

November 7, 2019 – Workshop Meeting and Budget Public Hearing

The workshop meeting and budget public hearing were held tonight at 7 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmen Carucci, Dukler & Wiegand and Councilwoman Walls. There were approximately 9± audience members present.

Councilman Wiegand congratulated Franco Carucci, Laura Walls and Marybeth Majestic on their re-election.

ANNOUNCEMENT

November 8 – free rabies clinic will be held at the Ulster County SPCA in Kingston from 10 am to noon

November 10 – Veterans breakfast at the Gardiner Firehouse from 8 am to 11:30 AM. Veterans eat free.

November 11 – the Town Hall and Highway Dept. will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day

November 12 – A free luncheon will be held at St. Charles Church Hall.

FOREST GLEN ROAD BRIDGE

On November 12 contract documents will be signed so that work can begin on the Forest Glen Road Bridge on the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

On November 12 two (2) public hearings are scheduled on a local law to amend section of the zoning code and to extend the moratorium by 3 months.

CHANGE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting for the ZBA has been rescheduled to Monday December 9 at 7 PM due to a conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday.

JOINT MEETING

On December 3rd there will be a joint meeting with the Town Board, Planning Board, ZBA, Environmental Conservation Commission and the Open Space Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW – TAX CAP OVERRIDE

At 7:02 PM the Town Clerk read the legal notice for the public hearing on a local law exceeding the tax cap override. Supervisor Majestic stated that the 2020 budget will exceed the tax cap. The public hearing was then opened to the audience for any questions or comments. There being none the Board agreed to keep the hearing opened during the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2020 BUDGET

At 7:05 PM the Town Clerk read the legal notice for a public hearing on the 2020 budget. The Supervisor reviewed the increases for employees, health insurance legal fees, adding a specific line for Article 78 litigation, engineering for Clove Rd and an I&I study for the sewer district. Other increases were for a new deputy town clerk and changing the building inspector's hours reflecting fulltime. The public hearing was opened to the audience for question or comments. There being none the Board agreed to keep the hearing opened during the meeting.

PRESENTATION BY THE OPEN SPACE COMMISSION (OSC) ON EASEMENTS

Open Space Commission member Laura Rose has prepared a very thorough presentation for the town board on the conservation easements in the Town of Gardiner. Other members present were Jean McGrane, Kay Hoiby-Griep, Laura Wong-Pan and Linda Geary. The presentation identified easements within the Town, who owns them and who monitors them.

Recently the Town Board was given a template for a conservation easement and members of the OSC strongly urged the Board to adopt it.

Councilman Wiegand stated that easement monitoring is the most important. Monitoring of town owned easements will come at a cost to the taxpayers. Funding for future easements will come from the developer before the Town will accept it. Councilman Dukler asked if there were any grants available to help fund the monitoring. Councilwoman Walls suggests recruiting volunteers to monitor the easements.

The OSC is planning to create a checklist for the baseline monitoring.

The Town Board applauded Laura Rose for a great presentation.

NEW 2021 MACK TRUCK FUNDING

Superintendent of Highways is looking to replace one more truck in his fleet. Since it took many months to order and receive the newest truck, Mr. Stiscia would like authorization to move forward with the ordering of a new truck. Currently Key Bank is offering a 7-year loan with a rate of 2.95%. On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, Mr. Stiscia was given authorization to letter of intent on the purchase of a new 2021 Mack truck.

RESOLUTION DOG LICENSE FEES

Resolution No. 110-authorizing the increase of dog license fees -Offered by Councilwoman Walls

Resolved pursuant to the code of the Town of Gardiner, § 116-1. Amendment of fees by resolution, the Town Board amends the dog licensing fees as follows ...

- Male/female dogs spayed \$ 5.00
- Male/female dogs unspayed \$15.00
- Lost tag fee \$10.00

Seconded by Councilman Carucci and carried.

RESOLUTION FOR HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY PLANNING GRANT

Resolution No. 111 – HRV Greenway Planning Grant – offered by Councilwoman Walls

WHEREAS, the Town of Gardiner is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program for a project entitled Town of Gardiner Senior Housing Project to be located in the Town of Gardiner,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the governing board of the Town of Gardiner hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program, for a project known as Town of Gardiner Senior Housing Project and located within this community

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

This grant will allow for hiring a consultant in planning for a project in the Town. Although this grant is not location specific, the Town Board is researching the probability of senior housing in

the hamlet. It is a 50/50 matching grant. To date the Town has received a cost of \$15,000 from David Fairweather. Senior housing is important to the residents in Gardiner.

CLOSE TAX CAP OVERRIDE PUBLIC HEARING

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the public hearing on the tax cap override was closed at 8 PM.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2020 BUDGET

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the public hearing on the 2020 budget was closed at 8:01 PM.

ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW – TAX CAP OVERRIDE

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the local law on the tax cap override was adopted as follows:

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Gardiner pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Gardiner to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the town board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Gardiner, County of Ulster is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law, §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State

ADOPTION 2020 BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, the 2019 preliminary budget, is adopted as the final budget.

HIGHWAY MATERIALS BID

Superintendent Stiscia is asking for authorization to bid his road materials for 2020. A motion was made by Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BID AWARD

Superintendent of Highways Brian Stiscia put a notice of bid for the 2011 Ford Pick Up, an Airflow electric sander and an Airflow sander on Auctions International’s website . Bidding closed on November 4 and Mr. Stiscia is looking for authorization to accept the bids of \$14,100 for the 2011 Ford pick-up, \$1,175 for the Airflow electric sander and \$610.00 for the Airflow sander. On motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, bids are accepted.

PROPOSED COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATE(CCA) LOCAL LAW

Supervisor Majestic stated that the red-lined version of the law was received late this afternoon. She would like to address this at next weeks meeting.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Board members were given a proposed social media policy. Supervisor Majestic is asking that they review it. Discussion will take place at next week’s meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Brian Stiscia – commented the OSC presentation was well done. He suggested the use of a drone for monitoring.

Michael Albright – commented on the use of the website and the proposed media policy.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk