

May 12,2020 – Regular Meeting

The Regular meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at 7 PM. This meeting was conducted on Microsoft Teams as a virtual meeting. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmen Carucci, Dukler & Wiegand and Councilwoman Walls. There were approximately 14± audience members.

TOWN HALL CLOSURE

Due to the Covid-19 virus the Town Hall will remain closed through June 1. Where possible employees are working remotely and a staggered work schedule has been implemented during this time to keep all safe.

HUDSON VALLEY GREENWAY GRANT

The Town has been informed that the Hudson Valley Greenway Grant program has been suspended. The Town had submitted an application for a senior housing project.

LAZY RIVER/YOGI BEAR CAMPGROUND APPLICATION

Lazy River/Yogi Bear Campground has submitted an application for a campground license. Supervisor Majestic read correspondence received from attorney Allyson Phillips. Andy Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer and the Town Board will review the application according to the newly adopted Chapter 200. The campground will continue to operate during the review process. The Town had submitted an emergency order to the NYS Department of Health which was denied by the state. Guidance for the campgrounds should be available in the near future. The Ulster County Department of Health has issued a permit with many strict conditions and limitations. They are monitoring the campground and will take any necessary action needed to ensure the campground is in compliance.

Lazy River/Yogi Bear Campground has also stated they intend to apply for a Campground Floating Zone. No application has been received to date.

2020 SUMMER RECREATION

There are many concerns regarding the 2020 Summer Recreation Program with the current situation with COVID-19. Social distancing with busing, pool attendance, day trips and even at the park are very high concerns. At this point registration and staff employment would have already been completed. Supervisor Majestic is recommending cancelling the program for this year. Board members agree and a motion was made by Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, cancelling the 2020 Summer Recreation Program.

PARK PAVILION RENTALS

Currently the Town has 3 reservations for the rental of the park pavilion. The Town Clerk has been in touch with each person concerned with the reservations and all agreed, with the situation, to cancel their reservations. Board members agreed to suspending reservations until June 15, at which time they will re-evaluate the situation.

TRANSFER STATION

Councilman Dukler spoke about a few needs and storage at the transfer station. He stated that the Town is out of compliance with DEC regulations specifically oil storage and electronics storage.

The oil storage tank needs to be roofed. The Board authorized the expense, not to exceed \$1,000, for roofing and siding on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman

Dukler and carried. Secondly, the electronics storage needs to be in a structure. It is common at transfer stations that fees for electronics is determined by weight to be accurate. Cost of a scale is quite expensive. Board members agreed on motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, to discontinue the acceptance of electronic waste collection at the transfer station.

SEWER DISTRICT INFLOW AND INFILTRATION STUDY UPDATE

Supervisor Majestic announced that a smoke test will take place on June 22 and 23. This will be conducted by NYS Rural Water Association. The Association is requesting a motion from the Town Board to move forward and for the execution of the hold harmless agreement submitted by the company. A motion was made by Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, authorizing the smoke test and authorizing the Supervisor to sign the hold harmless agreement after review by the town attorney.

LAZY RIVER ESCROW AGREEMENT

The Town Board is in receipt of an escrow agreement for engineering and legal expenses with respect to Lazy River/Yogi Bear Campground. This escrow agreement is created for the expenses incurred from the review and processing of applications submitted for a Campground Floating District, a Campground Special Use Permit and for Site Plan Approval. A motion was made by Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the agreement.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW APPOINTMENT

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, Mon Dorris was appointed to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the term of Michael Kruglinski – term to expire on 9/30/21. A second motion was made by Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried appointing Alan Rothman to fill the term of Matt LaRussa – term to expire on 9/30/24. A third motion was made by Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried to re-appoint Jack Habersberger to another term which will expire on 9/30/25.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

The Town has advertised the position available on the Planning Board in the newspaper and the Town website. There was no response, therefore, on motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, Paul Colucci was re-appointed to the Planning Board for another 7-year term to expire on 4/1/27.

SKATEBOARD PARK REPAIR

The Parks & Recreation Committee is asking for authorization to expend \$1,349.00 for the purchase of 6 sheets of Skate lite panels to replace the ones damaged at the skateboard park. On motion of Councilman Carucci, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, authorization was given for the expense to be taken from the Park Repair & Reserve Fund.

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION UPDATE

Councilman Carucci recently met with Mark Varian, Steven Weir and Rick Irrizary to discuss moving ahead with the CCA. The Town municipal buildings can benefit from the program. The only cost to the Town is legal expenses from the review of the contract. All else is the responsibility of the administrative company. Mr. Carucci stated that outreach is planned for the near future. The plan is to take it slow. Looking at a 2021 startup date.

All parts to the charging station have been delivered to the Town Hall. We are ready to go with the installation and hook-up. We are waiting for the “Pause” initiative to end.

FINANCIAL PLAN 2020

Supervisor Majestic announced all purchases made must be pre-approved. Ms Majestic has reviewed a document from the Office of the State Comptroller with recommendations on how to manage through this difficult time. The plan outline consists of 7 steps – 1. Spending approval; 2. Prepare a cash report; 3. Prepare a revenue inventory prediction for 2020; 4. Prepare a budget remediation plan; 5. Modify the budget; 6. Monitor the budget; 7. Use reserve funds in an emergency.

Step 3 – Revenue - the major projections are for Sales Tax and Mortgage Tax. As of March 31, we are currently a bit behind on our estimates but with many re-financing, there should not be any shortfall with Mortgage Tax. Sales Tax is lagging a bit. Supervisor Majestic estimates at this time we may have a \$66,000 shortage in our 2020 revenues. There are a few budget items that can be reconsidered which can bring down the estimated shortfall. Another area to explore is asking the Town Board to voluntarily give up their salary along with the Town Justices. Other boards to consider is the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Assessment Review Board. Councilman Wiegand suggested giving up salaries for the second half of the year. The Town is in good financial shape and there is a comfortable unexpended balance. Next year’s budget may be a bit of a challenge.

MINUTES

Minutes of April 14, April 14 executive session, May 1 & May 4 special meetings were approved as written on motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the April Supervisor Report was approved as presented.

CLAIMS

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, the claims were approved for payment. They are listed on Abstract #4 as follows: General Fund voucher #126-146 \$65,262.76; Highway Fund voucher # 56-71 \$21,083.45; Sewer Fund voucher #9-13 \$4,253.74.

BUDGET TRANSFERS & SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Resolution No. 80 – Supplemental Appropriation in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2020 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for a supplemental appropriation of \$2,032.00 in Acct No.00.07.8020.404 CE Engineering/Outside Professional Services.

Further resolved, said moneys to be taken from the unexpended balance in the General Fund. Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

Resolution No. 81– Transfer in General Fund - Offered by Councilman Dukler
Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2020 Annual Budget, General Fund is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$711.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1440.460 CE Outside Professional Services to Acct No. 00.01.1440.464 and \$480.00 from Acct No. 00.02.3620.421 CE Office Supplies to Acct No. 00.02.3620.422 CE Office Software Support. Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Michelle L. Mosher
Town CLerk