

November 9, 2017 – Workshop Meeting and Budget Public Hearing

The Workshop Meeting and the Budget Public hearing for the 2018 Budget were held this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilwoman Walls and Councilmen Dukler, Hinson and Reynolds. There were approximately 11± audience members.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

November 10 – Town Hall and Transfer Station closed in observance of Veteran’s Day.

November 23 & 24 – Town Hall and Transfer Station closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

November 30 - Ethics Ad-Hoc Committee meeting at 6 PM.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX CAP**

The Town Clerk read the legal notice for the public hearing for the tax cap override at 7 PM. Supervisor Majestic asked for any questions or comments. There being none she moved on, but will keep the hearing open for a short time.

### **PUBLIC HEARING 2018 BUDGET**

The Town Clerk read the legal notice for the public hearing for the 2018 Budget at 7:10 PM.

Supervisor Majestic opened the hearing to the public for any questions or comments.

Jack Habersberger – asked what the percentage of the increase was controlled by the Town Board. 2.76%

Warren Wiegand – asked what amount of unexpended funds were used toward the budget. In the General Fund \$50,000 and Highway Fund \$40,000. Also questioned the funding for the Master Plan and Zoning.

Jack Habersberger – asked about the health care costs and if there was an increase in the Highway dept. health costs.

Two (2) minor changes were made to the budget. FICA was increase to \$1,000 and in Revenue – Cable Franchise Fee was increase by \$5,000. The total increase to General, Highway, Sewer and Light is 2.76% and total overall increase including Library and Fire Departments is 5.85%

### **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – TAX CAP OVERRIDE**

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried, the public hearing for the tax cap override was closed at 7:20 PM.

### **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - 2018 BUDGET**

On motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, the public hearing for the 2018 Budget was closed at 7:23 PM.

### **2018 BUDGET ADOPTION**

Comments before adoption of the budget were as follows:

Councilman Hinson – stated he is opposed to using unexpended funds to lower the budget. It just compounds into next year’s budget.

Councilman Dukler suggested getting assistance from the State to change the law regarding the tax stabilization reserve fund. Commented that he is opposed to an increase in salary for the Town Board members. School Board members and other Boards within the Town do not even

get a salary/stipend. Spoke about videotaping meetings, specifically Planning Board with all of the high profile projects before them. Other board members cautioned singling out a specific Board for taping.

On motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, the 2018 Budget, with the few minor changes made earlier in the meeting, was adopted. Councilman Hinson voted nay.

### **DASNY SAM GRANT**

The Town Board will need to have a scope of work created for the work at the park in order to move forward on the DASNY SAM Grant. It will then need to go out for bid. Supervisor Majestic & Chairman Brian Houser will work together on this.

**Resolution No. 105 - DASNY GDA SAM \$50,000 GRANT** - Offered by Councilwoman Walls

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner originally applied for a \$50,000 grant to be used for sidewalks and parking spaces at the Town Hall along Route 44/55, and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner agreed that there is a greater need for the moneys to be used to make repairs to the pavilion and the pole barn at Majestic Park, and

Whereas the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner received authorization from Senator Bonacic's office and sent such authorization to DASNY to redirect the grant funding.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign any documents relative to this grant application

Seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried.

### **2018 ROAD MATERIALS BID**

The Town Clerk was authorized to advertise for the 2018 Road Materials bid on motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried. The bid opening is scheduled for December 5 at 7 PM.

### **NOISE COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE/ENFORCEMENT**

Councilman Hinson has met with Andy Lewis, Building Inspector and Zoning Code Enforcement Office to discuss noise complaints and how to handle them. He suggests focusing on a solution and not on the law. Also suggested checking site plans to see if there are restrictions on noise and enforcing these as well.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Lisa Lindsley – asked why minutes of the Planning Board were not posted on the website.

Tom Kruglinski – commented on the behavior of certain Planning Board members as the reason for singling out this board for videotaping. Something needs to be done regarding behavior.

Jack Habersberger – Town Board over the years has also had bad behavior. Is not opposed to an increase in salary for the Town Board.

Warren Wiegand – Perhaps the Ethics Law can have a section regarding behavior at meetings. Suggested creating a code of conduct for the law.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher  
Town Clerk