

October 2, 2018 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmen Dukler & Wiegand and Councilwoman Walls. Councilman Reynolds was absent. There were approximately 9± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct 8 – Town Hall & Transfer Station closed in observance of Columbus Day.

Oct 25 – Pumpkin Walk 6 PM at the Gardiner Library. Sponsored by the GDC

WATER MONITORING PROPOSALS

To date the Town has received 2 written proposals for the water monitoring at the Transfer Station/Landfill property. CPL Engineering formerly know at Morris Associates has proposed a not to exceed limit of \$5,000. Sterling Associates is proposing \$5,235.00 however they would reduce the cost by \$400 if the monitoring can be coordinated with the Town of Shawangunk monitoring. The Town board is waiting on one (1) additional proposal.

NYS DEPT. OF LABOR – SEXUAL HARRASSMENT POLICY & TRAINING

Supervisor Majestic handed out examples of a Sexual Harassment Policy and sample complaint form to the Town Board. This was received from the NYS Dept. of Labor. Sexual harassment training for employees must be completed by January 1, 2019. The NYS Dept. of Labor is willing to conduct the training but will only do it in conjunction with other Towns. The policy draft will be discussed at next week's meeting.

CATSKILL CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANTS

In light of the noise complaints the Town has received, Supervisor Majestic has received a proposal for services from Catskill Construction Consultants. This company would respond to complaints after hours and on weekends and may be available to assist the Code Enforcement Officer in other areas. Each Board member has been given a copy of the proposal for their review. Councilwoman Walls suggested inviting the owner of the company to discuss with the Board the options available.

ZONING CODE MATTERS

Supervisor Majestic reminded the Town Board that at next week's meeting attorney Allyson Phillips will be present to review the Zoning Code Audit that she has prepared. At the same time ZBA Chairman David Gandin, PB Chairman Paul Colucci and Building Inspector Andy Lewis would like to address the Board in regard to a zoning clarification.

AQUIFER LAW

The Town has received a proposal from Sterling Environmental to review the draft Aquifer Law. Their proposed cost will not exceed \$5,000. Supervisor Majestic suggested funding for this can come from 3 different budget lines. Board members are asked to review the proposal for discussion and acceptance of the contract at next week's meeting.

COLD WAR VETERANS EXEMPTION

The Cold War Veterans Exemption Local Law adopted in April of this year states that allowable exemption up to \$45,000. This figure is incorrect and an amendment to the law is necessary.

Allowable exemption will be \$50,000. A public hearing was scheduled for Nov.13 at 7 PM.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – TAX CAP OVERRIDE LOCAL LAW

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, a public hearing for a local law for the Tax Cap Override was scheduled for Nov. 8 at 7:00 PM.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – 2019 BUDGET

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, a public hearing was scheduled for the 2019 Budget for November 8 at 7:05 PM.

CLIMATE SMART UPDATE

The electric vehicle charging station easement has been submitted to the Library for their review. They had several questions that were all answered satisfactorily. The plan is to have the easement approved by the Library Board at their next meeting.

PAVILION UPDATE

Bond information and insurance information has been forwarded to the Towns Engineer and the Town Attorney for their review. There seems to be a few shortfalls. The contract with Casa Builders may be signed as early as tomorrow. Plans are to complete the project by the end of the Fall. On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, the Supervisor was authorized to sign the contract upon approval of the bond & insurance by the engineer & attorney.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

An ad has been placed in the paper announcing a term expiration on the Board of Assessment Review. There has been no response. Bernetta Calderone is interested in continuing on the Board. Appointment will be made at next week's meeting.

UPDATE 2019 BUDGET

The Town Board met on Friday Sept. 28 at 10 AM to begin 2019 budget sessions. Supervisor Majestic reviewed the list of budget increases requested. With no adjustments to any of the requests, as presented right now, the budget increase would be 16.8%. Of course more meetings will be scheduled and this figure should drop considerably.

Councilman Wiegand encouraged residents to get involved with the budget process.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Scott Bittner – stated he is concerned with the cost of the pavilion at \$150,000. He believes this project can be done much cheaper.

Bill Trifilo - requested a speed limit reduction on Albany Post Rd from Route 44-55 and the Town of Shawangunk line. On the other side of Route 44-55, Albany Post Road has a posted speed limit of 45 mph to the New Paltz line.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,