

Town of German Flatts Town Board Meeting
May 26, 2021

PRESENT: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
Ozzie Sterling, Councilman
Jim Hawkins, Dog Control Officer
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Andy Dutcher, Highway Superintendent
Rich Sweeney, Codes Officer
Laura Madore, Deputy Town Clerk

ABSENT: John Brewer, Penny Watkins, Pam Jones

PUBLIC: 7
See separate sign in sheet

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Rovazzi at 5: 40pm

Pledge of Allegiance said by all

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to accept April 28, 2021 minutes, Carried

MOTION by Hendrix and seconded by Sterling to approve April 2021 Monthly Financial Report, Carried

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to accept the Town Clerk's April 2021 report for \$1341.00, Carried

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to accept Judge Stone's April 2021 report for \$16,700.00, Carried

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to accept Judge Engert's April 2021 report for \$599.00, Carried

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to approve payment for the GFIM bill for April 2021 in the amount of \$408.00, Carried

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to pay audited bills, Carried
REPORTS:

HIGHWAY DEPT. REPORT

Agreement between the Town Superintendent of the Town of German Flatts, Herkimer County, New York, and the Town Board, Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for repair and

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improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. General Repairs: The sum of \$48,484.00 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 25 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or renewal thereof. Permanent Improvements: The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways:
2. Permanent Improvements: The following sums shall be set aside to be extended for the permanent improvements of Town highways:
 - (a) On the road commencing at 52850' and leading to 8520', a chip seal distance of 1 mile, there shall expended not over the sum of \$106, 000. MORTZ ROAD
 - (b) On the road commencing at 5150 and leading to chip seal x2, a distance of 5150 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$25,000. MILLER ROAD

Motion by Hendrix and seconded by Sterling to approve 284 Agreement, Carried

DOG CONTROL

Hawkins made 15 Ilion calls, 1 Mohawk call and wrote 22 tickets

CODES OFFICER

Codes Officer is requesting all minimum permit fees be increased from \$25 to \$50
This was tabled until all board members are in attendance.

Motion to open public comment at 6pm was made by Hendrix and seconded by Rovazzi.

Public Comment – None

Motion to close public comment at 6:01pm was made by Rovazzi and seconded by Sterling.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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OLD BUSINESS:

Trash Day – May 15, 2021 Report –

- 235 permits issued
- 157 permits turned in
- 42 tires - \$169.00

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London Bridge Flooring Quotes

Building still need a little more work to be ready for the YWCA to lease the front end of the building. The YWCA will be occupying the entire building when the building renovations are complete. A new lease will be done July 2021.

3 quotes for flooring have been received:

- Mike's Flooring – Whitesboro - \$9,200
- Johnson's Flooring – Herkimer - \$7,452
- Meelan's Flooring – Utica - \$5,490

Motion by Hendrix and seconded by Sterling to accept the quote from Johnson's Flooring for \$7,452, as it had the specific materials requested by the Town for the flooring with the contingency on a timely completion of the project. Town is requesting the flooring installed prior to July 1, 2021. Carried

Cemetery Mowing

Dutcher stated mowing will be complete before Memorial weekend. Mowing of the cemeteries will be done by highway dept. as time permits.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Park Rules & Regulations Sign

Dusk to Dawn, No Overnight Parking. Town Board needs to develop what rules to be implemented for the Town Park sign. Discussion was tabled until all Board members are in attendance.

Solar Introductory - Councilman Hendrix introduced Local Law No. 1, 2021, for the purpose of establishing regulations concerning solar energy systems within the Town. Upon motion of Councilman Hendrix, seconded by Councilman Sterling, the following resolution was introduced.

Local Law No. 1, 2021 – Be It Resolved by the Town Council of the Town of German Flatts, New York, as follows:

That pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, a public hearing on said proposed Local Law No. 1, 2021 for the purpose of establishing regulations concerning solar energy systems shall be held on the 23rd day of June, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Town Community Center at 555 Rt. 5-s, Mohawk, NY, and that notice of the time and place of such hearing describing the general terms of the proposed local law be published once on or before the 18th of June, 2021, in the Times Telegram and a copy of said notice together with a copy of the said proposed Local Law No. 1, 2021, be posted on the Town Clerk's sign board on or before the 18th of June, 2021.

The foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

AYES: 3
NAYS: 0

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Local Law No.2, 2021 - Councilman Hendrix introduced Local Law No. 2, 2021, for the purpose of establishing and requiring permit applications to fund an escrow account for the payment of professional services required to properly review submitted applications.

Upon motion of Councilman Hendrix, seconded by Councilman Sterling, the following resolution was introduced.

Local Law No. 2, 2021 – Be It Resolved by the Town Council of the Town of German Flatts, New York, as follows:

That pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, a public hearing on said proposed Local Law No. 2, 2021 for the purpose of establishing s and requiring permit applications to fund an escrow account for the payment of professional services required to properly review submitted applications shall be held on the 23rd day of June, 2021 at 6:15pm at the Town Community Center at 555 Rt. 5-s, Mohawk, NY, and that notice of the time and place of such hearing describing the general terms of the proposed local law be published once on or before the 18th of June, 2021, in the Times Telegram and a copy of said notice together with a copy of the said proposed Local Law No. 1, 2021, be posted on the Town Clerk's sign board on or before the 18th of June, 2021.

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Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution –

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of German Flatts, Location Code 30062 hereby establish the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the State of New York and Local Employees Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the records of activities by these officials to the clerk of this body.

Motion to approve Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution by Rovazzi and seconded by Hendrix, Carried

Computer IT Ransomware Protection

Brian Keeler submitted the quote from Endpoint Protection Server to cover all PC's for the Town of German Flatts. This is a yearly renewal subscription to cover the following PC's:

Assessor – 1 server 3 CPUs

Town – 4 CPUs

Taxation – 1 CPU

Court – 3 CPUs

Motion to approve Endpoint Ransomware for \$1,248.00 by Hendrix and seconded by Rovazzi, Carried

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Budget Transfers:

#1 – 2021 Budget Transfer – B9040.8 – Worker's Comp., Employee Benefits, budgeted amount \$1,095, amended amount \$2,994 increase expenditures.

B1120.0 – Sales Tax – Budgeted amount \$65,000, amended amount to \$66,899 increase revenue.

Motion to approve 2021 – 1 Budget Transfer was made by Hendrix and seconded by Rovazzi, Carried

#2 – 2021 Budget Transfer – DA9040.8, Worker's Compensation Employee Benefit, budgeted amount \$6,144, amended amount \$16,150 increase expenditures.

DA2302.0 – Snow Removal Services – Other Gov't – Budgeted amount \$102,000, amended amount \$112,006 increase revenue.

Motion to approve 2021 – 2 Budget Transfer was made by Rovazzi and seconded by Hendrix, Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Next Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 5:30 held at the Town Community Center, unless a Virtual Meeting Requirement is deemed necessary.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Sterling to adjourn at 6:52pm, Carried

Respectfully submitted by,

Laura Madore
Deputy Town Clerk