

August 11, 2015 – Monthly Meeting

The August monthly meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Supervisor Zatz presided with Councilmen Dukler, Hinson, Reynolds and Wiegand all present. There were approximately 16± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sept. 1 – return to the regular two (2) meetings per month for the Town Board.

Sept. 12 – Gardiner Day. Food and beverage vendors still needed

Sept. 19 – SVFD Chicken BBQ

Supervisor Zatz announced that wood chips are available at the transfer station for \$12/yard. The 5K Classic was a big success. Results are posted on the Town website.

TOWN HISTORIAN

Town Historian Carleton Mabee passed away in December of 2014. The position has been vacant since his death. New resident AJ Schenkman has expressed an interest in serving as historian. He currently is a consultant for Huguenot St in New Paltz, a history teacher and he writes for the Time Herald Record. Supervisor Zatz feels he would make a good historian. A motion was made by Supervisor Zatz, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried to appoint Mr. Schenkman as Town Historian.

INFRASTRUCTURES UPDATES

Reserve Funds – Councilman Wiegand stated that there is a combination of \$200,000 in reserve funds. Mr. Wiegand spoke with former Supervisor Mike Moran who referred to the years when the majority of the reserve funds were established. There is currently \$400,000 in the unexpended fund. Councilman Wiegand is also in contact with Attorney Mitch Jaiven who is researching the financial flexibilities that the Town may have with these reserve funds toward the infrastructure projects without affecting the tax cap. He spoke of the salt shed and the need for an outside overhang for storage of the heavy equipment. He is thinking of replicating the current structure.

Town Hall – Councilman Hinson toured the Town Hall building both inside and out to create a list of repairs needed for the building. Mr. Hinson has found surface water damage, paint peeling or absent around windows and doors, ripped screens, water damage to the belfry. The front steps and the steps to the State Trooper entrance have serious salt damage and need masonry work. Councilman Hinson suggested re-routing the gutters for drainage, power washing & re-painting the outside of the building, black topping the parking area and touch up painting for the interior. The dog park could use a larger container for dog waste along with other minor maintenance. Mr. Hinson suggested getting estimates for carpentry, painting, mason work, seal coating and gutter repair. He approximates a cost of \$50,000. Supervisor Zatz suggested creating a priorities list.

Solar Farm – Councilman Reynolds stated that he has had conversations with local municipalities and received a name of a contractor that does solar farm installations. Councilman Wiegand suggested setting goals – cutting the Town’s energy bill or provide lower

costs for all the residents. Supervisor Zatz asked if the Town want to go into the solar business? He likes the idea of private companies applying for permits and do what they do best. Councilman Dukler questioned whether this would be an income stream for the Town if the solar farm was on town property. Councilman Hinson believes that a solar farm at the transfer station/landfill property is a win/win proposition. The Town will reap the benefits in many ways. Councilman Wiegand is concerned with the legal expenses and the need for a great deal of manpower. The idea is a good one but the practicality of it doesn't make sense for the Town.

Transfer Station – Councilman Reynolds has received a proposal from Morris Associates for bid services for a building and the transfer station. Cost is estimated at \$4500.00. Mr. Reynolds spoke with Jim Wild of Jim Wild Well Drilling regarding a well at the transfer station. Mr. Wild suggested sinking a storage tank for water usage. The water will not be potable. He will get the cost associated with doing this.

Councilman Dukler stated that his vision for the transfer station would be to afford all that is need by revenue. He stated that New Paltz transfer station breaks even each year not because of the revenue stream but because of grants. Supervisor Zatz wonders if the Town wants to spend funds today for a possible reimbursement in 3-4 years. He would like to see the numbers associated with the transfer station before any growth or development. He agrees with development of the transfer station but not necessarily growth.

Forest Glen Road Rail Trail Bridge – the ties and decking need replacement but it is not crucial. The abutments have intrusion by vegetation/trees. Anything within five (5) feet of the abutments should be removed.

Majestic Park Pole Barn – Councilman Dukler has been in touch with Pioneer Builders regarding the heat and insulation. The large entrance door will need to be replaced with a garage type door. Mr. Dukler will get an adjusted insulation cost.

Majestic Park Pavilion – Supervisor Zatz received an estimate from Tom Harvey of Morris Associates for the repair work needed at the pavilion located at the park. He estimates a cost of \$42,000, \$10,000 higher that the local carpenter estimate. It was suggested to do the repair work over two (2) years.

A group of Gardiner citizens would like to create a new and popular disc golf course. Paths are created through the trees for this sport. At the far end of the park by the ball field paths are already established. These can be cleared and maintained for the disc golf. There are also trails, that if maintained will make great biking trails. Councilman Dukler commented that this can be done with volunteers with minimal labor.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Superintendent Stiscia presented the Town Board with a proposal to replace the 2003 Ford F350 1 Ton Dump Truck. Mr. Stiscia has received a quote from Robert Green Trucking for a 2016 Dodge 3500 1 Ton Dump for \$56,624.00. Funding will come from various highway lines including the sale of the 2003 Ford Ranger and CHiPS money. Board members discussed

funding at length. Supervisor Zatz suggested holding off until the budget discussions begin. He stated that there are two (2) choices buy the truck with funding as Mr. Stiscia suggests or order the truck budget for it and pay for it out of the 2016 budget. Mr. Stiscia is concerned with ordering the truck too late in the year and not getting for use until the middle of winter.

JUSTICE COURT GRANT

Resolution No. 87 – Justice Court Grant - Offered by Councilman Dukler

WHEREAS, there is available grant moneys through the New York State Unified Court System to assist in the operation of the town justice courts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner and the Justice Court of the Town of Gardiner are in agreement that this grant would benefit the operation of the Justice Court and should be applied for; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Gardiner is hereby authorized to sign the grant application and all subsequent documents with respect to the grant, as needed.

Seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried.

2016 BUDGET

Supervisor Zatz commented that budget season is coming up and that we will need to keep our increase at .73%. Councilman Hinson asked if we could have the bookkeeper attend the budget meetings.

RESOLUTION RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Resolution No. 88 – Retirement System Reporting - Offered by Councilman Wiegand

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Gardiner hereby establishes standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

SUNFLOWER FESTIVAL COMPLAINT

The Sunflower Festival held at the Tuthilltown Distillery this past weekend has produced a number of complaints. There was a significant amount of people who attended creating traffic issues, parking issues and noise issues. The organizer of the event did not apply for a Mass Gathering Permit as required by our municipal law. Zoning Enforcement Officer Hank Vance has notified the organizers about the need for this permit for any future festivals. The attendance clearly exceeded the 500 person minimum. Scott Bittner, owner of an adjoining property, was concerned with the periodic road closures. It was such a traffic mess he could not leave his property.

MINUTES

Minutes of June 9 and July 14 were approved as written on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLYREPORT

The July monthly report was approved as presented on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

CLAIMS

Claims were approved for payment on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried. They are listed on Abstract #7 as follows: General Fund voucher #287-346 \$30,585.53; Highway Fund voucher #166-195 \$28,943.55; Sewer Fund voucher #22-25 \$7,649.74.

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Resolution No. 89 – Transfer within General Fund – Offered by Councilman Wiegand Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2015 Annual Budget, General Fund is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$.84 from Acct No. 00.01.1220.423 Software Contract to Acct No. 00.01.1220.402 CE Mileage. \$1.19 from Acct No. 00.01.1220.401 CE Misc. to Acct No. 00.01.1220.402 CE Mileage, \$209.00 from Acct No00.01.1355.401 CE Assessors Misc. to Acct No. 00.01.1355.421 CE Assessors Supplies, \$200.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1420.460 CE General Attorney to Acct No. 00.01.1420.403 CE Registrar Vital Statistics and \$1022.00 from Acct No. 00.06.7110.401 CE Park Misc to Acct No. 00.06.7110.413 CE Park Repairs. Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

Resolution No. 90 – Transfer within General Fund – Offered by Councilman Wiegand Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2015 Annual Budget, General Fund is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$42.00 from Acct No. 00.06.7310.420 CE Arts & Crafts to Acct No. 00.06.7310.425 CE Misc Youth Program. \$1921.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8160.415 CE Transfer Station Improvement to Acct No. 00.07.8160.401 CE Misc Landfill and \$44.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8160.415 CE Transfer Station Improvement to Acct No. 00.07.8160.421 CE Office Supplies. Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

Resolution No. 91 – Supplemental Appropriation Highway Fund – Offered by Councilman Wiegand Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2015 Annual Budget, Highway Fund is hereby amended to provide a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$24,130.00 in Acct No01.04.5142.400 CE Snow Removal Misc. Further resolved, said moneys to be taken from the unexpended balance in the Highway Fund. Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

Resolution No. 92 – Supplemental Appropriation General Fund – Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2015 Annual Budget, General Fund is hereby amended to provide a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2000.00 in Acct No. 00.04.5010.102 Stipend.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Supervisor Zatz and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk