

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
September 27, 2023

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

Public: 10 people attended, see sign-in sheet

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

CORRESPONDENCE

DAN CLAYTON – Dan Clayton gave a presentation on historical preservation. Talked about the wars of the Mohawk Valley and the history that took place right at our Town Park. Clayton introduced Mike Disolette and recommended using him as a resource person to help with funding the Comprehensive Plan.

Mike Disotelle said we need to use local history archives for educational purposes, where the people can relate to the subjects. Both of these men would like to be engaged in the Town's Comprehensive planning process.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW NO. 1, 2023 TAX CAP OVERRIDE

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins to open the Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1, 2023 at 6:04. Carried.

Rovazzi reported the Town will not be going over the tax cap. There were no comments.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Sterling to close the Public Hearing at 6:05. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to adopt Local Law No.1, 2023 Tax Cap Override. Carried.

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NYCLASS VIRTUAL PRESENTATION – (New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System) Kathy Saville, Investment Service Director gave a presentation on short term, liquid investment fund designed specifically for public sector.

CYNTHIA BENNETT HEALTH INSURANCE – Bennett handed out updated rates for Excellus BCBS and introduced Kate who gave a presentation on HUMANA Medicare Advantage Plan.

HAYLOR-FRYER & COON HEALTH INSURANCE – Tom Augostini spoke about question on Humana and comments that Bennett had made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve the August 23, 2023 minutes. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve the August 2023 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Sterling to approve the Town Clerk's August 2023 report for \$1,345.50. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Engert's August 2023 report for \$1,352.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Stone's August 2023 report for \$19,903.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to pay GFIM bill for \$479.49. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY – Newtown reported paving program went well with 225 hours of shared services. He will have a written report next month.

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Dale Johnson has been hired effective September 5, 2023 as a HEO with a \$21.54 probation rate. Johnson was appointed Deputy Highway Superintendent effective September 19, 2023.

DOG CONTROL – Hawkins reported 4 calls in Mohawk and 1 day of writing tickets. Hawkins turn in his letter of intent to retire on October 31, 2023 this will be his last day.

CODES – Sweeney reported 24 permit have been given out. Sweeney would like to consolidate the list of names for the Comprehensive Plan. Town needs to show that they are making progress, need to set up community meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to open Public Comment session. Carried. 2 people spoke.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NYS DEFERRED COMP APPROVAL –

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to change the Town's Deferred Comp to NYS Deferred Comp. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

GERI HENDRIX REAPPOINTMENT –

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Sterling to reappoint Geri Hendrix to a 5 year term on the Board of Assessment Review. Scott Hendrix abstained. Carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DELINQUENT WATER BILLS BE SENT TO COUNTY –

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve resolution to authorizes all delinquent water accounts of the Manion Heights Water District #1 be sent to Herkimer County for collection on the 2024 Town and County tax bills. Carried.

2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET – Jones presented to the Town Board the 2024 tentative budget.

SET DATE FOR 2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP – October 3, 2023, at 1:30pm at the Town Community Center, 555 State Route 5-S, Mohawk.

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SET DATE FOR PRELIMINARY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – Public hearing will be 7:00pm on October 25, 2023 at the Town Community Center 555 State Route 5-S, Mohawk,

BUDGET TRANSFER NO. 9 – To record grant received and allocation to comprehensive plan.

Increase revenue to \$18,000.00 from 2023 budgeted amount of \$0.00 in fund B-3089.0, account St. Aid, Other.

Increase expenditures to \$23,000.00 from 2023 budgeted amount of \$5,000.00 in fund B-8010.4, account Zoning, Contr Expend.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve budget transfer No. 9 Carried.

BUDGET TRANSFER NO. 10 – To reclassify expenditures.

Increase expenditures to \$201,525.00 from 2023 budgeted amount of \$140,000.00 in fund DB-5110.4 account Maint of Streets, Contr Expend.

Decrease expenditures to \$100,000.00 from 2023 budgeted amount of \$161,525.00 in fund DB-5112.4 account Perm Improve Highway, Contr Expend.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve budget transfer No. 10. Carried.

ASSESSOR POSITION -

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix at 7:50 to enter into executive session for personnel reasons. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer at 8:55 to exit executive session. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve the Humana/Bronz 4 insurance plans for the Town's health insurance. Carried.

MOTION by Sterling, seconded by Watkins to appoint Haylor, Freyer & Coon as the Town's Insurance broker. AYES Sterling, Watkins Rovazzi NAYS Brewer, Hendrix. Carried.

NYCLASS –Rovazzi reported that he learned of the investment program during a training conference he attended in NYC. Rovazzi continued to further research the investment details and how the funds are federally secured as part of his fiduciary duty. Rovazzi stated he has openly discussed his intention to join the investment program with local banks as he values the working relationship that exists between Town and the

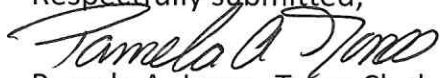
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local bank. The bank quoted rates for short term CD's that were less percentage interest than this program and the NYCLASS funds are liquid at any time.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve Town participating in the NYCLASS program. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix at 9:04 to adjourn. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela A. Jones".

Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk
Town of German Flatts