

December 6, 2016 – Workshop Meeting

The December workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at 6 PM at the Town Hall. Supervisor Majestic presided with Councilwoman Walls and Councilmen Dukler & Reynolds present. Councilman Hinson was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilwoman Walls seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, at 6 PM the Town Board entered into executive session for the purposes of collective bargaining negotiations.

LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ENTER REGULAR SESSION

At 6:53 PM a motion was made to adjourn executive session and enter into regular session by Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Reynolds. Approximately 16± audience members were present for regular session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec 13 – Ulster County Transportation Council Meeting 10 AM in Kingston

Dec 23 and Dec 26 – Town Hall is closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday

Dec 4 - Dec 9 – Community week at Mohonk Mountain House

PRESENTATION MAJESTIC SKATE CREW

Six young members of the Majestic Skate Crew and their mothers appeared before the Town Board to explain how they formed their group, their appreciation for the skate park at Majestic Park and their goals for using the park in the years forward. They spoke about issues they have had with older children there and how it has been resolved. Board members thanked the young girls for their input. It is nice to see and hear of what is being done at the town facilities provided for the community.

2017 ROAD MATERIAL BID

The Town Clerk read aloud the legal notice for the bids on the 2017 highway materials. Six (6) were received as follows: Grosso Materials, Callanan Industries, Mehlon Trucking, JT Marks Trucking, 209 Materials and Mombaccus Excavating. Each bidder had a non-collusion statement attached. Bids were turned over to the Superintendent of Highways for his review. Award will be made at next week's meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Board members discussed the hiring protocol for Parks & Recreation, specifically the summer recreation director, assistant director and counselors. Councilwoman Walls will create a hiring ad for the local newspapers and would like to begin interviews shortly after the new year. Ms Walls asked to have access to the files from previous years for her to review on hiring processes over the years.

OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT LAW

Supervisor Majestic reached out to the individuals that had once expressed an interest in serving on a committee to refine the Town of Gardiner's Outdoor Entertainment Law. She has had no response to date. Ms Majestic has also reached out to the Ulster County Health Dept. to find out what triggers the 5000 person assembly condition. It appears that the 5000 person limit must include an overnight assembly in order for it to go further than the Town for enforcement. The

Supervisor will contact organizers of the various festivals held in the Town to perhaps put together an AD-HOC committee after the holidays.

RESOLUTION – SEWER EASEMENT –AURORA LLC

Resolution No. 101- Acceptance of Sewer easement for Aurora LLC

Offered by Councilman Dukler

WHEREAS, the above property owner has been granted a Residential/Commercial Connection Permit in Gardiner Sewer District #1 and has installed the necessary facilities and has agreed to grant an easement to the District, and

WHEREAS, an easement is required for future maintenance and repair of sewer lines, tanks, pumps, etc. by the District, then

RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 64 of Town Law, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner, acting on behalf of Gardiner Sewer District #1, does hereby accept as a gift the above easement, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Supervisor is authorized to act on behalf of the District in this matter and cause a deed or other instrument to be filed with the Town Clerk.

Seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried.

MVP GOLD

After some research, the Town has elected to stay with the MVP Gold plan for the Town retirees. Although there is an increase of 15% coverage with other plans was not comparable.

COURT CLERK

Court Clerk Jean Savago recently had open heart surgery. She is currently out on leave until the spring at which time she will return to complete a records retention project she had begun prior to her surgery. Once the project is completed she will retire from her position. Current junior court clerk Christine Palumbo will take over both court clerk positions on a fulltime basis beginning January 1, 2017.

TRANSFER STATION CAR INCIDENT

The Town Clerk has received from a resident an estimate of repair for damages to her vehicle at the transfer station. The exterior of her vehicle was scratched by a piece of steel that was carried by the attendant as he passed her vehicle. Supervisor Majestic would like authorization to pay this estimate and not submit it to the insurance company. Board member Laura Walls asked for a copy of the incident report and estimate before voting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Michael Kruglinski – asked the status of the Clove Road bridge grant. No word yet.

Warren Wiegand – asked if the review of the Ethics Law and Committee is still on the radar for next year.

Fran Platt – reporter for the New Paltz Times questioned the rumor that there has been racist graffiti at Majestic Park. Ms Platt was told that there was graffiti but it has been painted over by the Parks & Recreation Chairman Brian Houser and an unknown resident from the Town. A police report has been filed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk