

December 6, 2022 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at 7 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. This meeting was conducted as a hybrid - in person and on Zoom. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmembers Carucci, Richman, Wiegand and Walls. There were approximately 9± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 26 & January 2, 2023 – The Town Hall and Highway Dept are closed in observance of Christmas and New Year's.

MCKINSTRY ROAD BRIDGE

The Ulster County Department of Public Works has informed Supervisor Majestic that the McKinstry Road bridge completion has been postponed until spring. There has been a delay with the bridge trusses therefore a delay on the concrete.

ULSTER COUNTY SALES TAX REVENUES

The Town is in receipt of a sales tax payment for the time period of September through November in the amount of \$63,717.16.

SEWER DISTRICT REPAIR GRANT

The Town has received approval for a \$148,896 grant to cover 1/3 of the cost for repair to the sewer district that had been identified in the I&I study. Pitingaro & Doetsch, engineering firm for the sewer district, are currently generating bid documents for the repair and should have them to the Town shortly.

DASNY GRANT

Supervisor Majestic has received approval to extend the remaining \$10,366 of the DASNY grant to December 2025. Ms Majestic reminded the Board that this grant is for use on the pole barn at Majestic Park.

ARTICLE 78 – ALEXANDER PROPERTY

The article 78 against the Town Planning Board & John Alexander has been dismissed by the Supreme Court of NYS.

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS ANNUAL MEETING

The Association of Towns Annual Meeting will be held in person this year in New York City February 19 through February 22, 2023. Any one interested in attending should contact the Supervisor for more information.

ULSTER CORNELL COOP – DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Board members were to adopt a resolution of commitment this evening with Ulster Cornell Coop for disaster preparedness. The resolution is not quite ready and action from the Town of Gardiner will be after the new year.

NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY PROPOSAL

Councilmember Carucci reviewed the NYPA proposal with the Town Board which he recirculated to help in the discussion on how to move forward. A summary attached was a breakdown that ultimately comes down to funding. Board members discussed the use of ARP

funds to pay the entire cost. The total cost is \$64,540.00 plus a \$10,000 down payment. A lengthy discussion continued with a final decision to get a new financing quote with 50% down payment.

AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL – SURPLUS BID

Superintendent of Highways Brian Stiscia had put the 2002 20 TON Big Tow Trailer out for bid with Auctions International. The auction ended on December 5, 2022. The highest bidder was identified as pioneer54 in the amount of \$4,850.00. 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 \$4,850.00 from pioneer54.

MVP GOLD RENEWAL

On motion of Councilmember Walls, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, Supervisor Majestic was authorized to sign the renewal agreement with MVP for the 2023 Gold plan.

KENNEL LAW REVIEW

Councilmember Richman has concerns with sections in the current law regarding breeding in other commercial kennels, setbacks and fostering limits. She presented the Town Board with a red-lined copy of the current law with suggestions she has for changes. Ms Richman would like to hire attorney David Yaffe to review our current law and give recommendations on how to improve it. Councilmembers Walls and Wiegand and Supervisor Majestic stated that there is much on the Town Board's plate at this time and this is not a priority. Supervisor Majestic also reminded the Board that Mr. Yaffe was hired to address a different issue in the Town. Councilmember Richman expressed her frustration with the way she is treated by the Board. She feels there is a lack of respect towards her and she is wasting her time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Walls and carried, the Town Board entered executive session at 8:00 PM for the purposes of collective bargaining negotiations and personnel leading to possible appoints. The Town Board will return to regular session only to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk