

June 9, 2020 – Monthly 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 7± audience members.

### **2020 CENSUS**

Supervisor Majestic reminded and encouraged all to complete the 2020 census.

### **TOWN HALL RE-OPENING**

The Town Hall reopened on June 8. The offices are still closed to the public however an appointment can be made with any of the departments. Work schedules are staggered. The Town Clerk is available on Tuesday & Thursday. All other days' work, messages and emails are check remotely. The Building Dept. is available on Monday & Wednesday; however, the Building Inspector is in the office daily for any questions or inquiry. The Supervisor comes in daily. The Assessors office is located on a separate floor and they come and go without interaction with the rest of the employees. The Court is still closed. The Court Clerk does come in on Wednesdays. The Town Bookkeeper will continue to work remotely. Supervisor Majestic stated that the Town is looking to install glass dividers at the counters.

### **GARDINER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL 5 K RACE**

The Gardiner Fire Dept. announced that the annual 5K race held in July has been cancelled due to the current situation.

### **GARDINER DAY 2020**

The Gardiner Day Committee has decided to cancel Gardiner Day this year also due to the current situation.

### **ULSTER COUNTY JULY 4 CELEBRATION**

The County is planning a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration countywide for July 5. The County plans to proceed with their plan with or without municipality participation. Supervisor Majestic stated that she is generally away for July 4 and is looking for any Board member who may be interested in working with the County on this plan.

### **PRIMARY DAY**

June 23 is Primary Day in the State of New York. Voters have the opportunity to vote either by absentee ballot, early voting or at their regular polling location.

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS VACANCY**

The Zoning Board of Appeals will have a vacancy in July due to a term expiration. Anyone interested in serving may contact the Town Supervisor.

### **BURGLARIES, BREAK-INS AND SCAMS**

Supervisor Majestic has been made aware of car break ins and burglaries in the town recently as well as scams involving senior citizens. She asks to please be cautious and alert.

### **WORLD TURMOIL**

Supervisor Majestic received a thank you letter a few months ago after visitors to the area were involved in a minor car accident. With all the turmoil in the world and this country at this time she thought it appropriate to share this letter.

Dear Ms. Majestic, I take the liberty of writing to you to commend to you Mr. Brian Stiscia, your Highway Superintendent. I had the misfortune to be involved as a driver in a traffic incident on Bruynswick Road in January. Mr. Stiscia appeared at the scene as if by magic in what seemed like minutes after the collision. He calmly assessed the situation, coordinated the actions of the first responders, and restored order to a hitherto chaotic situation. His unflappable calm, rock-solid good sense and expertise, combined with his kindness and sensitivity made a really traumatic experience infinitely easier and more bearable for us. I would also like to commend to your fantastic team of first responders from your fire and ambulance services, as well as Trooper Roberts and her partner of the NYS Police. Their rapid arrival and calm supportive professionalism deserve the highest praise. Finally, our thanks to the citizens of Gardiner as well as to the passersby, who rendered aid and support on that day. Although we were strangers in your town, everyone treated us like their neighbors, for which we extend to them our heartfelt thanks. Yours sincerely, Phillip Haultloeur.

### **TRANSFER STATION REPORT**

Last month the Town Board authorized discontinuing the acceptance of electronics at the transfer station. The Town Board also authorized the construction of a covered containment area for waste oil. That project should be complete by tomorrow.

A third issue has come up involving the entrance gate. Councilman Dukler stated that the gate has been damaged and he is researching costs/quotes for a replacement.

### **FOREST GLEN BRIDGE DECKING UPDATE**

Councilman Dukler stated that there have been some delays due to the Coronavirus and the production of the concrete sections. The project is back on track and it should be completed by the end of the week or earlier.

### **EV CHARGING STATION**

The Electric Vehicle Charging Station located at the Library/Municipal area was opened to the public last weekend. There were a few glitches in the software which were corrected on Monday and it is up and running again. Supervisor Majestic reported that this is the only charging station located near to the Rail Trail. It can charge 2 vehicles at a time. Supervisor Majestic thanked the Climate Smart group for their hard work in getting this done.

Councilman Carucci would like to have a decal made listing all the sponsors who have covered the cost to use this free of charge for the next 2 years.

### **INFLOW AND INFILTRATION UPDATE**

Representatives from Pitingaro & Doetsch and members of the Town's highway crew worked together to uncover manholes in the hamlet so as to have access to the sewer district pipes.

Some of the manholes will need risers. Supervisor Majestic contacted Environmental Consultants requesting assistance in making a list of what will be needed.

Ms Majestic also announced that a smoke test will be conducted on June 22 and 23. Sewer district residents were sent a notice advising of this test.

**LAZY RIVER/YOGI BEAR CAMPGROUND LICENSE UPDATE**

Building Inspector Andy Lewis has reviewed the license application and visited the site. Mr. Lewis had some questions for the Town Board regarding clarification and additional information. No action will be taken tonight.

**LAZY RIVER/YOGI BEAR CAMPGROUND ESCROW AGREEMENT**

The Town is in receipt of a revised escrow agreement. Last month the Board authorized the Supervisor to sign the escrow agreement received at that time which was completed. The Town attorney forwarded the signed agreement to the campground representatives. The campground then returned the signed agreement back to the Town marked up with changes. The attorneys are discussing this back and forth. There will be no action taken this evening.

**REVIEW 2020 BUDGET**

Supervisor Majestic has reviewed the 2020 budget and has created an updated COVID 19 budget. All board members were emailed the update. This update does not include the new figures for the sales tax. A second payment has been received for \$38,494.60 bringing us up to 50% of the revenue collected. Ms Majestic stated we are in good shape financially.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of May 14 and May 29 were approved as written on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried. Councilwoman Walls had left the meeting early and was not present for the vote.

**SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT**

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the Supervisors report for the month of May was approved as presented.

**CLAIMS**

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the claims were approved for payment. They are listed on Abstract #5 as follows: General Fund voucher #147-184 \$14,348.51; Highway Fund voucher #72-84 \$ 7,626.34; Sewer Fund voucher #14-19 \$10,603.11.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Resolution No. 82 – 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 in the amount of \$1,349.00 in Acct No. 00.06.7110.413 CE Repairs.

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

Resolution No. 83– Transfer in Sewer Fund - Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2020 Annual Budget, Sewer Fund is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$80.00 from Acct No. 03.07.8110.469 CE Outside Professional Service to Acct. No. 03.07.8110.468 CE Repairs.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

Resolution No. 84 – Supplemental Appropriation in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Dukler

Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2020 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$4,256.00 in Acct No00.07.8020.404 CE Engineering/Outside Professional Service.

Further resolved, said moneys to be taken from the unexpended balance in the General Fund.

Seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

Resolution No. 85– 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 \$254.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1440.460 CE Outside Professional Services to Acct No. 00.01.1440.464 CE SAM Grant.

Seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher  
Town Clerk