

October 4, 2022 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at 7 PM. This meeting was conducted as a hybrid - in person and on Zoom. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmembers Carucci, Wiegand and Walls. There were approximately 15± audience members. Councilmember Richman was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 4 – The Town Hall is closed in observance of Yom Kippur

October 10 – The Town Hall is closed in observance of Columbus Day

October 29 – Pumpkin Walk sponsored by the Gardiner Day Committee. Parade starts at 2:30 PM at the Gardiner Reformed Church.

November 12 – Parks & Rec will be hosting a walking tour of the town trails

GARDINER DAY

Gardiner Day was held on October 1 at Majestic Memorial Park. Despite the rainy/misty day Gardiner Day was a great success with many in attendance.

GARDINER DUMP RUN

The 1st Annual Gardiner Dump Run was held on September 25 at the new trails located by the transfer station property. There were 98 runners, 19 volunteers and 16 business sponsors for the 3.1-mile run.

RAIL TRAIL WORK

The Rail Trail is getting a much-needed face lift. Supervisor Majestic is asking the public to please obey the signs so as not to disrupt the work being done.

PUBLIC HEARING - SPECTRUM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

The Town Clerk read the public notice at 7:15 PM. Supervisor Majestic offered to the public to state any comments or ask questions. Alex Carmarda representative of Spectrum was on ZOOM to assist in any way. Councilmember Wiegand explained that Spectrum is the cable tv provider in the Town of Gardiner. The current agreement in place is 25 years old. The new agreement is for 15 years and the fee to the consumer will decrease from 5% to 3%. Supervisor Majestic will leave the public hearing open for a short time to accommodate anyone interested in speaking.

PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY FOR 2023

BUDGET

The Town Clerk read the legal notice for this hearing at 7:20 PM. Supervisor Majestic will keep the public hearing open for a short time for any questions or comments.

SURPLUS BID – 2010 FORD DUMP TRUCK

Superintendent of Highways Brian Stiscia had put the 2010 Ford dump truck out for bid with Auctions International. The auction ended on October 2. The highest bidder was identified as jschindler4237 in the amount of \$20,100. Mr. Stiscia is recommending accepting this bid. On motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, the Town accepts the highest bid of \$20,100 from jschindler4237.

2023 BUDGET

Board members are in receipt of the 2023 tentative budget. Supervisor Majestic reviewed the budget process and commented on the changes she has made to the budget. The next step is to schedule a public hearing. A special meeting was tentatively scheduled for October 12 or 13. Town Clerk Michelle Mosher asked if she could speak to the Board about the raise she requested since she will be away for the scheduled meetings for the budget. Frankly the conversation was very confusing and didn't really have anything to do with the request. However, Councilmember Wiegand requested the Town Clerk to put in writing justification for the increase which she had already done with her budget request. There was no further discussion.

RESOLUTION ENVIRONMENTAL BOND ACT

Resolution No. 149 - Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022

Offered by Supervisor Majestic

Whereas, providing clean drinking water and protecting our local rivers, bays, lakes, streams and waterfronts from pollution is paramount to quality of life in New York State and Town of Gardiner; and

Whereas, modernizing water infrastructure will safeguard clean water, reduce flooding, reduce lead exposure and other public health threats, and create jobs; and

Whereas, Town of Gardiner is vulnerable to extreme weather including deadly heat from rising temperatures and flooding from severe storms that put people, properties and public assets across the Town at risk; and

Whereas, upgrading transportation and stormwater infrastructure, restoring natural resources, growing urban forests, building green roofs and upgrading cooling centers will reduce the impact of extreme weather, saving lives and money; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the importance of outdoor recreation and access to fresh, local food, as people flocked to local parks and sought out healthy foods for their families; and

Whereas, upgrades to facilities at state and local parks and preserves and the creation of new outdoor recreational areas will benefit our region by protecting wildlife habitat, providing more people access to nature, and creating jobs in the outdoor recreation economy; and

Whereas, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 would authorize the four billion and two hundred million dollars of bonds to finance critical environmental restoration, clean water, and infrastructure projects across New York State; and

Whereas, the funds would be targeted towards protecting clean water, reducing flood risk, restoring natural resources, protecting open space and farmland, and reducing the pollution that causes climate change; and

Whereas, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 was passed by the New York State Legislature as part of the 2022-23 New York State Budget and will appear on the November 8, 2022, New York State General Election Ballot for voter approval; and

Whereas, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 includes strong labor provisions and will support more than 84,000 family-sustaining jobs for New Yorkers; and

Whereas, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 would enable New York State and Town of Gardiner to address pollution and public health threats in disadvantaged communities by directing at least 35% with a goal of 40% of the measure's funding to address hazardous conditions in such communities;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town of Gardiner supports passage of the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022.
Seconded by Councilmember Walls and carried.

OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE LAND PURCHASE

Open Space Institute (OSI) is interested in purchasing a piece of property located on North Mountain Rd in the name Lands of Denton. They are looking for a letter of support from the Town for this purchase. A motion was made by Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Walls and carried, authorizing the Town Supervisor to send a letter of support.

MINUTES

Minutes of August 24 were approved as written on motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried. Minutes of September 6 and September 13 were approved as written by Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Walls and carried. Minutes of September 20 were approved as written on motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING– SPECTRUM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

The public hearing for the Spectrum Franchise Agreement was closed at 8:05 PM on motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Walls and carried.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY FOR 2023 BUDGET

The public hearing for the local law to override the tax levy was closed at 8:06 PM on motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Walls and carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Superintendent Stiscia spoke about his budget and his wish to have a full-time clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Walls, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk