

March 12, 2013 - Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was called to order this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 6:30 PM. Present were Supervisor Zatz and Councilmen Koenig, Mele, Reynolds and Wiegand along with approximately 20± audience members. Insurance representatives Robert Stubbs and Brad Palmiter were also present.

PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE

Robert Stubbs, insurance agent from Marshall & Sterling was present to discuss the Town's property & casualty insurance renewal. We are currently with Argonaut Insurance Co at a total cost of \$30,300 for the year. Renewal cost is \$30,914. Mr. Stubbs did obtain quotes from other companies but none could beat the cost through Argonaut. A motion was made by Supervisor Zatz, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, to renew the property and casualty insurance with Argonaut Insurance Co. through Marshall & Sterling for a cost of \$30,914.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS

Brad Palmiter, insurance representative for the town's health insurance, reviewed each plan proposed. Mr. Palmiter stated that the current plan renewal will increase by 13%. He presented six (6) renewal options, with a separate vision plan. A separate dental plan was also quoted with much better coverage that we currently have. An option was also presented to allow employees to opt into additional coverage for dental paid directly by the employee. Option 4 with a \$3500/\$7000 deductible seems to be the best plan option. A motion was made by Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried authorizing Option QEPOS18 with a vision policy and a PPO preventative plus premier dental plan and an optional supplemental plan (AFLAC) to be paid by the employee as the town health plan effective April 1, 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 23 – Annual Easter Egg Hunt 12 Noon Sharp Majestic Park.

March 23 – Rabies Clinic Natural Pet Center Route 208. Dogs and cats welcomed.

March 29 – Town Hall closed in observance of Good Friday.

March 30 – Easter Plant Sale at the Gardiner Fire Dept. from 9 AM to 2 PM.

April 19 – Women Helping Women Dance 6:30-10:30 PM New Paltz VFW. All proceeds go to benefit The Battered Women's Shelter.

NEW YORK STATEWIDE BURNING BAN

NYS DEC has imposed a statewide burning ban which will begin on March 15, 2013 through May 14, 2013. No open burning will be allowed during this period.

ECC PRESENTATION

Chairman of the ECC Eric Savelson introduced Laura Heady from Hudson River Estuary Outreach, Gretchen Stevens, Director of Hudsonia and Kelly Farrell a biologist with Hudsonia. Each made a presentation regarding the Town's newly develop Habitat Map. Some topics discussed were Hudsonia Estuary Program, biodiversity, habitats located in the Town and Planning for biodiversity. After the presentation each took questions and discussed how to implement and set up the maps on the computer.

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

The February Supervisors Report was approved as presented on motion of Councilman Koenig, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

CLAIMS

Claims for the month of February were approved for payment on motion of Councilman Koenig, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried. They are listed on Abstract #2 as follows: General Fund voucher #42-85 \$32,376.54; Highway Fund voucher #29-60 \$46,903.99; Sewer District #1 voucher #2-5 \$2,547.48; Sidewalk Phase #1 voucher #1 \$740.52; Sidewalk Phase#2 voucher #493.68.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Resolution No. 70 - Transfer within General Fund – Offered by Councilman Koenig

Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2013 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$240.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8010.401 ZBA CE Misc to Acct No. 00.07.8010.404 CE Outside Prof. Service and \$22.00 in Acct No. 00.078020.403 CE PB Conference to Acct No. 00.07.8020.401 CE Misc.

Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

Resolution No. 71 – Supplemental Appropriation in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Koenig

Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2013 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$500.00 in Acct No. 00.01.1330.103 PS Tax Collector Clerk and \$5,000.00 in Acct No. 00.06.7110.413 CE Park Repair. Further Resolved, said moneys to be taken from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance.

Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee is working on many items. They may have a presentation ready for next month. Some of the changes they are working on are ambiguous wording, alternate ways for water testing, change of use by right, bulk tables, unintended consequences, gas stations.

CELL TOWER UPDATE

Not really much to update except that a draft letter to Wireless Edge has been prepared.

PLANNING BOARD TERM

The term on the Planning Board for Paul Colucci will expire on April 1, 2013. Mr. Colucci is still interested in serving.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Eugene Ruoff – questioned the ZAC concern with gas stations. Reminded the Board that many residents voiced their opposition to another gas station in town, he being one of them. Also asked what the letter was about to Wireless Edge.

Marc Moran – to date \$101,000 has been raised for the Hess Farm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Koenig, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried, the Board entered into executive session at 9:15 PM for the purposes of discussing litigation and will return to regular session only to adjourn the meeting.

LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, the Board left executive session and adjourned the meeting at 9:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk