

November 1, 2016 – Workshop Meeting

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov. 8 – Election Day, Town Hall closed

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, Town Hall & Transfer Station closed.

NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

The regular meeting of the Gardiner Town Board will be held Thursday Nov. 10 at 7 PM due to Election Day.

PARKS & RECREATION

The Town has received resignations from several members of the Parks & Recreation Commission. Chairman Michael Gagliardi, Carol Lohrman, Amity Dippel and Jaynie Marie Aristeo have all handed their resignations to the Town. Interviews have been conducted for new members and appointments will be made at next week's meeting.

ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Linda Geary was appointed to the Ulster County Planning Board last month fulfilling the unexpired term of Kathy Hudson. This term ends effective December 31, 2016, therefore the UCPB has asked that the Town approve Ms Geary for an appointment of January 2017 for a four (4) year term.

Resolution No. 94 – Appointment to the Ulster County Planning Board

Offered by Supervisor Majestic

Resolved, pursuant to Section C-49(A) of the Ulster County charter and Section A7-5(A) of the Administration Code, the Ulster County legislature appoints members of the Ulster County Planning Board, and

The Town Board has received a resignation letter from current member Katherine Hudson

The Town Board hereby authorizes and consents to the appointment of Linda Geary as Ulster County Planning Board representative for the Town of Gardiner, for a term beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2020.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

BUDGET REVIEW/UPDATE

Supervisor Majestic received a phone call from Maggie Dugan from Ulster County Real Property regarding the Town's preliminary budget. Ms Dugan picked up on two (2) errors. Supervisor Majestic made the corrections and distributed new budgets as the preliminary budget. These changes did not affect the bottom line of the budget. Board members discussed unexpended funds and the Supervisor commented that the town will be receiving more mortgage tax than expected and she has taken this additional amount and put towards the budget in an effort to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes. Councilman Dukler questioned this and thought it may be better used in a reserve fund. Board members discussed the 17 reserve funds set up in the Town. They agreed that research must be done on each fund to see how they can be expended.

Councilwoman Walls saw that the \$50,000 for the new Mack truck was in the budget, but could not figure out where the monthly payment is. Superintendent of Highways Brian Stiscia commented that it is all included in the \$50,000.

RESOLUTION RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Resolution No. 95 – Retirement System Reporting Resolution

Offered by Councilwoman Walls

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Gardiner hereby establishes standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jack Habersberger – Asked what the tax cap percentage is for the Town of Gardiner. Supervisor Majestic stated .68%. Also asked the status of the reval.

Warren Wiegand – Asked if at next week's meeting could the bookkeeper prepare a document of both General & Highway projected unexpended for 2016.

Brian Houser – asked what the status was on the Parks & Recreation with regard to Commission vs. Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk