

October 9, 2012 – Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisor Zatz along with Councilmen Koenig, Mele, Reynolds and Wiegand. There were approximately 15± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 14 – 100th Anniversary Parade & Celebration for the Gardiner Fire Department

October 24 – Constitution Group Meeting 7 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

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

CLAIMS

Claims were approved for payment on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried. They are listed on Abstract #9 as follows: General Fund voucher #357-389 \$41,331.45; Highway Fund voucher #222-237 \$45,887.83; Sewer District #1 voucher #33-38 \$7,289.03; Sidewalk Phase #1 voucher #3 \$1,376.12.

Resolution No. 82 – Supplemental Appropriation in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Koenig 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 \$90.00 in Acct No. 00.07.8160.103 PS Station Assistant, \$4,000.00 in Acct. No. 00.01.1420.460 CE General Attorney Services, \$58.00 in Acct No. 00.07.8160.401 CE Misc Landfill, \$300.00 in Acct No. 00.01.1420.460 PS CE Attorney/Cell Tower and \$6,600.00 in Acct No. 00.07.8020.404 CE Engineer/Outside Prof. Services.

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

Resolution No. 83 - 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 \$107.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1110.424 CE Code Books to Acct No.00.01.1110.421 Justice Office Supplies, \$500.00 in Acct No. 00.01.1220.401 CE Misc. to Acct No. 00.01.1220.105 PS Confidential Secretary, \$21.06 from Acct No. 00.06.7110.401 CE Park Misc. to Acct No. 00.06.7110.413 CE Repairs, \$235.29 from Acct No. 00.06.7110.431 CE Mower Repairs to Acct No. 00.06.7110.413 CE Repairs, and \$200.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8010.103 PS ZBA Clerk to Acct No. 00.07.8010.401 CE ZBA Supplies. Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

Resolution No. 84 - Transfer within General Fund – Offered by Councilman Koenig Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2012 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$100.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8020.438 CE Advertising to Acct No.00.07.8020.401 CE Misc. and \$100.00 in Acct No. 00.07.8160.466 CE Mowing to Acct No. 00.07.8160.103 Station Assistant. Seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

Resolution No. 85 - 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 \$200.00 from Acct No. 00.07.8110.468 CE Repairs to Acct No.00.07.8110.464 CE Chlorine. Seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried.

BUDGET 2013**Highway Department –**

Supervisor Zatz announced that the Sterling Dump Truck is a total loss and valued at \$25,000. The Town will now need three (3) new trucks. Superintendent Haynes is meeting with a representative of Mack trucks to create an RFP for the new trucks, which he anticipates will cost approximately \$450,000. Supervisor Zatz and Mr. Haynes have discussed funding for these vehicles. If the highway department continued maintenance work but stopped major repair work they could save approx. \$50,000-\$90,000. They anticipate receiving \$81,000 in CHiPS funding, \$55,000 in FEMA funds and \$25,000 for the truck. Board members anticipate they will need an additional \$515,000 for the three (3) trucks and the repairs to the other vehicles. One (1) truck may be purchased with 2012 moneys, and the remaining two (2) trucks a Bond Anticipation Note or a Statutory Bond will be considered.

On motion of Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried, the Superintendent of Highways was authorized to seek RFP's for three (3) new trucks.

Town Board –

Councilman Koenig suggested reducing the salary of each Town Board member by \$1,000/member. Supervisor Zatz stated he was opposed to this change, however all board members were in agreement. Mr. Zatz also stated that he would like to establish a reserve fund for the bookkeeping software.

Auditing & Accounting –

CPA service line was reduced to \$4,000.

Assessor –

Mileage line was reduced to \$400.

Buildings (non-highway)-

Information Technology/Web Support was reduced to \$500

Building Improvements was reduced to \$7,500

Central Information Technology –

Computer Repair was reduced to \$3,000

Special Items –

Contingency was reduced to \$7,500

Transportation – Superintendent of Highways –

Capital Equipment was reduced to \$1,000

Culture & Recreation – Parks Maintenance –

Movies & Entertainment and Improvements & Signs were removed. Town Board members agreed to take a walk around the park so they can discuss changes and improvements to the park.

Home & Community Services – ZBA -

Conference & Education was reduced to \$100

Planning Board –

Conference & Education reduced to \$100

Office supplies reduced to \$150

Advertising reduced to \$0

Master Plan/Zoning –

Professional Services reduced to \$2,000

Transfer Station –

Coupons, Permits and Supplies reduced to \$2,000

Environmental Conservation Commission –

Environmental Commission Misc. increased to \$500 and all other lines reduced to \$0

Open Space Commission –

ISC Program Support reduced to \$500

Revenue –

Ulster County Sales increased to \$150,000

NYS Mortgage Tax increased to \$162,000

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Koenig, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, minutes of Sept. 10, Sept, 11 and Oct. 2 were approved as written.

ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Supervisor Zatz announced that Hank Vance has agreed to serve as the Zoning Advisory Committee Chairman.

NYS DOT

Supervisor Zatz met with representatives of NYS DOT and toured the Town identifying roads/areas that need their attention. They have agreed to place a sign at the “S” turn and a school bus stop sign at the top of Gardiner Hill. The bridge will be painted in the spring. The only area that they will not address was the “R” restriction over the Marakill Bridge on Route 44/55.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

David Straus – encouraged the Town Board to consider using the open space serial bond approved several years ago. Made suggestions on how to collect fees at the transfer station.

John Habersberger – asked the Board to consider the life remaining on the old trucks to determine the length of a bond for the new trucks.

Mr. Habersberger supports the salary increases for each town employee.

Scott Bittner – spoke at length about Tuthilltown Spirits Distillery and the recent fire/explosion that they had. Is looking for the status of their repair work and is asking the town to require them to go through the planning/site plan approval process. He also stated that he has contacted other towns in New York State that have distilleries and asked what the safety procedures have been established to protect neighbors. All towns confirmed that the distilleries are not in areas where residential properties are located and that each distillery had to go through the planning board permit process. Supervisor Zatz asked Mr. Bittner to provide the information for him to review.

Bo Rinaldo – also spoke at length about the distillery and their progress. Stated that he believes that this is a very dangerous operation in a family neighborhood and should not be allowed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried, the Board entered into executive session at 10:30 PM for the purposes of discussing litigation. The Board will return to regular session only to adjourn.

LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Zatz, seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried, the Board left executive session and adjourned the meeting at 10:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk