

June 12, 2012 – Town Board Meeting

The Town of Gardiner Town Board meeting was held this evening at 7 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Zatz and Councilmen Koenig, Reynolds and Wiegand. Councilman Mele was absent. There were approximately 15 audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 13 – Constitutional Study Group

June 26 – Primary Day

Sept. 22 – Gardiner Day

TOWN HALL CLOSING

Supervisor Zatz reminded all present that the Town Hall will be closed on Fridays from July 13 through August 31.

TOWN BOARD SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

The Town Board will hold one meeting on the second Tuesday for the months of July and August.

TRANSFER STATION CONTRACT UPDATE

Councilmen Koenig and Reynolds visited Taylor Biomass, a renewable energy plant located in Montgomery, to tour their facility and consider this operation as an option for the Town's transfer station needs. Cost to a municipality per ton is approximately \$30 less per ton, however the company is not in a position yet to offer a contract to any town. Councilmen Koenig and Reynolds will continue to research other options. Supervisor Zatz suggested contacting the Ulster County Legislature to schedule a meeting in order to find out what UCRRA is planning.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE RELIEF

Supervisor Zatz attended a seminar to discuss options available to the public regarding mortgage foreclosures. Mr. Zatz will put all the information he received on the Town's website.

FORMATION OF A NEW ZONING COMMISSION

Board members will review the law and advise of any inconsistencies, impediments in the law and amendments that need to be done. The Board would like to create a new committee that will have representatives from the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Town volunteers. Board members are hoping for input at the multi board meeting to be held on June 25.

ROUTE 299 CAMPGROUND UPDATE

Supervisor Zatz commented that good negotiations are going on between the neighbors and Mohonk Preserve and PIPC. The latter has drafted a set of rules and regulations for the neighbors to review.

ABELS EASEMENT

Property owned by Gregory and Janet Abels, just east of the Gardiner Airport, has just been closed between Mr. Abels and the Wallkill Valley Land Trust developing a 64 acre easement on the property.

2013 WATCHTOWER FARM REQUESTS

Supervisor Zatz stated that he would like the Town Board to become more pro-active with Watchtower Farms regarding upcoming projects in the Town.

SALT SHED REPAIR

Councilman Koenig will be away at the end of July, the target date for the beginning of the repair of the salt shed roof with Watchtower Farm. During his absence Supervisor Zatz will be the contact person.

TOWN-WIDE PROPERTY REVAULTION

The Town has received a quote from Michael Dunham to do a revaluation on all properties within the Town for assessment purposes. The cost would be \$27,000 over a three (3) year period. Board members suggest developing a plan of action to move forward.

2013 BUDGET

Budget time is approaching and this year Supervisor Zatz would like each Board member to choose an area of the budget that they would be responsible for. Mr. Zatz handed out a breakdown of sections of the budget that each may volunteer for. He will rearrange the outline to display who will be responsible for what and redistribute at the next meeting.

CLAIMS

Claims for the month of May were approved for payment on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried. They are listed on Abstract #5 as follows: General Fund voucher #194-244 \$48,057.08; Highway Fund voucher #112-139 \$19,432.27; Sewer District #1 voucher #17-18 \$365.87; Sidewalk Phase II \$voucher #3 \$740.52.

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Resolution No. 66 – Supplemental Appropriation in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Koenig Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2012 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$500.00 in Acct No. 00.07.8790.460 CE ECC and \$190.00 in Acct No. 00.07.8160.103 PS Station Assistant Further Resolved, said moneys to be taken from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance. Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

The resolution to transfers monies was not approved by the Board. There were questions about the transfers and Supervisor Zatz suggested getting their answers before adopting the transfers.

SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT

The May Supervisor’s report was approved as present on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

David Straus – asked what the cost of a 20 year contract with the Taylor Biomass Company would be.

Jack Habersberger – asked who got the bid for the sidewalk project. Supervisor Zatz stated that the Town is still waiting on NYS DOT for the go ahead to award.

Marc Moran – announced that the Open Space Commission had a very successful dinner at Kiernan Farm. They raised approximately \$11,000 increasing the total raised to date to \$65,000.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk