

January 9, 2018 – Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at 7 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilwoman Walls and Councilmen Reynolds and Wiegand. Councilman Dukler was absent. There were approximately 25± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 15 – Town Hall closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

March 1 – deadline for all exemption paperwork

VACANCIES – VARIOUS BOARDS

Supervisor Majestic announced there are still vacancies of several boards and committees and a opening for a dog control officer.

FUEL ASSISTANCE

Supervisor Majestic and County Legislator Tracy Bartels work together this past weekend helping a resident secure emergency fuel for their residence.

LEON STEINER

Councilman Wiegand announced the passing of Leon Steiner. Mr. Steiner was an active member of our community, past Democratic Committee Chairman and a leader with the Wallkill Valley Land Trust.

CLOVE ROAD BRIDGE GRANT APPLICATION

Supervisor Majestic has asked the Town Board to review the Ulster County Transportation Council's TIPS Grant application for the Clove Road bridge. Ms Majestic is looking for feedback from the Town Board and reminded them that the application must be filed on line by January 25.

Councilman Wiegand commented that he saw the impact to the Town with the fire at Minnewaska State Park and he is concerned with homes and businesses, especially emergency response if the bridge should get closed.

Councilwoman Walls suggested getting letters of support from the Town of Rochester and Mohonk Preserve. Supervisor Majestic has already received several letters of support.

BUILDING DEPT. FEES

Building Inspector Andy Lewis has presented a new schedule of fees for the building dept. He is asking the Town Board to review and adopt the fees. Councilwoman Walls is requesting that Mr. Lewis provide the Town Board with his rationale for the increases. Ms Walls needs more information before approving.

PARKS & RECREATION APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, Ralph Varano and Michael Albright were appointed to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

PARKS & RECREATION SAM GRANT

Supervisor Majestic commented that she met with John Apuzzo of Apuzzo Kitchens regarding the work for the kitchen area of the park pole building. In addition she will be meeting with the Parks & Recreation Committee, Summer Recreation Director Brian Majestic and Gardiner Day

Committee to discuss the use of the \$50,000 grant the town has received for the pole building and other park buildings.

NYS CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PLEDGE

Board members have had the opportunity to review the Climate Smart presentation and resolution offered at last month's meeting. Councilman Dukler and program presenter Jason Mayer will meet to create a task force. Councilwoman Walls stated that a task force would be beneficial to the Town, but a very bureaucratic process which may lead to unintended consequences. Ms Walls also suggested making the task force a part of the ECC who then can take the lead of the committee/task force. Board members would prefer that they remain a standalone committee/task force with input from the ECC and Councilman Dukler as the liaison. Councilman Wiegand believes it is an exciting idea and we should make the most of the opportunity. He suggested that the task force be specific about their goals and budget needs.

Resolution No. 44-Offered by Councilwoman Walls

Whereas, the Town of Gardiner (hereinafter "local government") believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

Whereas, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens, and

Whereas, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, health and safe schools and resilient infrastructures; and

Whereas, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

Whereas, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Town of Gardiner, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York Climate Smart Communities Pledge, which comprises the following elements:

1. Pledge to be a Climate Smart Community
2. Set goals, inventory emissions, plan for climate action
3. Decrease community energy use
4. Increase community use of renewable energy
5. Realize benefits of recycling and other climate smart solid waste management practices
6. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through use of climate smart land use tools
7. Enhance community resilience and prepare for the effects of climate change
8. Support development of a green innovation economy
9. Inform and inspire the public
10. Commit to an evolving process of climate action

Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION

Councilman Wiegand explained the purpose of the Open Space Commission. It has been defunct for some time now and is in need of new members. It is a 5 member board. There are

13 interested is serving. Mr. Wiegand has scheduled a Call to Action meeting for January 27 at the Town Hall at 7 PM. He will explain briefly what is involved with being a member for anyone interested. He also stated that sources for funding is a critical point of the commission.

EDUCATION ATTENDANCE AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Councilman Wiegand spoke about the Planning Board and the need for specific education/training. He questioned what kind of training members are actually getting. He suggested that the Town Board put together a SEQR and PB101 course for all new members. NYS Planning Federation may be able to assist the Town with various educational programs/seminars.

Resolution No. 45 -Commitment to continuing education requirements as set forth in the Town of Gardiner’s Local Law, Chapter 43 – Minimum Attendance and Training Requirements
Offered by Councilwoman Walls

Whereas, in 2004 the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner adopted a local law, Chapter 43 Minimum Attendance and Training, “to provide standards of minimum attendance by members of the Town of Gardiner Planning Board, Town of Gardiner Zoning Board of Appeals, the Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Commission for the Conservation of the Environment (ECC) at meetings and hearings of said Boards and Commissions, and to establish minimum training and continuing education requirements for said members;” and,

Whereas, in 2007, the State of New York enacted Town Law 271.7-a and 267.7-2 requiring minimum annual training requirements of town planning boards and zoning boards of appeal; and,

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner was inconsistent in ensuring adequate funds were allocated to fulfill the objectives of the State and Local laws; and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner deeply values and respects the work performed by our municipal boards and commission, and recognizes the increasing complexity of the issues members of those boards must address in service to their fellow Town of Gardiner residents;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,, that the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner,

- a. Affirms the importance of the work our volunteer members undertake, and
- b. in accordance with NYS Town Law 271.7-a, the Town Board hereby waives - for one time only - past failures of compliance with the continuing education requirements established by both State and Local laws, and
- c. re-establishes our expectation that these obligations will be met consistent with State and Local laws
- d. Commits to assisting our boards and commission to achieve the obligations set before them by providing greater opportunity for compliance with referrals to training sessions, funds to cover registration and mileage expenses, and by providing training sessions in-house that will meet the needs of our volunteers.

Seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

TOWN HISTORIAN’S REPORT

Town Historian AJ Schenkman presented the Supervisor with a report of activities completed for 2017 and a list of goals for 2018.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTANCE

The Town Board has received a letter of resignation from Warren Wiegand as the alternate for the Planning Board. A motion was made to accept the resignation by Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried.

ULSTER COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION

Resolution No. 46-Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Offered by Supervisor Majestic

Whereas, the Town of Gardiner has gathered information and joined in the preparation of the Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (“County Plan”),

Whereas, the County Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and

Whereas, the Town of Gardiner is a local unit of governments that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the County Plan and the actions in the County Plan, and

Whereas, the Town of Gardiner has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five (5) years;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner that the Town of Gardiner hereby adopts the Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the action of the Plan.

Seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried.

MINUTES

On motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, the minutes of December 5, 2017 and December 12, 2017 were approved as written.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT – PARTIAL DECEMBER 2017

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, the partial Supervisor’s report for December 2017 was approved as presented.

CLAIMS – PARTIAL DECEMBER 2017

Partial claims for the month of December were approved for payment on motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried. They are listed on Abstract #12A as follows: General Fund voucher # 556-606 \$23,937.79; Highway Fund voucher #319-361 \$54,039.10; Sewer Fund voucher #43-43 \$2,318.30; Gardiner Light Dist. Voucher #1 \$375.20.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Resolution No. 47 – Budget Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Reynolds Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2017 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$3000.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1110.103 PS Court Clerk to Acct No. 00.01.1110.104 PS Court Clerk., \$2000.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1620.412 CE Electric to Acct No. 00.01.1620.417 CE Building Improvements, \$153.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1620.412 CE Electric to Acct No. 00.01.1620.411 CE Telephone, \$731.00 from Acct No. 00.08.9060.801 CE Retiree Insurance to Acct No. 00.08.9060.800 CE Health Insurance and \$182.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1620.412 CE Electric to Acct No. 00.01.1620.401 CE Misc. Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

Resolution No. 48 – Budget Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Reynolds Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2017 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$260.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1620.415 CE Building Custodian to Acct No. 00.01.1620.401 CE Misc., \$130.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1620.414 CE Heat & Electric to Acct No. 00.01.1620.401 CE Misc., \$431.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1355.401 CE Misc to Acct No. 00.01.1355.101 PS Assessors, \$78.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1355.401 CE Misc. to Acct No. 00.01.1355.103 CE Fieldworker and \$109.50 from Acct No. 00.01.1420.475 CE Solar Farm to Acct No. 00.01.1420.460 CE General Attorney
Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

Resolution No. 49 – Budget Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Reynolds Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2017 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$10.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1420.403 CE Vital Statistics to Acct No. 00.01.1420.460 CE General Attorney., \$71.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1440.460 CE Outside Professional Service to Acct No. 00.01.1440.460 CE General Attorney, \$226.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1670.421 CE Office Supplies to Acct No. 00.01.1670.204 CE Leasing (Copier), \$259.00 from Acct No. 00.02.3620.104 CE Stipend to Acct No. 00.02.3620.101 PS Inspector and \$215.00 from Acct No. 00.02.3620.401 CE Misc Expenses to Acct No. 00.02.3620.101 PS Inspector.
Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

Resolution No. 50 – Budget Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Reynolds Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2017 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$112.00 from Acct No. 00.02.3620.402 CE Mileage to Acct No. 00.02.3620.101 PS Inspector, \$2141.00 from Acct No. 00.02.3510.101 PS Dog Warden to Acct No. 00.02.3620.101 PS Inspector, \$386.00 from Acct No. 00.02.3510.460 CE Vet Service to Acct No. 00.02.3620.103 PS Part Time Clerk, \$351.00 from Acct No. 00.04.5132.401 CE Misc to Acct No. 00.04.5132.411 CE Phone and \$176.00 from Acct No. 00.06.7310.203 CE Pool Fees to Acct No. 00.06.7620.402 CE Senior Living.
Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

Resolution No. 51 – Budget Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Reynolds Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2017 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$433.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8010.103 PS ZBA Clerk to Acct No. 00.07.8020.103 PS PB Clerk., \$161.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8010.403 CE Conference & Education to Acct No. 00.07.8020.103 PS PB Clerk, \$197.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8010.404 CE Outside Professional Service to Acct No. 00.07.8020.103 PS PB Clerk, \$18.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8020.403 CE Conference & Education to Acct No. 00.07.8020.438 CE Advertising and \$135.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8020.460 CE Town Planner to Acct No. 00.07.8020.439 CE Meeting Reimbursement.
Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

Resolution No. 52 – Budget Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Reynolds Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2017 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$18.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8020.460 CE Town Planner to Acct No. 00.07.8020.438 CE Advertising, \$185.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8160.470 CE Repair & Maintenance to Acct No. 00.07.8160.401 CE Misc, \$2400.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8160.460

CE Outside Professional Service to Acct No. 00.08.9060.800 CE General Health Insurance and \$1038.00 from Acct No. 00.02.3510.101 CE Dog Warden to Acct No. 00.08.9060.800 CE General Health Insurance.

Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

Resolution No. 53 – Budget Transfer in Highway Fund – Offered by Councilman Reynolds Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2017 Annual Budget, Highway Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$11,000.00 from Acct No. 01.04.5110.400 CE Contract Expense to Acct No. 01.04.5130.431 CE Equipment Repair.

Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

Resolution No. 54 – Budget Transfer in Highway Fund – Offered by Councilman Reynolds Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2017 Annual Budget, Highway Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$5,200.00 from Acct No. 01.04.5110.400 CE Contract Expense to Acct No. 01.04.5130.200 QE Misc. Equipment.

Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

Resolution No. 55 – Budget Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Reynolds Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2017 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$500.00 from Acct No. 00.02.3310.431 CE Traffic Sign Maintenance to Acct No. 00.02.3310.201 CE Sign Purchase, \$100.00 from Acct No. 00.04.5010.401 CE Misc. Expense to Acct No. 00.02.3310.201 CE Sign Purchase, \$74.14 from Acct No. 00.04.5010.402 CE S/H Mileage to Acct No. 00.02.3310.201 CE Sign Purchase, and \$186.45 from Acct No. 00.04.5010.403 CE Conference & Education to Acct No. 00.02.3310.201 CE Sign Purchase.

Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

Resolution No. 56 – Budget Transfer in Highway Fund – Offered by Councilman Reynolds Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2017 Annual Budget, Highway Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$31.00 from Acct No. 01.08.9060.800 CE Health Ins. To Acct No. 01.08.9055.800 CE Disability.

Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

CLAIMS – PARTIAL JANUARY 2018

Partial claims for the month of January were approved for payment on motion of Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried. They are listed on Abstract #1A as follows: General Fund voucher #1-12 \$8,771.00.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Scott Mosher – asked for an outline of what the Planning Board does for interested individuals who would like to serve on the Board.

Jason Mayer – Thanked the Town Board for the adoption of the Climate Smart Community resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM, in honor of Mr. Leon Stein.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk