

September 6, 2016 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Majestic presided with Councilwoman Walls and Councilmen Dukler, Hinson and Reynolds all present. There were approximately 8± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept. 7 – Gardiner Fire Dept. budget public hearing

Sept. 10- Gardiner Day

CELL TOWER UPDATE

Both Verizon & A T & T antennas are now positioned on the cell tower and are in working order.

SALT SHED

The renovation of the salt shed at the highway garage is now completed. All went well and the Superintendent is happy with the completed work.

MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to Primary Day, scheduled for Tuesday September 13, 2016, the regular meeting was re-scheduled for Thursday September 15, 2016 at 7 PM.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Mary Kimball CPA from Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, was present this evening to discuss the roll of their company with the Town of Gardiner with regard to the Annual Report. Ms Kimball also explained to the Town Board the audit process and how certain single audits and/or risk assessments can lead to a full audit. Ms Kimball also spoke about separation of duties with respect to the bookkeeper and avoiding conflicts of interest. She feels that a software upgrade is one way to handle this although it is very costly. She believes it is essential to get back up for the bookkeeper.

RESOLUTION MOHONK PRESERVE

The Town Board is in receipt of a request from Mohonk Preserve to adopt a resolution for the Trapps Bridge Replacement. They are looking for an additional \$340,000 in funding. This resolution is for sponsorship only. Board members would like a representative to be present at the next meeting to answer any questions. Resolution will be presented for adoption at next week's meeting.

RESIGNATIONS

On motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, resignations were accepted from Frank LaRonca & Amanda Paul as Summer Rec directors, Daniel Keegan from the Highway Dept. and Michael Gagliardi from the Parks and Rec Commission.

RESOLUTION OHIOVILLE ACRES-SEWER WORKS CORPORATION

Board members are in receipt of a draft resolution for the establishment of a sewer works corporation for Ohioville Acres. Councilman Dukler has questions about bonding to be sure that the district is completed properly. Supervisor Majestic will get confirmation from attorney David Brennan about bonding, insurance, etc.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION DISCUSSION

The Board members discussed at length the difference between a commission and a committee. Councilwoman Walls feels that there is no legal backup to support a commission (ie law establishing a commission) therefore it is a committee. Ms Walls prepared a draft charge for the establishment of a committee. The Town Board was asked to review the plan and make suggestions to Councilwoman Walls by Sept. 15. Councilman Hinson also suggested that the Board review the Ethics Commission as well.

Board members next discussed the Summer Recreation Program and the resignation of the directors. The Board is concerned with the announcement that the Assistant Directors have been hired to fill the Director's position. At this point Supervisor Majestic recused herself from discussion as this involves one of her children. The Town Board would like the Personnel Policy's description of interviewing and hiring of employees. Councilman Hinson finds no validity to the job offer to the assistants. Interview must be done and ultimately hiring is done by the Town Board. Councilwoman Walls questioned whether we are allowed to take the recommendation of the Directors or do we have to advertise.

PARKS & RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

There are 3 applicants interested in interviewing for the Parks & Rec Commission and the Environmental Conservation Commission. Board members will decide who will do interviews and the schedule will be set at next week's meeting.

CLOVE ROAD BRIDGE

Morris Associates has submitted a grant application in the amount of \$500,000 for the replacement/repair of the Clove Road bridge. Now we sit and wait for the award.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Superintendent of Highways informed the Board that the old generator sold at auction for \$2,000.

Highway personnel receive a longevity bonus on the anniversary of their employment in accordance with the union contract. A recent retiree, who has been employed by the Town of Gardiner for 26 years, retired a few days from his anniversary and is requesting his bonus. Supervisor Majestic is asking the Town Board to review this request and vote next week on whether to grant the bonus or not.

For 3 pay periods in the summer, the Town employees received paper checks rather than direct deposit. One highway employee received overdraft charges due to the receipt of paper checks over direct deposit. He is asking the Town to reimburse him these charges. The Board was also asked to review this request and be prepared to vote on this at next week's meeting.

GRANT APPLICATION

Councilman Dukler commented that an application has been submitted for a grant to replace the decking on a bridge on the Rail Trail.

BUDGET PREPARATION

Supervisor Majestic is hoping to have budget figures by next week. Councilman Hinson asked the Supervisor to prepare an EXCEL worksheet for the budget. It is easier to follow and work on. Supervisor Majestic commented that the health insurance may increase by 8%. Board

members discussed revenue sharing, finishing infrastructure at the park, different ways to effect revenues and encourage business growth.

SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULES

The Town Board scheduled the following dates for special meetings of the Town Board.

Solar Moratorium – Tuesday Sept. 27

2017 Budget – Sept. 29

DUSINBERRE ROAD SPEED LIMIT

The Town has received correspondence from the DOT advising us that the speed limit reduction request for Dusinberre Road has been denied. The speed limit will remain at 35 mph.

SUNFLOWER FESTIVAL

Reports indicate that there were approximately 5700 people who passed through the Sunflower Festival held in August. Organizers believe that the extreme heat that weekend kept the numbers down. All went well with the event.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Glen Noonan – explained how sales tax is generated for the Town. Spoke about the “zombie” property across the road from him on Sand Hill Rd and suggested that the Town generate revenue by cleaning up the property.

Jack Habersberger – Asked the status of the reval.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk