

October 1, 2019 -Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Council Carucci, Dukler and Wiegand and Councilwoman Walls. There were approximately 5± audience members.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

October 3 – Senior Expo held at the Town Hall from 1 – 4 PM.

October 9 – Town Hall, Transfer Station and the Highway Dept. will be closed in remembrance of Yom Kippur.

October 23 - Annual Pumpkin Walk. The Walk begins at the Gardiner Library at 6 PM.

### **SEXUAL HARRASSMENT AND WORK PLACE VIOLENCE TRAINING**

Town employees attended a sexual harassment and work place violence training class as required by the State.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the Town Board entered into executive session at 7:05 PM for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and possible litigation.

### **LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

On motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the Town Board re-entered the regular session at 7:40 PM.

### **HIGHWAY SURPLUS ITEMS**

Recently Superintendent of Highways Brian Stiscia placed a bid notice for the 1995 International and a 1998 plow on Auctions International. Bidding closed on September 30 and Mr. Stiscia is looking for authorization to accept the bids - \$4,850 for the 95 International and \$2,050.00 for the plow. On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, bids are accepted.

Secondly Mr. Stiscia will be placing 2 new surplus items out for bid through Auctions International, the 2011 Ford Pick-up and a 2012 Stainless Steel Sander. Bidding would begin October 21 and end November 4.

### **FOREST GLEN ROAD BRIDGE DECKING BID AWARD**

Bids for the decking on Forest Glen Bridge were opened on September 19. The Town received 6 proposals. After discussion with Tom Harvey, engineer for the Town from CPL, the bid was awarded to M&P Builders at a cost of \$84,900 with Alternate #1 bid. A motion was made by Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried.

### **RESOLUTION – DEPUTY TOWN CLERK – JULIA HANSEN**

Resolution No. 101 Deputy Town Clerk – Julia Hansen - Offered by Councilman Dukler Resolved, pursuant to Section 30 of Town Law, the Town Board hereby concurs with the Town Clerk's appointment of Julia Hansen as Deputy Town Clerk to be compensated at the rate of \$19.00 per hour to be paid bi-weekly, and

Further Resolved, that the Deputy Town Clerk shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Clerk and shall enjoy limited powers and duties with respect to issuance of licenses and permits and acceptance of fees and filings on behalf of the Town Clerk during normal business hours.

Further Resolved, that Julia Hansen shall be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a full-time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Carucci and carried. Councilwoman Walls recused herself from discussion and voting since Ms Hansen is her cousin. Ms Walls left the room until after the vote.

### **RESOLUTION – CONDEMNATION OF HATE CRIMES**

Board members had a discussion about the groups left out of the resolution and the ones included. Councilwoman Walls suggested a public session for discussion. She feels that is more productive. Ms Walls also stated that she is not in favor of the resolution but she will not vote against it. She is concerned that this may set a precedent in our Town...once started other groups may ask for a resolution expressing their sentiments on a particular issue. Supervisor Majestic agrees. She suggested having a block party to celebrate diversity.

Resolution No. 102- Condemnation of Hate Crimes - Offered by Councilman Dukler

**WHEREAS** acts of violence characterized as hate crimes have increased significantly in the past few years, and

**WHEREAS** the public discourse is too often filled with demeaning and derogatory rhetoric based on inciting people's feelings against minority groups, and

**WHEREAS** these groups have included people of color, Mexicans, immigrants, members of the LBGTQ community, people with disabilities, Asians, Muslims, Jews, and women, amongst other groups, and

**WHEREAS**, in the Town of Gardiner, hate crimes and hate speech have, until recently, not been a part of our public expression, and

**WHEREAS** some members of the Gardiner community have chosen to show their support for members of the LBGTQ community by displaying rainbow flags on their mailboxes, and

**WHEREAS** these flags and many of the accompanying mailboxes were recently vandalized by a person or persons unknown, therefore

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner unequivocally rejects hate speech and hate acts as being an attack on members of the Gardiner community who were peacefully and lawfully exercising their right to freedom of expression and displaying their support for a minority group. Such acts are violations of the rights of others to voice their opinions as enumerated in the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States and that such acts go beyond the mere crime of destruction of property and are an attack upon the very foundations of American society. As both members of the Town Board and as citizens, we cannot silently sit by and not voice our condemnation of such acts. While some may see this incident as an isolated act of a disgruntled person, we can see in the newspaper every day the consequences of such acts and speech and the corrosive effects it is having on our public institutions and dialogue. Thus, we reaffirm that these acts and those similar are unacceptable and cannot be tolerated.

Seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

### **BUDGET 2020**

The Supervisor has received budget requests from department heads and is now presenting the 2020 tentative budget to the board. Budget meeting were scheduled for October 10 and October 16 at 9 AM.

**MVP GOLD INSURANCE PLAN**

Supervisor Majestic is looking for authorization to sign the contract for the retiree's insurance plan titled MVP Gold. On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the Supervisor was given authorization to sign the contract.

**TOURISM LAW UPDATE**

There have been several new tweaks to the law since last discussed. A floating zone is being considered. Also discussed was the ability to have a camp on a town road and a suggestion to remove day camps and overnight camps from the law. Board members need clarification on both the town road allowance and day & overnight camps. Supervisor Majestic presented a new draft to the board. Reminded the Board of the tight time frame they have before the moratorium expires. She is advising that the Board extend the moratorium again and address the 2 laws at simultaneous public hearings. More discussion is planned during the budget meetings scheduled earlier.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Brian Stiscia – Kimlin Propane issues/concerns have been addressed and corrected. The salt shed has been re-stained and re-sealed. Gutters will be done next year.

Matt Aube – voiced his concern with the conditions of both Bruynswick Rd and Route 208. They are in horrible condition and need to be addressed. The Supervisor will contact Senator Jen Metzger.

Councilman Dukler – Thank you to Brian, the Supervisor & the Town Board for bringing attention to the Kimlin issue. Many changes in Gardiner and we need someone who says this is not acceptable. We need to go forward with reasonable enforcement.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher  
Town Clerk