

Town of German Flatts Board Meeting
66 E. Main Street, Mohawk, New York 13407
July 24, 2024

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor
Jack Fitzer, Deputy Supervisor
Mike Stone, Councilman
Justin Dibble, Councilman
Scott Hendrix, Councilman
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman
Rich Sweeney, Code
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Pam Jones, Town Clerk

Absent: Carmen Newtown, Highway Superintendent
David Moynihan, Dog Control Officer

Public: 3 people attended, see sign-in sheet

MEETING was call to order by Rovazzi at 5:30pm, at the Town Community Center.
The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Stone to approve the June 26, 2024 minutes.
Watkins abstained. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve the July 8, 2024 minutes.
Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION by Stone, seconded by Dibble to approve the June 2024 Treasurer's report.
Carried.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Watkins to approve the Receiver of Taxes' 6 month
Treasurer's report (Jan. 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024). Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Rovazzi to approve the Town Clerk's 6 month
Treasurer's report (Jan. 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024). Carried.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Hendrix to approve Judge Engert's 6 month
Treasurer's report (Jan. 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024). Carried.

MOTION by Stone, seconded by Dibble to approve Judge Stone's 6 month Treasurer's
report (Jan.1, 2024 – June 30, 2024). Carried.

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MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Hendrix to approve the Town Clerk's June 2024 report for \$922.00. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Dibble to approve Judge Engert's June 2024 report for \$1,258.00. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Watkins to approve Judge Stone's June 2024 report for \$15,858.00. Carried.

BILLS

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Stone to pay GFIM bill for \$1,009.95. Carried.

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

OTHER REPORTS

HIGHWAY – Alan Meszler Jr. was hired on July 11, 2024 as an On Call At Will Position at \$21.54 per hour. Resignation letter received from Brandon Lane will be done as of July 23, 2024. Rovazzi asked Newtown to complete the survey questions that pertain to the highway department, so that he could submit the survey on behalf of the Town, so that the Town will continue to receive the safe work place award.

DOG CONTROL - June 2024 report turn in.

CODES – 11 permits issued. Sweeney will proceed to next step with Mr. Mogenson, who did not answer certified letter sent to him.

SUPERVISOR/CLERK – Francis Knowlton temporary status to part time.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Stone to change Knowlton's temporary status to part time employee. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Stone to open Public Comment session. Carried. Robert Brown of Eberline Road, asked to have speed limit lowered and speed signs posted on his road.

MOTION by Rovazzi, seconded by Stone to close Public Comment Session. Carried. Sweeney will send notice of violation letter to home owner of 2189 State Route 28. Rovazzi thinks Town should not wait for a resident complaint or require a resident to complete a complaint form prior to issuing notice of violation letters for clearly visible and necessary violations.

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CORRESPONDENCE

NYS DOT – BRIDGE NY AWARD – The Town of German Flatts has been awarded \$1.595 million for the replacement of the Pine Bush Road bridge through the Bridge NY grant. Town was Not selected for Pine Bush Road Culvert this round. Town will proceed with design and Engineering studies for bridge.

LOADSTAR ENERGY – Loadstar Energy has requested to attend next month board meeting for a brief 10 – 15 minutes presentation.

LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND – Town will not charge rental fees for this event.

NEW BUSINESS

HOST – PILOT SOLAR AGREEMENT –

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Stone to approve the Host Community Benefit Agreement with Solitude Solar German Flatts Warren Road Microgrid LLC.
Ayes: 5 Nays:0 Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Dibble to extend Local Law No. 2, 2023 (6 month moratorium on applications, approvals and/or construction or installation of solar energy systems and/or solar farms within the Town of German Flatts) for 2 months.
Carried.

LOCAL LAW NO. 1, 2024 MORATORIUM – Board introduced Local Law No. 1, 2024 establishing a six month moratorium on application, approvals, and/or construction or installation on solar energy systems, solar farms and/or windmills within the Town of German Flatts.

MOTION by Watkins, seconded by Dibble to hold a Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1, 2024 on August 28, 2024 at 6pm, at the Town Community Center. Carried.

LOCAL LAW NO. 2, 2024 SUPEREEDE TOWN LAW 65-A – Board introduced Local Law No. 2, 2024 providing for written notification of defects and obstructions on town highways, bridges, streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, and culverts in the Town of German Flatts.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Stone to hold a Public Hearing on Local Law No. 2, 2024 at 6:15pm on August 28, 2024 at the Town Community Center. Carried.

MOTION by Hendrix, seconded by Stone to adjourn at 6:32pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Pamela A. Jones, Town Clerk
Town of German Flatts