

October 11 – Budget Meeting

A budget meeting was held this morning at 9:30. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmen Carucci, Dukler & Wiegand and Councilwoman Walls.

2020 BUDGET

The Board discussed big ticket items such as Clove Road Bridge. Cost to replace the bridge is at \$350,000. We have a grant of \$250,000 so at least \$100,000 should be budgeted for the project. There is also the I&I study at the sewer treatment plant. The Town has applied for a grant but we will not hear back until December. The Town will need to come up with at least \$20,000. Councilwoman Walls suggested taking a loan from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund. She stated that loans can be made fund to fund but must be paid back within a year. Supervisor Majestic was unfamiliar with this and will discuss it with the attorney.

Councilman Wiegand commented on legal fees. With the current Article 78 attorney fees at \$48,000 we should consider increasing the attorney line.

Superintendent Brian Stiscia was present to discuss his budget requests. His 2020 budget remains the same as last year with the exception of salary increases. He touched on the Clove Road Bridge stating that he has been talking with the engineer for the Town, Tom Harvey. Tom believes cost is in the range of \$350,000. Mr. Stiscia suggested possibly bonding. Next year he would like to do more paving. He is looking to replace the 1997 dump truck. This is the final truck to be replaced. He has received a cost estimate of \$233,000. CHIPS money has increased to \$102,000.

Mortgage tax is down to \$145,000 last year. That's a big decrease in revenue.

A new mower is needed for the outside maintenance of Majestic Park and the Town Hall. The Highway Superintendent has priced a new mower at \$9,100. Mr. Stiscia also recommended a snow blower. The park attendant who takes care of the mowing and snow clearing loads her own snow blower in her truck and brings it to the Town Hall to clear the snow. Board members also talked about increasing her salary.

Attorney fees were discussed next. The Board discussed a separate line for Article 78 litigation funding possibly with \$30,000 and a separate attorney line for other legal issues at \$30,000 as well.

ZONING – PROPOSED TOURISM LOCAL LAW

Board members briefly discussed the proposed tourism law. Their concern was existing campgrounds and whether or not they should be allowed without expanding the acreage. They also discussed special permits, the comprehensive plan and a few areas of the draft law that the Planning Board pointed out that need to be addressed. Board members will need feedback from the attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Council Wiegand and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM.

October 16 – Budget Meeting

Present for this budget meeting were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmen Carucci, Dukler & Wiegand and Councilwoman Walls.

Supervisor Majestic stated that the budget was updated with a few changes from last week. The budget at this point would have an 11.7218% increase over last years budget. She suggested the possibility of using appropriated unexpended funds to lower the budget. Highway Superintendent Stiscia has offered \$30,000 from his fund. Bank loan rates for the truck are under 3% right now.

REVENUES

Summer Recreation revenue was \$107,500. They are planning to add another 25 campers next year.

Annual Campground fees will be added to the revenues. The plan with the short-term rentals would be having to register with the Town, after a law is put in place. This to will create revenue from their license fees.

Board members talked about new bookkeeping software. They agreed to add \$10,000 in the budget for this.

Councilman Wiegand stated that he was opposed to the \$30,000 line for Article 78 proceedings. Other Board members disagreed and decided to keep at \$30,000.

Board members agreed to a 2% salary increase for employees.

Board members agreed that they need another meeting and scheduled it for October 24 at 9:30 AM.

CLAIMS

Claims were approved for payment on motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried. They are listed on Abstract #9A as follows: Highway Fund voucher #199-204 \$329,945.45.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Resolution 107A - Transfer in Highway Fund – Offered by Councilwoman Walls
Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2019 Annual Budget, Highway Fund is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$285.68.00 from Acct No. 01.04.5112.381 Dept 5112 Improvements Amani Dr to Acct No. 01.04.5112.382 Dept 5112 Improvements Burnt Meadow Rd and \$79,945.45 from Acct No. 01.04.5110.400 CE Contract Expense to Acct No. 01.04.5112.382 Dept 5112 Improvements Burnt Meadow Rd.
Seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

Resolution No. 107B – Transfer in Highway Fund – Offered by Councilman Wiegand
Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2019 Annual Budget, Highway Fund is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$585.58 from Acct No. 01.04.5112.381 Dept 5112 Improvements Amani Dr.to Acct No. 01.04.5112.383 Dept 5112 Improvement Denniston Rd,

\$7.00 from Acct No. 01.04.5112.384 Dept 5112 Improvements Deyo Dr to Acct No. 01.04.5112.383 Dept 5112 Improvements Denniston Rd., \$902.65 from Acct No. 01.04.5112.385 Dept 5112 Improvements Majestic Woods Dr. to Acct No.01.04.5112.383 Dept 5112 Improvements Denniston Rd and \$1,290.19 from Acct No. 01.04.5112.386 Dept 5112 Improvements Scenic Ridge Rd to Acct No. 01.04.5112.383 Dept 5112 Improvements Denniston Rd .

Seconded by Councilwoman Dukler and carried.

ZONING – PROPOSED TOURISM LOCAL LAW

To allow for the expansion of existing campgrounds a “campground floating zone” was drafted into the law. A floating zone allows the Town Board to set parameters for the campground as they see it. Councilman Wiegand stated that he is okay with expansion of existing campgrounds as long as it is governed by the campground floating zone. All special permits for each application in the campground floating zone will be issued on a case by case review.

Supervisor Majestic commented that this started out as correcting a few ambiguities in the current law. It seems to have morph to something much larger. The Board really needs to move forward toward a public hearing and adoption of the law.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM.

October 24 – Budget Meeting

A budget meeting was held this morning at 9:30. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmen Carucci, Dukler & Wiegand and Councilwoman Walls.

The Supervisor has been in touch with bond counsel regarding Clove Road Bridge. The \$100,000 portion of the funding can be bonded with no increase to the budget.

Board members agreed to increase the appropriated unexpended funds to lower the taxes in the general fund to \$60,000.

The budget looks good and the board now has a preliminary budget ready for a public hearing.

DOG ENUMERATION

The Town Clerk is looking to conduct a dog enumeration. This entails sending each property owner in the Town a letter requesting anyone who has an unlicensed dog to license it. Mrs. Mosher is working with Cornerstone Services who is printing, folding and mailing the letters which includes the postage at a cost of approximately \$2,374.00. In addition, she would like to increase license fees to \$5 for spay/neutered dogs and \$15 for unspayed/unneutered dogs. A lost tag fee will remain the same at \$10. With the increases in fees and the increase expected in the number of dog licenses cost for this will be covered completely. The Town Board authorized the Town Clerk to move forward.

ZONING – PROPOSED TOURISM LOCAL LAW

The campground definition was amended to add “intended for year-round use”. Board members are pleased with this draft of the law and adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. 108 – Scheduling a Public Hearing on a Local Law Local Law To Amend Chapter 220 and Chapter 200 Of The Town Code Regulating Certain Tourism Related Accommodation Uses-Resolution Scheduling A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law To Amend Chapter 220 and Chapter 200 Of The Town Code Regulating Certain Tourism Related Accommodation Uses Offered by Councilwoman Walls

WHEREAS, A proposed local law entitled, “A Local Law to Amend Chapter 220 and Chapter 200 of the Town Code of the Town of Gardiner Regulating Certain Tourism Related Accommodation Uses”, was introduced by the Town Board on October 24, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said Town Board shall hold Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 2340 Rt. 44/55, Gardiner, New York, on November 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M., to hear all persons interested in the matter of the adoption of the proposed local law, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said special meeting and public hearing in the Times Herald Record, and to post copies of such notice in the manner provided by law, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk and the Attorney for the Town are hereby authorized and directed to refer the proposed local law and/or Notice of Public Hearing to the appropriate agencies for their review and recommendations.

Resolved and Executed at Gardiner, New York, this 24th day of October, 2019.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE MORATORIUM

Resolution No. 109 – Moratorium Extension – Offered by Councilwoman Walls

Resolution Scheduling A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law To Amend Chapter 220 And Chapter 200 Of The Town Code Regulating Certain Tourism Related Accommodation Uses - Offered by Councilwoman Walls

WHEREAS, A proposed local law entitled, “A Local Law to Amend Chapter 220 and Chapter 200 of the Town Code of the Town of Gardiner Regulating Certain Tourism Related Accommodation Uses”, was introduced by the Town Board on October 25, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said Town Board shall hold Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 2340 Rt. 44/55, Gardiner, New York, on November 12, 2019 at 7:05 P.M., to hear all persons interested in the matter of the adoption of the proposed local law, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said special meeting and public hearing in the Times Heald Record and to post copies of such notice in the manner provided by law, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk and the Attorney for the Town are hereby authorized and directed to refer the proposed local law and/or Notice of Public Hearing to the appropriate agencies for their review and recommendations.

Seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, second by Councilman Wiegand and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher, Town Clerk