

December 8, 2015 – Executive Session

Town Board members met this evening at 6:30 pm at the Gardiner Town Hall for the purposes of an executive session and then regular session. Supervisor Zatz and Councilmen Dukler, Hinson, Reynolds and Wiegand were present as well as Town Clerk Michelle Mosher.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Supervisor Zatz, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, the Town Board entered into executive session at 6:34 PM. A second motion was made immediately by Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried, to have Supervisor Zatz leave the room during this discussion.

Board members discussed the Ethics Board findings in regard to a complaint made earlier this year.

Motions and votes were as follows:

A motion was made by Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Reynolds stating the Town Board has received and accepted the findings from the Ethics Board citing an ethics violation. The current Supervisor is not to participate in any action involving or around the transfer station. The Town Board will select three (3) Town Board members to oversee the transfer station. Councilman Dukler will remain liaison until the swearing in of the new Supervisor. Councilmen Hinson and Reynolds voted aye, Councilmen Wiegand and Dukler voted nay.

A second motion stating that the Town Board received a 23 page response from the Ethics Committee narrowing down ethics violations to four (4) specific areas that the Supervisor may have violated of the Town's ethics policy with his behavior towards the transfer station attendant. One of these four (4) areas was specifically found for just cause of a violation, results of which Councilman Hinson is making a motion to remove all communication and responsibilities of the Supervisor regarding the transfer station. Appointment of three (3) members of the Town Board will be made to oversee the operation of the transfer station until the new supervisor is sworn in, as punishment of an ethics violation. This motion was seconded by Councilman Reynolds. Aye votes by Councilmen Hinson and Reynolds. Nay votes by Councilmen Wiegand and Dukler. Motion fails.

A third motion was made as follows:

A motion was made by Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Reynolds that the Town Board has received and accepted the findings from the Ethics Board citing an ethics violation. The current Supervisor is not to participate in any action involving or around the transfer station. The Town Board will select three (3) Town Board members to oversee the transfer station. Councilmen Hinson, Reynolds and Dukler voted aye, while Councilman Wiegand voted nay. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT TO REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried, the Board left executive session and entered into regular session at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher, Town Clerk