

June 2, 2015 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at 7:00 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Zatz and Councilmen Dukler, Hinson, Wiegand and Reynolds. There were approximately 22± audience members.

TRANSFER STATION PERMITS

The 2015/16 transfer station permits are now available at the Town Hall. Cost this year is \$30 for resident permits.

BURNING PERMITS

The New York statewide burning ban has been lifted and burning permits are now available at the Town Hall.

SUMMER RECREATION

Supervisor Zatz announced there are still openings for summer recreation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 16 – 13th Annual 5K Run. 6:30 PM sharp at Majestic Memorial Park. Sponsors are still needed. All proceeds will benefit the Gardiner Fire Dept and the Rail Trail.

August 9 – Saratoga Bus Trip. Cost \$65. Limited seating. Contact the Town Hall for more information.

OPENING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BID– 2004 FORD RANGER

At 7:15 PM the Town Clerk read the legal notice for the bid opening for the 2004 Ford Ranger. Eleven (11) bids were received. They were as follows:

Barbara Meszaros	\$2,875.00
David Rock	\$ 300.00
Michael Meszaros	\$2,005.00
Paul Mele	\$2,005.00
Hudson Valley Real Estate	\$1,203.00
Cristian DeLongis	\$3,005.00
John Habersberger	\$2,000.00
PE Colucci	\$5,300.00
Kelly Anson	\$ 901.99
Thomas Power	\$2,078.00
Mike Boylan	\$1,376.00

Board members reviewed the bids quickly and agreed to award the truck to PE Colucci for \$5,300.00. Motion made by Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried.

REVALUATION UPDATE

Assessor Maureen Gallagher and consultant Mike Dunham were present to give an update on the revaluation process. To date commercial property and vacant land review has been completed. Mr. Dunham is in the process of doing aerial views. Between now and the end of the year Mr. Dunham and Ms Gallagher will review round 200 parcels per month. Target for revaluation

completion is for the 2017 assessment Rroll. Grievance reviews of the revaluations will be conducted by Mr. Dunham and Ms Gallagher February 2017 through April 2017.

NYS SOLAR FARM PRESENTATION

Representatives of the NYS Solar Farm Anthony Daly and Jake Feltenberger were present tonight to discuss solar panels for the park pole barn. The pole barn is in a good location for solar panels. Approximately \$12,000 would come from NYSERDA for installation. Installation costs would be approximately \$30,000. An RFP process will need to be done. Leasing is for 10-15 years at which time ownership would be turned over to the Town. Install time is approximately 2-3 months start to finish. Councilman Dukler will take the leadership on moving forward with this. Mr. Dukler asked the Board to consider any other questions that they may have and he will present them to the company for them to address.

RESOLUTION CONSIDERATION – PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Councilman Hinson brought up concerns about residents speaking up during Privilege of the Floor that leads to their employers being contacted. Councilman Dukler suggested setting rules, procedures and policies for privilege of the floor. Mr. Hinson commented there never was really a problem in the past and thinks the current process we have works well. Councilman Reynolds stated the Town should be mindful of a process when a speaker states his/her thoughts.

Supervisor Zatz agrees with a process but spoke up about the problem from a previous meeting with crossing into personnel issues. Board members continued to discuss this at length along with threatening behavior during a meeting, leaving the meeting and/or adjourning the meeting due to this behavior. Supervisor Zatz and Councilman Hinson continued to discuss these and other issue rather heatedly. Mr. Zatz and read the letter sent to him by e-mail from Glenn Hoaglund of Mohonk Preserve. Mr. Hinson commented that he also received a letter from Mohonk Preserve.

INFRASTRUCTURE

HIGHWAY GARAGE AND SALT SHED

Councilman Wiegand stated the need to replace the salt shed is a priority. Four (4) proposals have been made by Morris Associates. It was recommended to do a wood structure with a fabric roof for a cost of approximately \$325,000. There are no grants available. Mr. Wiegand suggested taking \$200,000 from reserves and unexpended and bond the remainder of the cost with a 15 year statutory bond.

MAJESTIC PARK POLE BARN

Councilman Dukler stated the secondary list has more pressing issues. Heating & cooling can be done by Lowe Plumbing and Heating. Mr. Dukler explored geo-thermal which turned out to be very expensive. Propane blowers seem to be the most economical at \$19,380. Councilman Wiegand asked for an e-mail on the recommendations and how to fund it, along with the next steps. The large garage style door is also a concern. It is not insulated and not flush. Research needs to be done on how to mediate this issue.

MAJESTIC PARK PAVILION

Supervisor Zatz has obtained three (3) quotes ranging from \$8,500 to \$18,500. Mr. Zatz is ready to go out for bids; however it may have to wait until after the summer recreation program. He also will get quotes to replace the grills.

TOWN HALL

Councilman Hinson stated that he has the quotes from Supervisor Zatz from a couple of months ago. He suggested using the repair reserve fund totaling \$47,000 to do any repairs to the building. Mr. Hinson is looking for assistance on the Town Hall other than from Supervisor Zatz.

TRANSFER STATION

Councilman Reynolds commented that he has \$7,500 in the bank towards the building. Will have to go out for bid as the estimated cost is approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000. There are no reserves available. Councilman Reynolds spoke to Jim Wild about drilling a well. He is waiting to hear back from him.

Supervisor Zatz commented that the grant will be available in three (3) to five (5) years from now. Drilling a well at the landfill is a bit more complicated than on other properties due to the fact it was a landfill. There will be multiple phases for the completion of the building.

MINUTES

Minutes of April 7, April 14 and May 5 were approved as written on motion of Supervisor Zatz, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried. Councilman Reynolds abstained.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Wiegand will re-write the section on subdivision law regarding surplus land versus cash payment.

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION

Councilman Wiegand is looking to start up the Open Space Commission again. He has received interest in serving from 2 new volunteers. The current State budget has funds available for Open Space Commissions for municipalities.

THE PLAYHOUSE

Supervisor Zatz announced that after 30 years of business, The Playhouse, a local daycare/pre-school will be closing its doors. He would like to bring recognition to the business at next week's meeting.

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

The Town Board will meet once in the month of July and August for the summer. Meetings are scheduled for July 14 and August 11.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Scott Mosher – asked about the amount of money taken in by the transfer station. He also commented that the revenue generated has much to do with the decision to cease taking C&D in unlimited amounts as well as other factors.

Asked the Town Board to contact NYS DOT about the “bump” at each end of the bridge over the Wallkill River on Route 44/55.

Jack Habersberger – commented that David Toman was not threatening but verbally confrontational.

Scott Bittner – If Supervisor Zatz meets with anyone in this building it is perceived as Town business.

David Sides – resents Councilman Hinson arguing useless points.

Mary Beth Majestic – commented that it is intimidating to speak at privilege of the floor. Would like to have our Town Board to be civil to each other and conduct business civilly. It is disheartening to see this type of behavior.

Harry Tortora – stop giving money away

Jack Habersberger – commented that the question as to whether or not an employer was called regarding privilege of the floor comments was not answered.

Barbara Sides – commented that the letter that was read earlier by Supervisor Zatz from the employer answers the question.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 PM on motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk