

February 7, 2017 – Workshop Meeting

The February workshop meeting was held this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilwoman Walls and Councilman Dukler & Hinson. Councilman Reynolds was absent. There were approximately 5± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 20 – Town Hall closed in observance of President's Day

March 1 – Enhanced STAR Applications are due

March 11 – Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner at Gardiner Firehouse. Sponsored by the Gardiner Day Committee.

April 21 – Shredding truck will be available at the Town Hall for Earth Day. The Town is looking for sponsors to help finance for the truck.

CLOVE ROAD BRIDGE

The Town has been informed that they have not been awarded the grant applied for the Clove Road Bridge repair.

HEALTH INSURANCE PRESENTATION

Paul Strothenke of Mid Hudson VIP presented to the Town Board a summary of health insurance, specifically MVP. Mr. Strothenke spoke about his agency, the different health plans available as well as dental & vision coverage. Board members will review the plans presented and will make a decision at next week's meeting.

SOLAR LAW UPDATE

The Town Board received the draft law from the attorney as well as additional comments from ECC member Roberta Clemens. Board members were asked to review the law and the comments for discussion next week.

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS (AOT) MEETING

A motion was made by Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, to allow Supervisor Majestic and Councilwoman Walls to attend the AOT meeting in New York City February 19-22, 2017. Councilman Hinson abstained.

SUMMER RECREATION INTERVIEWS

Supervisor Majestic stated that on January 12, Parks and Rec Chairman Brian Houser and Parks & Rec board member Michele Tomasicchio conducted interviews for the Assistant Director position for the summer recreation program. One application was received from Annalise Apuzzo for Assistant Director. The interview went well and Ms Apuzzo is well qualified for the job.

Supervisor Majestic recused herself from the next discussion as a family member is being considered for a position. Councilwoman Walls continued the discussion for the director position. One application has been received from Brian Majestic. Mr. Majestic has been with the program for many years, first as a camper and then as a counselor. He is well suited for the position. A motion was made by Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried, to appoint Brian Majestic as Summer Recreation Director. A second motion was made by Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, to appoint Annalise Apuzzo as Summer Recreation Assistant Director.

JUSTICE COURT GRANT

The Justice Court has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,678.91. This grant money will be used to replace one of two doors in the lobby and two panic bars. The second door in the lobby could be funded from the Town Hall Repair Reserve Fund.

The current doors are non-commercial and will be replaced with commercial grade doors. Councilman Hinson stated that he will speak to Mohonk Preserve asking that they consider making a contribution to the Town that could be used for the second door. Supervisor Majestic will do a scope of work for the replacement of the doors. The grant needs to be used within 180 days.

CELL TOWER

The Town has been notified that a new cell tower is proposed for the highway garage property. E-mails have been sent to Superintendent of Highways Stiscia with the preliminary stages and plans for the project.

ANNUAL REPORT

Supervisor Majestic is looking for authorization to engage CPA Mary Kimball to do the annual audit again. Cost is between \$3,000-\$4,000. A motion was made by Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried, authorizing the use of Mary Kimball from Pattison, Kosky, Howe and Bucci for the Town's annual audit.

CUPCAKE FESTIVAL

An application for the Cupcake Festival Mass Gathering Permit has been received by the Town. It is scheduled for May 20 from 11 AM to 6 PM. Board members were asked to review the application and be ready to vote next week. Councilman Dukler reminded the Board to apply the same criteria to this festival application as applied to previous festival applications.

OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT LAW

On January 30, Supervisor Majestic met with members of the Gardiner Day Committee, the Cupcake Festival, Sunflower Festival and a resident of the Town to discuss the current law and possible improvements to the law. No changes or decisions were made.

MACK TRUCK FINANCING

Supervisor Majestic reported to the Board that after some research, the best financing available for the Mack truck is through Key Bank. A 5 year installment contract will be drawn up allowing for 1 payment per year for the next 5 years. At the end of the installment contract the Town would pay \$1 for the vehicle. Board members were asked to consider this plan and vote on this next week.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jack Habersberger – Asked if there was another plan for the Clove Rd. bridge.

Councilman Hinson – The Town of Esopus Superintendent designed a culvert approximately the same size as the Clove Road bridge. The Town did it themselves saving hundreds. Perhaps the Superintendent could consider a similar plan.

Councilwoman Walls – maybe a shared services in reverse program can be established. The County does the work and charges us back. Superintendent Stiscia likes that idea. It definitely could save money.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk