

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
October 28, 2020

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
John Brewer, Councilman
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Andy Dutcher, Highway Superintendent
Rich Sweeney, Codes Compliance Officer
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Pam Jones, Town Clerk

Absent: Ozzie Sterling, Councilman (phone conference)
Jim Hawkins, Dog Control

Public: 6 people, see separate sign in sheet.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Rovazzi at the Town Community Center due to the Coronavirus. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Rovazzi turned the floor over to Deputy Supervisor Fitzer. Fitzer stated that an agreement has been made to terminate all legal action between the Town of German Flatts and the Jaquishes, stating Codes said they (Jaquish) were in compliance to open Creekside Mobile Home Park.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to give Fitzer authorization as Deputy Supervisor to sign on behalf of the Town, the agreement between Town and Jaquish. Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve the September 2020 minutes. Carried. Brewer abstained.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve the October 14, 2020 budget workshop minutes. Carried. Hendrix abstained.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve the October 21, 2020 budget workshop minutes. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve the September 2020 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to approve the September 2020 Town Clerk's report for \$856.50. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Engert's September 2020 report for \$893.00. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Stone's September 2020 report for \$13,384.50. Carried.

BILLS & TRANSFERS

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

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

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OTHER REPORTS

Highway - Dutcher reported all is going well and he and his guys are getting ready for winter.

Dog Control - Hawkins was absent but did turn in his monthly report.

Codes - Sweeney turned in his monthly report with updated 2020 permits, with about 29 permits out.

Trash Day - Rovazzi reported 107 permits were turned on Saturday, along with 6 tires at \$4.00 each and a check was received from SIMS Metal Management for \$258.93 for the scrap metal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Community Center Rental Agreement - Rovazzi asked board to review the new agreement and propose any changes they would like at the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW NO. 3, 2020 TAX CAP

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to open the public hearing at 6:00pm for Local Law No. 3, 2020. Carried.

Rovazzi informed the board that as budget stands now, Town is only \$84.00 over the tax cap, which could change before budget is adopted. Asked if anyone had questions. No questions were asked.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to close the public hearing at 6:01pm. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins to adopt Local Law No. 3, 2020. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendment - To increase CHIPS income and expenditure for new truck purchased. Numeral error, as with adjustment of budget amendment #7.

Increase revenue to \$143,359.00 from budgeted amount of \$143,289.00 in fund DB-3501.0 account St. Aid, Consolidated Highway.

Increase expenditures to \$54,299.00 from budgeted amount of \$54,229.00 in fund DB-9785.6 account Dept. Principle, Install Purch.

Formula was used to calculate increase in revenues to be in compliance with NYS Comptroller requirements.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve budget amendment #9. Carried.

Budget Transfer #10 - Increase expenditures to \$8,800.00 from 2020 budgeted amount of \$8,200.00 in fund A-1330.4 account Tax Collection, Contr Exp.

Decrease expenditures to \$5,400.00 from 2020 budgeted amount of \$6,000.00 in fund A-1220.4 account Supervisor, Contr. Exp.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve budget transfer #10. Carried.

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Delinquent Water Bill Resolution -

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve resolution to hereby authorize all delinquent water account charges in the Manion Heights Water District not paid by October 31, 2020 be sent to Herkimer County for collection on the 2021 Town and County tax bills. Carried. AYES - 4 NAYS - 0

PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2021

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to open public hearing at 6:15pm on 2021 Preliminary Budget. Carried.

Rovazzi ask if there were any question on proposed budget. No questions asked.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to close public hearing at 6:16pm. Carried.

The date to adopt the 2021 budget was set for November 12, 2020 at 2:00pm, at the Town Community Center.

Rovazzi informed the board that he met with 5 members of the Canal Corporation to walk the trail between MOVAC and the Town Park to look at the damage along the trail. Canal Corp. will do an assessment on damaged trail and hopefully return with an answer to repair the trail in the spring. Rovazzi stated the Town may have to repair fence or install temporary fencing for the safety of the walkers before the Canal Corp. responds.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to enter into executive session at 6:18pm with Dutcher and Atty. Manne to discuss a highway personnel matter. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to exit Executive session at 7:05. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to adjourn at 7:06pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk
Town of German Flatts