

August 13, 2019 – Regular Meeting

The Town Board met in regular session this evening at 7 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilman Dukler & Councilwoman Walls. Councilmen Carucci & Wiegand were absent. There were approximately 20± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 14 – a press conference will be held by Sen. Jen Metzger at Tillson Lake regarding Tillson Lake dam.

August 19 – Senior Resource Committee potluck lunch at the Library community room.

Sept. 7 – Gardiner Day held throughout the town 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Volunteers are needed.

Sept. 7 & 8 – Gardiner Library annual book sale. Volunteers are needed.

STOP THE BLEED

On Thursday August 8 the Gardiner Fire Dept. hosted a “Stop the Bleed” information session. The discussion was designed for those who attended to learn on how to assist someone who has had an injury that involves excessive bleeding. The program was very informative.

PASSING OF BARBARA SIDES

On August 11 the Town of Gardiner lost resident Barbara Sides. Barbara was the hub in the effort to fund raise and in the construction of the Gardiner Library. She was the reason for the Library. She was also the co-chair of the Gardiner Democratic Committee. Barbara was a very civic minded person who was a huge asset to our community. She will be greatly missed.

FOREST GLEN BRIDGE – RAIL TRAIL

Engineer Thomas Harvey from CPL is fine tuning the bid documents. The Town should be in receipt of them by the end of the week.

LYONS ROAD – TOLLING AGREEMENT

The Town is in receipt of a tolling agreement that will extend the statute of limitations to December 5, 2019. This will allow for the attorney, who is disputing the ownership of the unpaved portion of Lyons Rd., and the Town of Gardiner to continue negotiating a settlement. On motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, the Supervisor was authorized to sign the agreement.

ZONING CODE AUDIT

Town Board members met this past Tuesday in a special meeting to discuss the moratorium on the tourism related accommodations. Work was done on definitions and dimensional requirements. Attorney Allyson Phillips, Engineer Mark Millspaugh and Planning Board member Marc Moran were present at the meeting. The attorney and the engineer will work on creating a local law to be ready by September. It was a good productive meeting that covered a lot of issues.

SHORT TERM RENTAL

Supervisor Majestic received from Ulster County an inventory report of short-term rental properties registered in the Town of Gardiner. There are 65 properties. Board members discussed establishing a committee for the short-term rental law. Supervisor Majestic commented that she does not find that committees are overly productive. Councilwoman Walls believes committees get bogged down. Her concern is also with the committee creating

something that the Board doesn't buy into leaving the Board unable to vote on the proposal. Our Board works well together creating laws. Councilman Dukler agrees. He thinks the Board gets good information from the audience and appreciates their input in creating the best law possible. Supervisor Majestic stated that she would like to wrap up the issues of the moratorium before moving ahead with the short-term rental law.

CLOSING OF TOWN HALL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Resolution No. 91- Closing of Capital Reserve Fund. – Offered by Supervisor Majestic
WHEREAS, on April 30, 2015 the Town Board adopted to establish a Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund with M & T Bank for the construction of the Gardiner Town Hall and,
WHEREAS, this account was established for the payment of building expenses for the construction of the Town Hall, and
WHEREAS, the Town Hall construction has been completed and this account is no longer needed, and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this account be closed and the balance of \$1.04 be transferred to the General Fund.
Seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried.

MINUTES

Minutes of June 4, June 11 and July 9 were approved as written on motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

The Supervisor July report was approved as presented on motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried.

CLAIMS

Claims were approved for payment on motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried. They are listed on Abstract #7 as follows: General Fund voucher #303-348 \$18,732.43; Highway Fund voucher#137-154 \$23,379.43; Sewer Fund voucher #24-27 \$10,443.11.

BUDGET TRANSFER & SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Resolutions No. 92 – Supplemental Appropriation in the General Fund – Offered by Councilman Dukler

Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2019 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for supplemental appropriations of \$900.00 in Acct No. 00.01.1440.460 Outside Prof. Service, \$1,500.00 in Acct No. 00.01.1440.404 SAM Grant Forest Glen Rd

Further Resolved, said moneys to be taken from the Unexpended Balance in the General Fund.
Seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried.

Resolution No. 93 – Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Dukler

Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2019 Annual Budget, General Fund is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$1,251.29 from Acct No. 00.01.1110.103 PS Court Clerk to Acct No. 00.01.1110.104 PS Court Clerk, \$264.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1355.401 CE Misc. to Acct No. 00.01.1355.421 CE Office Supplies, \$200.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1420.470 CE Labor

Relations to Acct No. 00.01.1420.403 CE Registrar, \$200.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1620.417 CE Building Improvements to Acct No. 00.01.1620.401 CE Building Misc. and \$754 from Acct No. 00.06.7110.413 CE Park Repairs to Acct No. 00.06.7110.401 CE Park Misc.
Seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried.

Resolution No. 94 – Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Dukler
Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2019 Annual Budget, General Fund is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$21.00 from Acct No. 00.06.7110.413 CE Park Repairs to Acct No. 00.06.7110.440 CE Pole Barn, \$30.00 from Acct No. 00.06.7310.401 CE Misc. Uniforms Rec, to Acct No. 00.06.7310.430 CE Supplies Rec, \$27.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8160.460 CE Outside Services to Acct No. 00.07.8160.401 CE Misc. and , \$511.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8160.460 CE Outside Prof Services to Acct No. 00.07.8160.421 CE Office Supplies.
Seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried.

Resolutions No. 95 – Supplemental Appropriation in the Highway Fund – Offered by Councilman Dukler
Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2019 Annual Budget, Highway Fund, is hereby amended to provide for a supplemental appropriation of \$15,000.00 in Acct No. 01.04.5120.400 Bridges & Culverts.
Further Resolved, said moneys to be taken from the Unexpended Fund Balance in the Highway Fund.
Seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried.

PRE-AUDIT REPORT

On motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, the pre-audit report was approved as presented.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Superintendent Brian Stiscia reported that he has received the \$15,000 insurance payment from the person who hit the Clove Rd bridge abutment.

The new Mack truck was damaged in transit and is currently being repaired. The new pick up should be delivered by September.

The highway crew has been busy cleaning the banks on Old Ford Rd to help with the sight distance with Rail Trail.

There will be a lot of paving done from now to the end of September.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Scott Mosher – asked how much the Town has spent in legal fees on the lawsuit against the Heartwood project. To date it is \$42,000.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle L. Mosher, Town Clerk