

Town of German Flatts Town Board Meeting
November 18, 2020

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
John Brewer, Councilman
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Ozzie Sterling, Councilman
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Richard Sweeney, Codes Officer
Jim Hawkins, Dog Control Officer
Laura Madore, Deputy Town Clerk

Absent: Pam Jones, Town Clerk, Andy Dutcher, Highway Superintendent

Public: 6
See separate sign in sheet

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Rovazzi at 5:35pm at the Town Community Center due to COVID restrictions.

Pledge of Allegiance said by all

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to accept October 28, 2020 minutes, Carried

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to accept November 12, 2020 budget meeting minutes, Carried

MOTION by Hendrix and seconded by Watkins to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2020, Carried

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to accept the Town Clerk's October, 2020 report for \$1,081.20, Carried

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to accept Judge Stone's October 2020 report for \$10,451.00, Carried

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to accept Judge Engert's October 2020 report for \$1,776.00, Carried

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve payment for the GFIM bill for October 2020 in the amount of \$379.80, Carried

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

Reports:

Other Reports

Department Head Reports

Highway Dept. Report

Animal Control Report – Hawkins reported 2 hours of dog calls, 4 1/2 hours phone calls to delinquent dog owners. Hawkins is working on writing another batch of tickets for delinquent licenses over a year old. The last batch of tickets worked well, only a few residents never come in to update their dog licenses.

Codes Report – Sweeney reported there are 31 opens permits and he has been checking on them. He is pursuing permits from last year and pursuing residents who have projects in the works without a permit issued.

Public Comment – A motion was made by Hendrix and seconded by Brewer to open public comment. Carried

- One person spoke

A motion was made by Brewer and seconded by Rovazzi to close public comment. Carried

Correspondence:

Peacemakers Quilt Guild – Keri Lee Newkirk spoke on behalf of the group asking for use of the Community Center Hall and to show the Board what the organization is about and who benefits from their group. This is a not for profit group and all quilts made are donated to various organizations (police, nursing homes, veteran's, women's shelters). They do not sell any of the items, completely donated to all that are in need. They hold their meetings one Monday a month with a sew class before the meeting and one Saturday a month. They occasionally do a sew class for children and the children get to take their items home. The meetings are only held from September to June. They do not hold meeting during the summer. The guild carries liability insurance. They are looking to begin meeting in January 2021. Rovazzi stated the Board will make a final decision on the cost for all civic, not for profit groups in the December Board meeting

and get back to the group. Hendrix stated that the Town Park agreement will be updated after the December Board meeting. Sterling requested a copy of the guild by laws.

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Old Business:

2021 Budget Filed with County

Community Center Rental Agreement- The Board had a discussion about putting set fees for civic, not for profit organizations and using one contract if the organization plans to use on a long term commitment. The fees and the agreement will be finalized in December at the Board Meeting.

New Business:

Budget Transfer #11 – A motion was made by Hendrix and seconded by Brewer to increase expenditures for the Legislative Board, Per. Serv from 2020 budgeted amount of \$26,100 to \$26,800 in fund A1010.1 Carried

- Increase expenditures for the Social Security, Employer Contr from 2020 budgeted amount of \$35,817 to \$35,871 in fund A9030.8
- Decrease expenditures for the Hospital & Medical Ins. Empl. Ben. from the 2020 budgeted amount of \$318,469 to \$317,715 in fund A9060.8.

Budget Transfer #12 – A motion was made by Hendrix and seconded by Brewer to increase expenditures for the Assessment Contr Expend from 2020 budgeted amount of \$4,950 to \$5,750 in fund A1355.4.

Decrease expenditures for the Refuse & Garbage, Cont Expend form 2020 budgeted amount of \$6,700 to \$5,900 in fund A8160.4. Carried

Voting Delegate for February 2021 Annual Business Meeting – A motion was made by Brewer and seconded by Hendrix to nominate Supervisor Rovazzi as the delegate for the February 2021 Annual Business Meeting and Councilman Hendrix as the alternate.

Budget Note-BAN Payment/Renewal – A motion was made by Hendrix and seconded by Sterling for Rovazzi to pay off the BAN in full for the 2020 payment of \$31,600 and 2021 payment of \$31,600 for a total payment in the amount of \$63,200.

Budgeted Transfer #13 – A motion was made by Brewer and seconded by Watkins to increase expenditures for Sales Tax from 2020 budgeted amount of \$65,000 to \$96,600 in fund B1120.0

- Increase expenditures from the Other Debt, Principle from 2020 budgeted amount of \$31,600 to \$63,200 in fund B9789.6. Carried

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Executive Session: A motion was made by Rovazzi and seconded by Brewer to open Executive session, Carried

- Highway Personnel – No action taken.

A motion was made by Hendrix and seconded by Brewer to close executive session. Carried

Adjournment:

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to adjourn at 7:33pm, Carried

Next Board Meeting, December 16, 2020 at 5:30 held in the Town Community Center due to COVID restrictions.

Respectfully submitted by,

Laura Madore
Deputy Town Clerk