

July 10, 2012 – Monthly Meeting

The July monthly meeting was held this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisor Zatz and Councilmen Koenig, Mele, Reynolds and Wiegand. There were approximately 23± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dog Adoption Event – sponsored by the Gardiner Parks and Recreation Commission 5 to 7 PM.

July 19 – 10th Annual 5K Classic Run/Walk 6:30 PM beginning at Majestic Park.

July 28 – Shawangunk Reformed Church Annual Chicken BBQ.

August 18 – Library Cocktail Party and Silent Auction Fundraiser 5 PM to 8:30 PM at the Maplestone Inn.

VETERAN FRIENDLY HOUSING

Supervisor Zatz explained the Veteran Friendly Housing program. This program is requesting rental properties for area veterans at a reduced cost to the veteran so he/she may get back on their feet. Information will be posted on the Town website.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

The Supervisor Report for the month of June was approved as presented on motion of Councilman Koenig, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

CLAIMS

Claims for the month of June were approved for payment on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried. They are listed on Abstract #6 as follows: General Fund voucher # 245-278 \$48,458.65; Highway Fund voucher # 140-163 \$ 24,057.10; Sewer District #1 voucher #19-24 \$9,911.46; Sidewalk Phase I voucher #1 \$937.99; Sidewalk Phase II voucher #4 \$3085.50.

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Resolution No. 67 – Supplemental Appropriation in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Wiegand Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2012 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$12,570.44 in Acct No. 00.01.1420.468 Attorney/Cell Tower, \$53.00 in Acct. No. 00.01.1955.400 Taxes sale o f Property (Steves Ln), \$13,763.61 in Acct No. 00.04.5132.489 CE Salt Shed and \$1,320.35 in Acct No. 00.06.7110.413 CE Repairs.

Further Resolved, said moneys to be taken from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance. Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

Resolution No. 68 - Transfer within General Fund – Offered by Councilman Wiegand Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2012 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$111.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1220.401 CE General Misc. to Acct No.00.01.1220.105 Confidential Secretary, \$1,069.44 on Acct No. 00.02.3620.103 PS P/T Clerk to Acct No. 00.01.1410.102 PS P/T Deputy Clerk, \$42.09 from Acct No. 00.01.1410.463 Town Clerk Conference to Acct No. 00.01.1410.421 Town Clerk Office Supplies and \$31.35 from Acct No. 00.01.1355.401 CE General Misc to Acct No. 00.01.1356.401 CE Review Board Misc. Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

2012 BUDGET PREPARATION

Since Councilman Mele was absent from last month's meeting when the 2012 budget was discussed, Supervisor Zatz informed him of how he has broken down the budget process for 2012. Each Board members has chosen/assigned a specific part of the budget that they will prepare. Councilman Mele will

handle salaries, benefits, etc. The two (2) remaining budget items - Departmental Expenses will be handled by Councilmen Reynolds & Koenig and Outside Professional Services will be dealt with by Supervisor Zatz.

Mr. Zatz will forward forms and memos to all department heads. At the August meeting Board members will comeback with draft figures.

AUDIT & RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The risk assessment has been completed. We are now awaiting a report from the State Comptroller's Office that will determine whether we will have a full audit.

2012 RETIREMENT FUNDS – HIGHWAY

Superintendent Haynes has found approximately \$32,000 to cover the shortage that was identified earlier this year. Councilman Mele asked him to document the funds and identify what lines they are coming from. He is waiting on the documentation .

MINUTES

Minutes of May 1 and May 8 were approved as written on motion of Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

ESTABLISHING A ZONING COMMISSION

Supervisor Zatz recommended that an advisory committee be established for narrowly focused items such as uses by right, businesses uses, etc.

Councilman Wiegand stated the four (4) major points that were discussed during the multi board meeting held last month. He believes it is best to deal with the processing issues separately and review the ambiguities, changes, etc through an advisory committee. He also suggested revisiting the two (2) resolutions drafted by Councilman Mele during the first review.

Supervisor Zatz suggested drafting an ad for volunteers. Councilman Wiegand agreed and also suggested defining the mission of the Zoning Advisory Commission for the volunteers.

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

The Ulster County Transportation Council is looking for a volunteer from the Town Board to attend their monthly meetings. Councilman Reynolds volunteered to participate.

TRANSFER STATION CONTRACT UPDATE

Councilmen Koenig and Reynolds toured the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA) facility. They have both decided that it makes sense to extend the contract with UCRRA for another year. On motion of Councilman Koenig, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried, the Supervisor was authorized to sign the one (1) year agreement contract with UCRRA.

SIDEWALK PROJECT PHASE II UPDATE

The Town has been advised by the NYS DOT that the Phase II sidewalk project must be re-bid. Supervisor Zatz will be in touch with the engineers to discuss this.

MAJESTIC PARK BRIDGE

The bridge construction to the pole barn located at Majestic Park is moving along. The Town has received the funding from FEMA.

Councilman Koenig questioned if the Town needs to get DEC permits for working in the area of the stream at the Park. Councilman Koenig will contact Chairman of the Parks and Rec. Commission Mike Gagliardi to find out what the classification is for the stream and if any permits were needed.

WATCHTOWER FARMS

Supervisor Zatz suggested that Town Board members come up with possible project requests for Watchtower Farms.

CELL TOWER UPDATE

Supervisor Zatz read a memo sent to the Town Board from the Planning Board/Jim Freiband regarding the Cell Tower application from Wireless Edge citing the incompleteness of the application. Mr. Zatz suggested returning the application to the ZBA to review the variances granted and compare them to the changes on the site plan application.

Wireless Edge representatives John Arthur and Neil Alexander had a power point presentation for the Board. They covered status report, site plan updates, FAA updates, responses and illustrations. Councilman Koenig feels Wireless Edge has satisfactorily met the FAA conditions, while Councilman Reynolds does not feel that the activity at the airport has been adequately addressed. He is also concerned with the wetlands delineation

Supervisor Zatz agrees and also believes that a cell tower and an airport just do not go together. Many factors of the airport are not being considered.

Several audience members, who included residents, attorneys and an instructor from the West Point Paratroopers Division, commented on the wetlands, inaccurate information, safety for both skydivers and residents and contractual requirements.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Bill Richards – asked the Town Board to consider restoring the fireworks for the 4th of July.

Linda Geary – concerned with the bridge construction at the park.

Pam O’Dell – asked about the stunt plane that has been flying over residential areas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried, the Board entered into executive session to discuss litigation at 10:20 PM. They will return to regular session only to adjourn.

LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried, the Board left executive session and adjourned the meeting at 11:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk