

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
September 29, 2021

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
John Brewer, Councilman
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Ozzie Sterling, Councilman
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Andy Dutcher, Superintendent Highways
Jim Hawkins, Dog Control Officer
Rich Sweeney, Codes Compliance Officer
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Pam Jones, Town Clerk
Absent: Scott Hendrix, Councilman

Public: 6 people, see separate sign in sheet.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Watkins. seconded by Brewer to approve August 25, 2021 minutes. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling to approve August 2021 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to approve August 2021 Town Clerk's report for \$1256.50. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Engert's August 2021 report for \$710.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Stone's August 2021 report for \$13,739.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

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BILLS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve payment of GFIM bill for \$475.47. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

Highway - Dutcher reported cemeteries have all been mowed for last time this season. Mr. Becker's water drainage problem has been taken care of and sand is all in for winter.

Dog Control - Hawkins turn in his September 2021 report, 3 calls in Mohawk and 15 calls in Ilion. Hawkins will do a test run as Dog Control Officer for the Village of Ilion till the end of year, before deciding if he want to take the job permanently.

Codes - Sweeney reported he has 41 permits out with 5 more pending.

Rovazzi reported the DOH has required a water test before installing a new water filtration system at a cost of \$410.00 at the Community Center. Leak in Community Center roof appears to be from loose screws which are in the process of being repaired/checked along with the attic exhaust fan replacement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up to speak.

CORRESPONDENCE

Comp Alliance safe Workplace Award For 2020 - Town received a letter from Comp Alliance announcing the Town has qualified for the Comp Alliance Safe Workplace Award during policy year 2020. Town also received a check for \$2,703.00

OLD BUSINESS

Trash Day is October 16, 2021, 8 - 11am at Highway Garage.

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Cannabis Discussion - Attorney Manne will draft up Local Law No.4, 2021 to be introduced at next month's board meeting if the Board decides to opt out of allowing retail dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis consumption establishments to locate and operate within their boundaries.

NEW BUSINESS

Tentative Budget - Jones gave Board Members the tentative budget for 2022. Budget workshop date will be October 12, 2021 at 5:30pm at the Town Community Center, 555 State Route 5-S Mohawk.

Preliminary Budget is set for October 27, 2021. Legal notice will be needed to be placed in Time-Telegram about public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW NO. 3, 2021

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to open the public hearing at 6:00pm on Local Law No. 3, 2021 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in the General Municipal Law 3-C. Carried.

No one had any comments.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins to close public hearing at 6:05. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Brewer to approve Local Law No. 3, 2021. Carried.

JCAP Resolution Approval -

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Brewer to approve resolution endorsing the application for funds through the 2021 -2022 Justice Court Assistance Program requesting \$30,000.00 for enhancing current court facilities. Carried.

Resolution Delinquent Water Bills -

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Rovazzi to approve resolution to send delinquent Manion Height water bills to Herkimer County for collection on the 2022 Town and County Tax bills. Carried.

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Set New Dates For November And December Meetings -

November's meeting will be November 17, 2021 at 5:30pm at the Town Community Center due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

December's meeting will be December 29, 2021 at 5:30pm at the Town Community Center due to the Christmas holiday.

Harassment and Discrimination Annual Training webinar is October 12, 2021.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer at 6:10 to enter into executive session to discuss employee salary. Carried.

MOTION by Sterling, seconded by Watkins at 6:53 to exit executive session. Carried.

Sterling wants ALL department heads to attend all Town Board meetings and stay till after the Public Comment session.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Brewer to adjourn at 6:56pm. Carried,

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk
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