

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
October 27, 2021

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
John Brewer, Councilman
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Ozzie Sterling, Councilman
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Jim Hawkins, Dog Control Officer
Rich Sweeney, Codes Officers
Kark Manne, Town Attorney
Pam Jones, Town Clerk

Absent: Andy Dutcher, Highway Superintendent

Public: 8 people, see separate sign in sheet

Meeting call to order by Rovazzi at 5:33. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Brewer to approve September 29, 2021 minutes. Hendrix abstained. Carried

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins to approve October 13, 2021 budget workshop minutes. Hendrix abstained. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve Treasurer's September 2021 report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve September 2021 Town Clerk's report for \$892.25. Carried.

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MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Engert's September 2021 report for \$1,668.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Stone's September 2021 report for \$21,250.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Sterling, seconded by Hendrix to pay GFIM bill for \$379.80. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

Dog Control - Hawkins turned in his September 2021 report. 5 calls in Mohawk and 10 calls in Ilion. Hawkins will start November 1, 2021 as Dog Control for the Village of Ilion.

Codes - 48 permits out with 4 pending. Sweeney has sent out several letters to resident who built without a permit.

Trash Day Report - Clerk's Office gave out 168 permit, 100 were actually used. \$136.00 was collected from the 34 tires turned in.

Highway Garage Roof - Rovazzi and Brewer were made aware while at Trash Day that the garage roof was leaking. Sterling and Rovazzi will meet tomorrow at the garage to investigate the damage of the roof.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to open Public Comment session. Carried. 1 person spoke.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins to close Public Comment session. Carried.

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OLD BUSINESS

Hendrix reported Herkimer County Sheriff Scott Scherer will forward a draft Proposal of Security for Town's DA court nights (2 nights a month).

PUBLIC HEARING - 2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to open Public Hearing on the 2022 Preliminary Budget at 6:00pm. Carried.

Rovazzi asked if there were any question and/or comments on the budget .
(none). Town has stayed under the tax cap.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to close Public Comment session at 6:02. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Date For Budget Adoption - The Board will meet on November 8, 2021 at 2:00pm at the Town Community Center to adopt the 2022 Town of German Flatts Budget.

Introduction of Local Law No. 4, 2021 -

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to hold a 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, on November 17, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Town Community Center, 555 State Route 5-S Mohawk. Carried.

Codes Officer Appointment Certification -

Sweeney passed his civil service Code Enforcement Officer exam with a final exam rating of 100.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to appoint Richard Sweeney permanent Competitive Codes Officer for the Town of German Flatts. Carried.

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Social Media Policies -

Brewer introduced 2 policies to the board 1 titled Town of German Flatts Website and Social Media Policies the other Social Media/Networking Policy.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to adopt both policies. Carried.

Both of these policies will be needed to be signed by all employees, and added to the employees hand books.

Harassment & Discrimination Annual Training Webinar -

The next webinar is November 10, 2021 at 9am.

Manion Height Water District -

Rovazzi has been in contact with the Herkimer water Department about the water meters they use (which Mohawk & Ilion also use) still has question concerning annual fees.

Next meeting November 8, 2021 Adoption of budget

November 17, 2021 Monthly Board meeting & public hearing on
Local Law No. 4, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk

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