

February 3, 2015 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisor Zatz and Councilmen Hinson, Reynolds and Wiegand as well as 3 audience members. Councilman Dukler was absent due to an accident in which he broke his leg.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FUEL TANKS

Superintendent of Highways Brian Stiscia presented the Board with 3 written quotes for the replacement of the fuel tanks at the highway garage. Quotes ranged from \$21,000 to \$59,000. Due to the cost of replacement this project will need to be put out for bid. A March 3 opening is planned.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SALT SHED

Superintendent Stiscia presented to the Board a report evaluation from Morris Associates of the current salt shed and proposals for repair/replacement of the building. Morris Associates observation is that the building needs replacement as soon as possible. They feel the building is in danger of a catastrophic collapse. Councilman Wiegand agreed to meet with Mr. Stiscia and Morris Associates to discuss moving forward procedures. Councilman Hinson would like to see a second opinion for another engineer and Councilman Reynolds commented on getting grants for the replacement.

TRANSFER STATION

Councilman Reynolds has been in touch with Morris Associates about the engineering required on a building at the transfer station. He will need to schedule a meeting with Hank Vance to discuss the procedures involved. The pre-application has been completed for the 50/50 matching grant and will be submitted to the Town Board for review for the next meeting.

UPSEU(UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION)

The Board is in receipt of a memorandum of agreement to the highway union contract to include a detail of work clothing covered by the contract. On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried, the Supervisor was authorized to sign the memorandum of agreement.

DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS FUNDS

Supervisor Zatz started the discussion with the possibility of establishing reserve funds for the surplus funds created by the sale of the old library/firehouse building and the reimbursement of funds from The Riverside Trust. Mr. Zatz suggested a rebate to all town taxpayers with respect to the \$129,000 settlement with The Riverside Trust.

Councilman Wiegand would like Glenn Gidaly of Barton and Loguidice to create a proposal for grants that would benefit the town. Mr. Wiegand will ask Councilman Dukler to contact Mr. Gidaly.

Councilman Hinson would like to use the surplus funds to offset the budget.

Board members agreed to schedule a workshop meeting just for this particular discussion.

CELL TOWER

The cell tower is up and we are currently waiting on Verizon Wireless to obtain a permit to connect their antennae.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL

Michael Richardson is currently drafting the changes agreed upon with the Town Board and will present them with a copy in the near future.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Councilman Hinson has polled other towns to obtain names of a broker for health insurance. He found that many use our current broker but he did get a few other names and he will contact them in the hopes of hearing of some cost savings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Board will meet in executive session prior to next week's meeting to discuss the ending of a probationary period of a particular employee.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jack Habersberger – commented that the proposed rebate to taxpayers is not significant enough to distribute.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk