

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
October 25, 2023

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Ozzie Sterling, Councilman
John Brewer, Councilman
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Carmen Newtown, Highway Superintendent
Jim Hawkins, Dog Control
Rich Sweeney, Codes
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Nancy Pollak, Deputy Town Clerk

Absent: Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
Pam Jones, Town Clerk

Public: 5 people attended, see sign in sheet

MEETING called to order by Rovazzi at 6:30 at the Town Community Center. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Sterling, seconded by Rovazzi, to approve the September 27, 2023 minutes. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer, to approve the October 3, 2023 minutes. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Rovazzi, to amend August 23, 2023 minutes to include Jack Fitzer, present. Carried. *

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling, to approve the September 2023 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Sterling, to approve the Town Clerk's September 2023 report for \$1022.82. Carried.

40

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
October 25, 2023

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Sterling, to approve Judge Engert's September 2023 report for \$440.00. Carried

MOTION by Sterling, seconded by Rovazzi, to approve Judge Stone's September 2023 report for \$7454.00. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling, to pay GFIM bill in the amount of \$427.05. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

Highway – Newtown reported has not yet completed the summer report, but will have it ready for next meeting. He also reported they were gearing up for the winter. Cole Olivadoti has resigned, effective October 27, 2023 to take a job with New York State.

Dog Control – Hawkins reported 4 calls in Mohawk and 2 calls in Ilion. He was given a plaque to show appreciation for his service to the applause of all.

Codes – Sweeney reported that 29 permits have been given out. Sweeney stated he has been in training in Albany for the last 3 days so it's possible that number isn't up to date. Sweeney said he is addressing property maintenance issues with the help of the Herkimer County Health Department.

Deferred Compensation conversion will be effective December 1, 2023 from Nationwide to New York State Deferred Compensation Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

41

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
October 25, 2023

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to open public comment session. No one wished to speak.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Rovazzi stated there was none this month.

TRASH DAY

Rovazzi stated that 178 permits were issued, 116 citizens attended, \$108.00 was collected in tire fees. Scrap metal revenue was not back yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Comp Alliance – It was discussed that there are 1, 2 and 3 year options. Sterling suggested 2 years, Rovazzi agreed. Sterling then made a MOTION for 2 years and Brewer seconded it. Carried.

Town Court Resolution – The Town of Warren's request for consolidation of its court with the Town of German Flatts Court was discussed. As of December 31, 2023, The Town of Warren will no longer have a judge nor a Court Clerk. They are looking to consolidate as they are having trouble filling these positions. Sterling stated that additional hours for manpower will be necessary. MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling to adopt the "Joint Resolution in Support of a Shared Justice Court Plan" (see attached). Carried.

Moratorium, Local Law #2 of 2023, regarding the installation of solar systems within the Town of German Flatts. MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling. Carried.

42

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
October 25, 2023

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Transfer # 11 10/24/23 To record additional sales tax income & increase expenditures:

Increase Revenue \$371910.00 from 2023 budgeted amount of \$255,000.00-DB1120.0 Sales Tax

Increase Expenditures \$318435.00 from 2023 budgeted amount of \$201525.00-DB5110.4 Maint of Streets, Contr Expend

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling to accept transfer # 11. Carried.

2024 Budget Adoption:

It was discussed that the new budget adoption will take place at the next board meeting, which will be Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 5:30 pm, at the Town Community Center.

The Preliminary Budget Public Hearing – at 7:10 pm Rovazzi made a motion to open, seconded by Brewer. It was stated that there is no tax increase. Brewer made a motion to close, seconded by Rovazzi. Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL – MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Rovazzi to enter session at 7:15 pm. Also attending the executive session for personnel was Councilman Sterling and Town Attorney Manne. At 8:16 the group came out of executive session.

The following was decided in executive session: Dog Control position – It was discussed and agreed on by all to appoint David Moynihan as new Dog Control Officer, effective November 1, 2023 at \$7500.00 per year. MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling.

The Town of German Flatts will enable part time employees to obtain health and dental insurance at full cost to them. MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Rovazzi. Carried.

43
4
Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
October 25, 2023

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling to adjourn. Carried.

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
October 25, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pollak, Deputy Town Clerk
Town of German Flatts