

March 4, 2014 – Regular Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board met this date at 6:30 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Supervisor Zatz presided with Councilmen, Dukler, Hinson, Reynolds and Wiegand all present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the Board entered into executive session at 6:30 PM for the purposes of discussing personnel issues.

LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ENTER REGULAR SESSION

At 7:10 PM the Board left executive session and entered into regular session. There were approximately 15± audience members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 8 – spay/neuter clinic for cats at the Natural Pet Center

March 13 – AARP meeting St. Charles Church 9:00 AM

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPLICANT

The Gardiner Library is seeking applicants for trustees. Those who are interested please contact the Library directly.

CERTIFIED AG DISTRICTS

The Ulster County Legislature will accept requests from landowners from March 1 to March 30 for inclusion of their land within the NYS Certified Agricultural Districts. Applications and more information can be obtained from the Ulster County Planning Dept.

SEEDLING SALE

The Soil and Water Conservation District is holding their annual tree and shrub sale. Order forms are available on their website, www.ucswcd.org.

NYS DEP ROUTE 208 AQUEDUCT

From March 17 through April 3 NYS DEP will be working around the clock.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR

Councilman Reynolds and Richard Koenig have started working on hiring a recycling coordinator for the transfer station. Their plan is to hire someone that is capable of seeking grants for improvements at the transfer station as well as bring the revenues and expenses closer together. When Merry McCall retired Mike Rock took over and has done a fine job filling in with this position. The Town has advertised for the position and four (4) applications have been received. Interviews have been completed and on motion of Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the Town Board authorizes the appointment of Wendy Toman to fill the position. Start date is still to be determined.

Board members praised Mike Rock for a job well done and his commitment to the Town over the last several months.

HEALTH INSURANCE DISCUSSION

Brad Palmiter from Marshall & Sterling was present to discuss with the Town Board the renewal of the health insurance plan. Mr. Palmiter presented several options for the Town on Power Point. High deductible plans have the highest increases. Mr. Palmiter also addressed the health care requirements

for the Affordable Care Act. Many options are available, some very complicated. The Board discussed each option at great length and will review the plans and make a decision at next week's meeting.

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried minutes of January 7, January 14 and February 4 were approved as presented.

ROUTE 44/55 BRIDGE

Supervisor Zatz has a meeting scheduled for March 7 with a NYS DOT representative to discuss "R" permits for the bridge on Route 44/55 by Millbrook Farm.

SNOW AND ICE BUDGET

Superintendent of Highways Brian Stiscia will present to the Town Board an itemized statement of snow and ice costs including overtime.

PAPER SHREDDER

The Town will have a commercial paper shredder here at the Town Hall in April on Earth Day. The shredding truck will be sponsored by NYS Solar Farm. More information will follow as we get closer to the date.

ROUTE 299 CAMPGROUND

Town officials have been asked for support in reducing the speed limit in the area of the proposed campground on Route 299. A resolution authorizing this will be presented at next week's meeting for approval.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jack Habersberger – asked what the final cost of the sidewalk project was.

Pam O'Dell – suggested sending a formal letter to Mohonk Preserve requesting an increase in their monetary contribution to the Town. Board members liked this suggestion and asked for a resolution for next week's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk