

February 13, 2018 – Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Gardiner Town Board took place this evening at 7 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilwoman Walls and Councilmen Dukler & Reynolds. Councilman Wiegand was absent. There were approximately 12± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb. 18 – Pancake Breakfast St. Charles Church 9 AM to 12:30 PM.

Feb. 19 – Town Hall is closed in observance of Presidents’ Day.

Mar. 1 – All exemption paperwork is due.

Mar. 10 – St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. Sponsored by the Gardiner Day Committee. To be held at the Gardiner Firehouse.

CLIMATE SMART PRESENTATION

Franco Carucci made a presentation to the Town Board entitled “Solarize Campaign” for the community. Topics discussed were grant applications, creating a project team, NYSERDA support, the role of the Town of Gardiner Town Board with Lead Agency and a commitment letter. The first grant application is to NYSERDA for a \$5,000 grant that can be used for marketing and outreach. A motion was made by Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to sign a letter of commitment.

RESOLUTION PLANNING BOARD & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING START TIME

Resolution No. 57 -- Offered by Councilwoman Walls

Resolved, that meetings of the Planning Board during 2018 shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month and meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be held the fourth Thursday of each month; and

Further Resolved, that all meetings shall commence at 7:00 P.M., local time unless otherwise announced.

Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

RESOLUTION PLANNING BOARD & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS STIPEND

Resolution No. 58 – Offered by Councilman Dukler

Resolved, those persons serving as members of the Town of Gardiner Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, who attend monthly meetings, shall be compensated at a rate of \$50 per each meeting attended, to be paid by voucher.

Seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried.

UNION HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT

On motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, Section 6.2 Medical Insurance for Retirees was amended to read “ Union-Represented Employees. An employee who is a member of a collective bargaining unit is covered by and eligible for the Medical Insurance for Retirees provisions set forth below.”

AMENDMENT TO LOCAL LAW#4-2008 COLD WAR VETERANS EXEMPTION

Town Clerk Michelle Mosher has spoken and is working with attorney Paul Kellar to update the Cold War Veterans Exemption to remove the sunset clause and increase the exemption amount to \$45,000. A public hearing was scheduled for April 10 at 7 PM.

Councilman Dukler would like to do more research on this before moving forward.

APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

On motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, John Sansalone was reappointed to the ECC.

APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, Michael Hartner was appointed to the Board of Assessment Review replacing John Friedle who did not seek re-appointment.

APPOINTMENT OF THE PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE

On motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, Marc Moran was appointed as alternate to the Planning Board replacing Warren Wiegand who was elected as Councilman.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the building department fee change proposal was adopted as presented with the addition of a driveway permit fee of \$100. Fees are as follows: new residence \$400 + .15 per gsf (\$100 increase processing fee \$25, residential – addition w/bedroom \$200 + .15 per gsf, addition w/no bedroom \$150 + .15 per gsf, residential renovation less than 1000 sq. ft. \$100 + .15 per gsf (\$25 increase), residential renovation w/more than 1000 sq. ft. \$175 + .15 per gsf (\$25 increase), garages over 1000 sq. ft., \$250 + .15 per gsf (\$100 increase), garages under 1000 sq. ft. \$150 + .15 per gsf (\$50 increase), deck/porch \$150 + .15 per gsf (\$75 increase), pools - in ground \$150 + .15 per gsf (\$75 increase), pools – above ground \$100+.15 per gsf, all others (no additions) \$ 75 + .15 per gsf, new commercial space \$300 + .15 per gsf (\$100 increase), compliance inspection \$200+ .15 per gsf (\$150 increase), commercial renovation \$250 + .15 per gsf (\$150 increase), all permits 1st renewal 30% of original fee (10% increase), additional renewals 50% of original fee, demolition permit \$50 (\$25 increase), hot tubs \$75, fuel tanks (removal & install) \$75, signs \$75, solar panels \$75, woodstoves \$75, roof \$75, municipal search request \$75 (\$25 increase), expedited municipal search request \$125 (\$25 increase), commercial truss fee (per NYS) \$50, zoning permits \$150, firework permits \$75, operating permit \$75, operating permit renewals \$25, electrical system upgrade \$75, additional inspections after 2nd failed inspection \$50.

RESOLUTION GARDINER CUPCAKE FESTIVAL

Resolution No. 59 – 2018 Cupcake Festival - Offered by Councilwoman Walls

Whereas, the Town of Gardiner has adopted certain rules and regulations governing outdoor musical entertainment, amusement and assemblies in order to provide for public order and the protection of safety, health and well-being of persons and property within the Town known as Chapter 107 of the Municipal Code, and

Whereas, the Gardiner Cupcake Festival Committee has proposed to hold an event known as “Gardiner Cupcake Festival” on Saturday May 19, 2018 on property know as Wright’s Farm in the Town of Gardiner which is reasonably expected to attract more than 1000 persons, and

Whereas, the applicant has provided the Town Board with information concerning the purpose of the event, the hours of operation, the provision of adequate off-street parking, the provision of toilet facilities, and copies of notice sent to area police agencies, fire departments and rescue squads, and

Whereas, the Town Board is satisfied that adequate provisions have been made by the applicant and that planned event will not disturb the public order and safety, then

Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner hereby grants a Mass Gathering Permit for an outdoor assembly known as “Gardiner Cupcake Festival” to be held on Saturday May 19, 2018, between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. on property know as Wright’s Farm in the Town of Gardiner in accordance with the application presented to the Town.
Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried, Supervisor Majestic was authorized to sign paperwork for Marshall & Sterling to move forward with the General Liability Insurance renewal.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, Andy Lewis was appointed Dog Control Officer replacing Vinny Brognano after many years of service to our community.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT – PARTIAL DECEMBER 2017

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler 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 Dukler and carried. They are listed on Abstract #12B as follows: General Fund voucher # 607-620 \$16,256.01; Highway Fund voucher #363-375 \$1,665.52; Sewer Fund voucher #44 \$2218.30.

BUDGET TRANSFERS -2017 BUDGET

Resolution No. 60 – Budget Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilwoman Walls Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2017 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$420.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8160.415 CE Improvement & Signs to Acct No. 00.04.5182.401 CE Street Lighting, \$26.31 from Acct No. 00.01.1330.103 PS Tax Collector Clerk to Acct No. 00.01.1330.402 CE Mileage, \$1302.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1620.106 PS Ground Maintenance to Acct No. 00.01.1420.460 CE Attorney Service, and \$200.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1620.106 PS Ground Maintenance to Acct No. 00.01.1620.403 CE Registrar Vital Stat.
Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

Resolution No. 61 – Budget Transfer in Highway Fund – Offered by Councilwoman Walls Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2017 Annual Budget, Highway Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$5,504.00 from Acct No. 01.04.5142.400 CE Misc. Material to Acct No. 01.04.5142.100 PS O/T Snow.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

Resolution No. 62 – Budget Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Dukler Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2017 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$.45 from Acct No. 00.01.1620.401 CE Misc. to Acct No. 00.01.1620.412 CE Electric, \$8.39 from Acct No. 00.04.5132.410 CE IT Support to Acct No. 00.04.5132.413 CE Repairs, \$403.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8020.404 CE Engineering to Acct No. 00.07.8020.460 CE Town Planner, \$20.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8020.404 CE Engineering to Acct No. 00.07.8020.438 Advertising and \$175.10 from Acct No. 00.07.8160.470 CE Repair & Maintenance to Acct No. 00.07.8160.410 CE County Haulage. Seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried.

Resolution No. 63 – Budget Transfer in Sewer Fund – Offered by Councilman Dukler Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2017 Annual Budget, Sewer Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$212.00 from Acct No. 03.07.8110.463 CE Chlorine to Acct No. 03.07.8110.463 CE Electricity and \$46.00 from Acct No. 03.07.8110.464 CE Chlorine to Acct No. 03.07.8110.499 CE Service Contract.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

On motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried, the Supervisor’s Report for the month of January was approved as presented.

CLAIMS – PARTIAL JANUARY 2018

Partial claims for the month of January were approved for payment on motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried. They are listed on Abstract #1B as follows: General Fund voucher # 13-51 \$64,277.95; Highway Fund voucher #1-29 \$36,684.06; Sewer Fund voucher #1-2 \$310.00.

BUDGET TRANSFERS – 2018 BUDGET

Resolution No. 64 – Budget Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Dukler Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2018 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$1,300.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1330.103 PS Tax Collector Clerk to Acct No. 00.01.1330.401 CE Tax Collector Misc. Seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried.

Supervisor Majestic noted that several of the revenue lines (fees collected) for 2017 were higher than anticipated.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Scott Mosher – will Town assume liability with community solarization.

Tom Carano – spoke about executive sessions and the Town Board. It is his belief that this is done incorrectly. Supervisor Majestic will look into what the procedure is. Mr. Carano voiced that he feels the community is frustrated with Jim Freiband.

Eli Kassirer – read a statement citing certain sections of the Comprehensive Plan with respect to Open Space, his dissatisfaction with the Planning Board and he urged the Town Board to move forward with a moratorium on development while the Comprehensive Plan is updated.

Supervisor Majestic informed Mr. Kassirer that many recommendations made in the Plan from 2004 were never implemented. Ms Majestic would like to review these recommendations and move forward with implementation.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk