to opt out at this time, stating the Village of Mohawk as opted out and Ilion was planning on doing the same. If Town opts out it can in the future opt in but once you opt in you no longer can opt out.

1 resident spoke stating opting out was a saver way to go.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to close Public Hearing at 6:06.  
Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to adopt Local Law No. 4, 2021.Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESCIND TAX CAP OVERRIDE LOCAL LAW #3,2021 - Attorney Manne said this was not necessary, but will review and report back.

VOTING DELEGATE & ALTERNAT FOR FEBRUARY AOT ANNUAL MEETING -  
MOTION by Sterling, seconded by Brewer to appoint Rovazzi as voting delegate and Hendrix as alternate. Carried.

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ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM TERRY SPILLANE AS OF 11/3/2021 -  
MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to accept resignation of Terry Spillane  
with regrets. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to approve the appointment of Mark  
Kenyon as fulltime Highway employee as of November 9, 2021. Carried.

ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM LAURA MADORE AS OF END OF DAY  
ON NOVEMBER 19, 2021.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Sterling to accept resignation of Laura Madore.  
Carried.

BUDGET TRANSFER #7 -

Increase expenditures to \$8,400.00 from 2021 budgeted amount of \$7,800.00 in  
fund A-1330.4, account Tax Collection, ContrExp.

Decrease expenditures to \$4,700.00 from 2021 budgeted amount of \$5,300.00 in  
fund A-1220.4, account Supervisor, ContrExp.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve budget transfer #7. Brewer  
abstained. Carried.

Sterling would like to see a smooth transfer of the Highway Superintendent  
position. He would like newly elected Highway Superintendent Newtown to have  
a meet and greet with all highway employees before first of year. Rovazzi said the  
highway department expressed that they would like to have a meeting to meet  
with Newtown as soon as feasible.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to adjourn the meeting at 6:29.  
Carried.

Next meeting is December 29, 2021, 5:30pm at Town Community Center.

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

