

May 13, 2014 – Regular Meeting

The Gardiner Town Board met in regular session this date at 6:30 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Supervisor Zatz presided with Councilmen Dukler, Hinson, Reynolds and Wiegand all present.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board members entered immediately into executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel and real estate.

### **REGULAR SESSION**

Board members began the regular session of the meeting at 7:00 PM. There were approximately 10± audience members.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

June 1 – transfer station fee schedule update becomes effective. No C&D after 6/1.

June 5 – beginning of free month pass for Town of Gardiner residents at Mohonk Preserve.

July 17 – Annual 5K Race. 6:30 PM at Majestic Park.

### **PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION WITH CPA FIRM**

Mary Kimball of Kimball & O'Brien CPA firm was present to review with the Town Board the 2013 Annual Report submitted to the State Comptroller's Office. The Annual Update Document (AUD) filing is very specific and Ms Kimball explained the process. The document is required to be filed on an annual basis. Ms Kimball stated that she has been working with the Town for several years now and is very familiar with the bookkeeping system. Board members discussed at length with her the various accounting programs available and the possibility of a new system for the Town in the future.

### **SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT**

The Supervisor report for the month of April was approved as presented on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

### **CLAIMS**

Claims were approved for payment on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried. They are listed on Abstract #4 as follows: General Fund voucher #139-192 \$56,833.29; Highway Fund voucher #86-117 \$21,044.44; Sewer Fund voucher #6-7 \$2,233.19.

### **BUDGET TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

**Resolution No. 91** - Supplemental Appropriation in Highway Fund – Offered by Councilman Reynolds Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2014 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$3585.00 in Acct No. 01.08.9050.800 Unemployment.

Further Resolved, said moneys to be taken from the Unexpended Balance in the Highway Fund. Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

**Resolution No. 92** – Transfers within Highway Fund – Offered by Councilman Wiegand Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2014 Annual Budget, Highway Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$44,747.02 from Acct No. 01.04.5110.106 PS Stiscia to Acct No. 01.04.5110.119 PS Lischinsky and \$30,311.51 from Acct No. 01.04.5110.117 PS Schofield to Acct No. 01.04.5110.118 PS Fletcher.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

**Resolution No. 93** – Supplemental Appropriation in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Dukler Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2014 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$3700.00 in Acct No. 00.01.1420.468Attorney/ Cell Tower.

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

**Resolution No. 94** – Transfers within General Fund – Offered by Councilman Wiegand Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2014 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$88.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1410.401 CE General Misc to Acct No. 00.01.1410.421 CE Office Supplies, \$417.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1950.400 Taxes to Acct No. 00.01.1910.400 CE Insurance, \$240.00 from Acct No. 00.02.3620.401 CE Misc Exp Building Dept. to Acct No. 00.02.3620.422 CE Dept. Software Building Dept. , \$50.00 from Acct No. 00.02.3620.401 CE Misc Building Dept. to Acct No. 00.02.3620.421 CE Office Supplies Building Dept. and \$84.40 from Acct No. 00.02.3620.201 CE Building Dept. Capital Equipment to Acct No. 0.02.3620.421 CE Building Dept. Office Supplies.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

#### **FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councilman Wiegand made the first report of the Financial Committee. He covered revenues, general fund and highway fund. Attorney fees and transfer station fees were discussed in depth.

#### **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENT**

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried, Aline Dickstein was re-appointed to the Library Board of Trustees position for a term to expire in August 2018. Councilman Hinson abstained and Councilman Dukler recused.

#### **VARIOUS BOARD VACANCIES**

The Planning Board term for Raymond Sokolov expired on April 1, 2014. Mr. Sokolov is still interested in serving. The Parks & Recreation Commission term for Michael Gagliardi expires on July 7, 2014. He is also interested in continuing. Long term ZBA member Ron Cohn has indicated that he will not be seeking another term as a member. Board members agreed to advertise for all three (3) positions. Any interested persons should contact the Supervisor at the Town Hall.

#### **PRE-AUDIT PAYMENTS**

**Resolution No. 95** - Amending Resolution No. 92-2013 – Establishment of Pre-Audit Payments and Electronic Transfer of Funds - Offered by Councilman Dukler

Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the amending of Resolution No. 92-2013 to include the following to the list authorizing pre-audit payments and electronic transfers of funds.

No 2. Heating Oil, Diesel Fuel, Gasoline, Kerosene, Propane.

Seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

#### **SCENIC OVERLOOK MAINTENANCE**

**Resolution No. 96** - For Maintenance of Highway Scenic Overlook along Shawangunk Mountain Scenic Byway - Offered by Councilman Dukler

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation proposes the reconstruction of the Scenic Overlook located along State Route 44/55 in the town of Gardiner and

WHEREAS, the State will include as part of the reconstruction of the above mentioned project mountable islands, curbed sidewalks, benches, information kiosks, and planting beds at the Scenic Overlook, and

WHEREAS, the State will provide for the reconstruction of the above mentioned work, as shown on the contract plans relating to the Scenic Overlook as part of project.

NOW, therefore BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town of Gardiner approves the installation of the proposed mountable islands, curbed sidewalks, benches, information kiosks, and planting beds at the Scenic Overlook as shown on the contract plans relating to the project, and that the town of Gardiner will, in addition to NYS Highway Law, Article 7, Section 140, cause to be maintained the care of plant material, planting replacements, routine weeding, routine pruning and mulching of plant beds, routine litter removal, graffiti removal, patrolling, and general upkeep of the overlooks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the town of Gardiner recognizes that Mohonk Preserve will provide the above maintenance and expresses its appreciation to the Mohonk Preserve for this service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the clerk of this Board is hereby directed to transmit five (5) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to the State Department of Transportation.

Seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

### **MOHONK PRESERVE CONTRIBUTION**

Councilman Wiegand has done some research and found that Mohonk Preserve covers 7% of the Town's acreage and Watchtower Farms has 2%. Mr. Wiegand will continue to encourage increases in the contributions in lieu of taxes.

### **TRANSFER STATION UPDATE**

Supervisor Zatz presented the Town Board with fees from other area Towns for their transfer station to compare with the Town of Gardiner transfer station. Mr. Zatz announced that mulch is now available and waste oil, cooking oil, diesel and kerosene are now accepted.

### **RAIL TRAIL NEWS**

More parking has been made available for the Rail Trail on Route 44/55. Informational signs have been put up on the gates to the trail.

### **PARK GAZABO**

The gazebo at Majestic Park collapsed over the winter due to the weight of the snow and ice. A claim has been made to the insurance company and payment should be received shortly. A new gazebo on its way.

### **WATER MONITORING**

Transducers will be installed soon. Data will be made available for applicants approximately one (1) month after the collection process begins.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Jack Habersberger – Commented on the garbage along side of Route 208. Councilman Hinson stated that he spoke to the building dept. to have the building inspector take a look.

Mike Kruglinski – asked about the Riverside Trust suit.

Andi Bartzcak – suggested placing ground cover in front of the Town Hall. Asked the Board to adopt a resolution to ban the use of fracking brine on Town roads. The Supervisor will speak to the Highway Superintendent.

Scott Bittner- also questioned the Riverside Trust lawsuit.

Rich Koenig – complimented Councilman Reynolds for his efforts in hiring a good recycling coordinator.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher  
Town Clerk