

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
August 25, 2021

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
John Brewer, Councilman
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Ozzie Sterling, Councilman
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Jim Hawkins, Dog Control Officer
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Pam Jones, Town Clerk

Absent: Rich Sweeney, Codes Compliance Officer
Andy Dutcher, Superintendent of Highways (vacation)

Public: 15 people, see separate sign-in sheet

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to accept the July 28, 2021 minutes. carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve July 2021 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve Town Clerk's Treasurer's report for January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Stone's Treasurer's report for January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021. Brewer Abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Engert's Treasurer's report for January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021. Brewer abstained. Carried.

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MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Receiver of Taxes Treasurer's report for January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to approve the Town Clerk's July 2021 report for \$987.00. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Engert's July 2021 report for \$843.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Stone's July 2021 report for \$7,215.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Brewer to pay GFIM bill for \$807.75. Carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Friends of the Town Park were present, Frank Spatto asked to meet in an executive session to discuss personnel and grants for the Town Park. Atty. Manne stated the Friends are not paid by Town so it does not qualify as a personnel matter. The friends, Hendrix and Sterling will meet to discuss these matter at a meeting in the future. Carol Vercz will contact Sterling to set up meeting date. Sterling added, he and Hendrix would have to report back to board before any actions could be taken.

OTHER REPORTS

Highway - Dutcher is on vacation. Donald Meszler was hired on August 9, 2021 as a full time worker at \$21.12 per hour replacing Robert Christensen. Mr. Becker of Robinson Road contacted Sterling complaining his drainage problem has not been fixed. Rovazzi and Sterling will meet with Dutcher and Mr. Becker.

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Dog Control - Hawkins turned in his monthly report, 5 calls in Mohawk and 7 calls in Ilion 1 day writing out tickets. Jones gave information to board on a dog enumeration for consideration for next year's budget, Hawkins is in favor of this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to open public comment session at 5:53. Carried. 2 residents spoke

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to close public comment at 6:05. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Letter from Judge Engert - A letter from Judge Engert was received at last month's meeting but not discuss. Judge Engert is requesting 1 police officer be assigned on DA nights for his and Judge Stone counts. Hendrix has been in contact with Herkimer County Sheriff Scherer who would be willing to have one of his deputies assigned to this duty. Judge Engert will need to contact Sheriff Scherer.

London Bridge A/C replacement quotes board approval - The Town received 3 bids for new A/C at London Bridge.

Tobins	Casadonte Energy Service	Collis & Sons
Frankfort, NY	Little Falls NY	\$6,850.00
\$4000,00	\$5,078.00	

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to accept the bid of Tobins at \$4000.00 for A/C at London Bridge. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Set date for October trash day - Trash day will be October 16, 2021, 8-11am at the Town Highway Garage.

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Budget Transfer #3 - To adjust principle and interest for BAN payment.
Decrease Expenditure to \$32,890.00 from 2021 budgeted amount of \$36,000.00
in fund DA-9730.6, account Debt Principle, BAN.

Increase expenditure to \$8,579.00 from 2021 budgeted amount of \$5469.00 in
fund DA-9730.7 account Debt Interest, BAN.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling to approve budget transfer #3. Carried.

Budget Transfer #4 - To adjust CHIPS funding and Town's portion of roadwork .
Increase revenue to \$205,040.00 from 2021 budgeted amount of \$165,250.00 in
fund DB- 1120.0, account sales tax.

Increase Revenue to \$130,075.00 from 2021 budgeted amount of \$90,172.00 in
fund DB-3501.0 account St. Aid, Consolidated Highway

Increase expenditure to \$124,693.00 from 2021 budgeted amount of \$40,000.00
in fund DB-5112.4 account Perm Improve Highway, Contr Exp.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve Transfer #4. Carried.

Department heads budget estimates are due to Supervisor no later than
September 20th.

Introductory local law No.3, 2021 Tax cap Resolution - Local law No. 3, 2021
was introduced authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in
General Municipal Law 3-c.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Sterling to hold a public hearing on September
29, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Town Community Center on Local Law No. 3, 2021.
Carried.

ARPA Funding Update - Rovazzi and Legislator Bob Hollum attended a seminar
hosted by Herkimer County at Herkimer College to help clarify ARPA guidelines.
Will learn more tomorrow 8/26/2021 after AOT webinar.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to adjourn at 6:30. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk Town of German Flatts