

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
July 27, 2022

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

Public: 13 people, see separate sign-in sheet

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

PUBLIC HEARING VANDELL RESIDENCE MOBILE HOME

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Brewer to open Public Hearing at 5:31, on Mrs. Vandell's request to put a single wide mobile home on her property on Shoemaker Road. Carried.

Mitch Mika objected and asked about a NYS law, did not have any information on the law, just what someone had told him. Sweeney reported Mrs. Vandell has given him proof of notification of this public hearing to residents within the proximity of this new home.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to close Public Hearing at 5:45. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

SOLAR (US Light Energy) - Chris Koenig of C.T. Male Associates, Zack Lissard of US Light Energy, Tim Carpenter of MRP group and vi computer Attorney Dwight Kanyuck of Knauf Shaw.

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MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve resolution stating Board shall serve as Lead Agency for the SEQRA and the Board will furnish all Involved Agencies with a copy of the full EAF and Electronic copies of the applications and notifying them of its intent to be designated as Lead Agency for SEQUA review of Action. Carried.

FERAL CATS - Greg Foster Herkimer County Animal Cruelty Officer, Joe Franco and Louie Natarelli attended the meeting to complain about the feral cat problem in Manion Heights. Mr. Foster spoke about how harmful (to the animal) it is by feeding a feral cat or any wild animal, they become relying on the people to feed them instead of hunting for themselves. Mr. Foster suggest Town take prevention measures by keeping residents aware of the problems and the Ag & Market laws on feeding feral cats. Have a rescue group come in and catch the cats then have them spayed/neutered then release them back in same place where they caught them. Mr. Foster will send wording for notices to be put on the Town's facebook and website pages to Town Clerk's Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve the June 22, 2022 minutes. Hendrix and Sterling abstained. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve the June 2022 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to approve the Town Clerk's June 2022 report for \$1869.50. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve Judge Engert's June 2022 report for \$1,093.00 Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Stone's June 2022 report for \$12,888.00. Brewer abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve Town Clerk's January 2022 - June 2022 Treasurer's report. Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Sterling to approve Receiver of Taxes January 2022- June 2022 Treasurer's report. Brewer abstained. Carried.

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BILLS

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to pay the GFIM bill for \$918.15. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY - Newtown reported new sidewalks will be installed on Second Street Bridge within a couple weeks. Highway will start paving next week. Newtown would like to upfit the 2015 Mack Dump truck to use as a snow plow in the winter and dump truck in the summer instead of purchasing a new truck just for winter use. Newtown asked for a Letter of Intent to update loader, Hendrix asked Newtown to check his budget to see if there is enough money and report back next month.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to accept bid on Auction International of \$6500.00 for the 1982 & 1985 Mack Trucks and to list J&J Alum. dump box for sale on Auction International. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to hire a temporary highway employee at \$21.54 per hour for up to 12 weeks, starting August 3, 2022. Carried.

DOG CONTROL - June 2022 report turned in . Hawkins had 5 dog calls in Mohawk and 1 in Ilion, made phone calls and wrote out tickets. Hawkins met with Rovazzi to discuss a law that Robert Schrader, of the Herkimer County Humane Society, has asked the Town to adopt, updating Town's local law on dog control. Board will review copy of Town of Herkimer's Dog Control law which is what Schrader wants German Flatts to adopt.

CODES - Updated report turned in, showing 18 permits. Sweeney reported Mrs. Vandell has now met all requirements per the Town's law and asked the board to move forward with approving her request to put a single wide on her property.

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MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Mrs. Vandell's mobile home request. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RICHFIELD STREET BRIDGE BAN RESOLUTION & FUND BALANCE TRANSFER -
MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling to adopt resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$60,00.00 associated with the replacement of the Richfield Street Bridge.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Brewer to approve fund balance transfer of \$38,960.00 on to Richfield Street BAN payment for July. Carried.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK APPOINTMENT - Jones has appointed Nancy Pollak as her Deputy Town Clerk as of July 5, 2022. Pollak will work under 20 hours a week at \$19.00 per hour.

Manion Heights Water Meter - Town will use ARPA money to pay for meters. Hendrix suggest using the Village of Herkimer or Mohawk's water department to install the meters.

NORTHLAND PHONE CONTRACT -
MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to approve 3 year contract with Northland for Town's phone service, which will save the Town \$190.00 monthly and an annual savings of \$2280.00. Carried.

HIGHWAY Garage Roof - The Town obtain a truss analysis showing the roof was in BAD shape and will cost much more than first thought to repair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

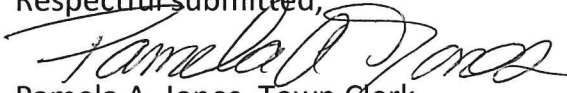
MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to enter into executive session at 7:41 to discuss Employee Handbook' Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to exit executive session at 8:13. Carried.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling to make Employee effective June 22, 2022, eliminate Article 65-F and fix wording errors.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Hendrix to adjourn at 8:15. Carried.

Respectful submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela A. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pamela" being more prominent and the last name "Jones" following in a similar style.

Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk

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