

A Special Meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this morning at 10:00 AM. This was conducted in person and on Zoom as a virtual meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2023 Budget. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmembers Wiegand, Carucci, Walls and Richmond. There were 2 audience members.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

Board members discussed the Parks and Rec budget with Ilka Casey, Chairwoman of Parks and Rec. Added to the budget were 2 lines; trail maintenance for the Rail Trail and a consultant for town wide park master plan. Other items discussed were the completion of the pole barn, drainage and engineering for the playing fields and gating at the Transfer Station for the River Bend Trails Access.

**FULL TIME POSITIONS**

The Town Board began discussion with the Highway Dept. Clerk looking for full time which would increase from a 15/hr work week to 40/hr work week. Mr. Stiscia proposed a \$24.50/hr pay rate including 2 week vacation time. The Board also discussed the Highway Clerk helping with additional workload from other departments if needed. The other full time position request is the Assessor's clerk. The increase of that position would be a 35/hr work week, with an insurance buy-out of \$14,000/yr and a 10% hourly increase. Supervisor Majestic suggests an hourly increase of 5%. The next full time position discussed was for a secondary full time Building Inspector at \$45,000/yr.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES**

Salaries of Elected Officials were discussed and agreed to a 5% raise other than the Town Clerk/Tax Collector as the Town Clerk is retiring at the end of the year. Interim Town Clerk/Tax Collector salary was deliberated and was agreed on by the Board at \$50,000/yr.

**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board members scheduled a public hearing for the 2023 budget for November 1, 2022.

**EXCAVATOR**

RESOLUTION NO. 158 - 2022 - TOWN OF GARDINER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXCAVATOR Offered by Councilmember Walls

the Town of Gardiner Highway Department requires an excavator for the purposes of cleaning, replacing and maintaining the culvert ditches, drainage easements, and for general uses associated with the work of the Town of Gardiner Highway Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gardiner Highway Superintendent, after due inquiry, has identified a CAT 309 Excavator as the appropriate equipment needed for said purpose;

**WHEREAS**, said equipment is available for procurement from a NY State sourceable bid list under a Lease Purchase Agreement at a price of \$172,500.00; and

the Town Board, at an October 13, 2022 meeting, authorized the Town Highway Superintendent to move forward with said purchase;

**IT RESOLVED THAT:**

of Gardiner hereby authorizes the Town of Gardiner Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk and the Town Supervisor to execute the Lease Purchase Agreement and to sign and deliver

**NOW THEREFORE, BE**

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such other documents and to take such action as may be necessary to acquire said CAT 309 Excavator.

Seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried.

**ZBA MEETING LAW**

ZBA recommendation on Open Meeting Zoom- Rich Cerruto drafted a resolution allowing for ZBA board members to attend meetings remotely with the ability to participate and vote via zoom. The board discussed sending the resolution to the Town attorney to change the language to allow for all boards to be able to attend via zoom.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Town Board entered into Executive session for the purposes of discussing the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Highway Department Union. at 12:05 PM. The Board will return only to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Hansen  
Deputy Town Clerk