

January 10, 2023 – Regular Meeting

The Town Board met in Regular Session this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmembers Wiegand, Walls, Carucci and Richman. There were approximately 12± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, January 16th the Town Hall and the Highway Department will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

In December the Town received two tax payments. The first payment was for Sales Tax in the amount of \$63,717.00 which exceeded the 2022 Budget Revenue for Sales Tax by \$121,832.93. The second payment was for Mortgage Tax in the amount of \$165,862.25 which exceeded the 2022 Budget Revenue for Mortgage Tax by \$91,127.93. This resulted in an additional \$212,960.00 to the Unexpended Fund Balance.

VACANCIES

The Town of Gardiner has vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Parks and Recreation Committee and Board of Assessment Review. Any interested parties are to contact Supervisor Majestic either by phone or email.

TRAFFIC LIGHT AT 44/55 & BRUYN SWICK RD

Supervisor Majestic has been advised by the New York State Department of Transportation that the traffic light project at Benton Corners Intersection on Route 44/55 and Bruynswick Rd is anticipated to be under construction in the summer of this year. The project can be followed by visiting www.dot.ny.gov/projects.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The Town Board received monthly reports from the Gardiner Dog Control Officer and Climate Smart Gardiner and an Annual Report from the Town Historian.

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATE (JOULE) PRESENTATION

Prior to Covid, the Town of Gardiner had been looking to take part in a New York State supported partnership program to help residents and small businesses save money on electricity bills. The partnership with Joule Community Power and Hudson Valley Community Power created the program known as Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). The town is hoping in the next few months they will decide on whether to join the program which is expected to launch this, Summer. Jeff Domanski, Executive Director of nonprofit Center for Economic and Environmental Partnership, gave a presentation to the Board explaining Joule. The background, the benefits of renewable energy for communities such as Gardiner and the next steps going forward. Residents can learn more by viewing the linked PowerPoint Presentation presented by Jeff Domanski. [JOULE, Community Choice Aggregate Presentation](#)

RIVER BEND TRAILS PROPOSAL FOR TRANSFER STATION

Councilmember Carucci discussed with the Board a new proposal to allow for the Gardiner Park to be open 7 days a week, dawn to dusk while keeping the Transfer Station secure from vehicular

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traffic. The original quote estimated to be in the amount of upward of \$50,000. The Gardiner Trails Alliance and Parks and Rec collaborated to create a new proposal utilizing boulders to prevent movement of vehicles in areas that are prohibited as well as various gates and chains in necessary locations. The goal is for the Transfer Station to open and close without affecting the guests to freely utilize trails. The new proposal is estimated to be \$3,010.00. A motion was made by Councilmember Walls, seconded Councilmember Richman, and carried, approving the project, purchase of materials and authorize use of ARPA Funds.

AMEND ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS FOR 2023

Supervisor Majestic amended the 2023 Organizational Resolutions to add;
Resolution No. 50 – Offered by Councilmember Wiegand

The Town Board hereby authorizes and consents to the appointment of Julia Hansen as Acting Town Clerk/ Tax Collector, to receive a salary of \$48,000.00 per year to be paid bi-weekly. Further resolved, that Julia Hansen shall be eligible for certain insurance benefits as Acting Town Clerk.

Seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried. Councilmember Walls abstained.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – MOA FOR CBA

On motion by Councilmember Walls, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried Supervisor Majestic was authorized to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the United Public Service Employees Union.

MOA BETWEEN THE HIGHWAY CLERK, SUPERVISOR AND HIGHWAY SUPERIDENTANT

Town Board members agreed to discuss during the week and add to the Special Meeting Agenda on January 17, 2023.

Councilmember Walls addressed revision of the Town Hall Employee Manual.

ZBA APPOINTMENT

On motion by Councilmember Walls, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, to appoint Michael MacElhiney to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5-year term, expiring July, 2027.

TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE

In the 2023 Budget, the Transfer Station was budgeted to be open an additional day. Currently the Transfer Station is open Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 8AM-3:45PM. The Transfer Station Attendant requested to add Thursday to the schedule as it helps coordinate with UCRA and adds another day the Transfer Station is open to residents. On motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Richman and carried, to add Thursdays to the Transfer Station Schedule.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

On motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried. The December Supervisor’s Monthly Report was approved as presented. Councilmember Walls was absent

CLAIMS

Claims for the month of December 2022 were approved on the motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Carucci, and carried. They are listed on Abstract #12 as follows; General Fund voucher #612-681 \$28,182.78; Highway Fund voucher #217-234 \$6,952.05; Sewer Fund voucher #43-45 \$9,141.24. Councilmember Walls was absent.

Claims for the month of January were approved on the motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Carucci, and carried. They are listed on Abstract #1 as follows; General Fund voucher #1-7 \$5,255.04. Councilmember Walls was absent.

BUDGET TRANSFER & SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Resolution No. 51 – Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilmember Wiegand, pursuant of Section 112, Town Law, the 2022 Annual Budget, General Fund is hereby amended to provide the transfer of \$44.00 from Acct No. 00-01-1110-401 CE Justice Misc. to Acct No. 00-01-1110-421 CE Office Supplies, \$41.00 from Acct No. 00-01-1220-460 CE Contract Service to Acct No. 00-01-1220-201 EQ Capital Equipment, \$63.00 from Acct No. 00-11-1355-403 Assessor Conference to Acct No. 00-01-1355-421 Assessor Office Supplies, \$150.00 from Acct No. 00-01-1410-403 Town Clerk Conference to Acct No. 00-01-1410-402 Town Clerk Mileage, \$370.00 from Acct No. 00-01-1620-476 CE Elevator Maintenance to Acct No. 00-01-1620-416 CE Mowing. Seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried. Councilmember Walls was absent.

Resolution No. 52 – Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilmember Wiegand, pursuant of Section 112, Town Law, the 2023 Annual Budget, General Fund is hereby amended to provide the transfer of \$260.00 from Acct No. 00-01-1620-415 CE Building & Grounds to 00-01-1620-413 CE General Repairs, \$335.00 from Acct No. 00-01-1620-417 CE Building Improvements to 00-01-1620-413 CE General Repairs, \$62.00 from Acct No. 00-01-1620-417 CE Building Improvements to Acct No. 00-01-1620-412 CE Electric, \$18.00 from Acct No. 00-01-1620-476 CE Elevator Maintenance to Acct No. 00-01-1620-412 CE Electric, \$703.85 from Acct No. 00-01-1620-414 CE Heat & Oil to Acct No. 00-01-1620-412 CE Electric. Seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried. Councilmember Walls was absent.

Resolution No. 53 – Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilmember Wiegand, pursuant of Section 112, Town Law, the 2022 Annual Budget, General Fund is hereby amended to provide the transfer of \$.02 from Acct No. 00-02-3510-401 CE Supplies to Acct No. 00-02-3510-101 PS Dog Warden, \$400.00 from Acct No. 00-02-3620-401 CE Building Misc. Expense to 00-02-3620-461 CE Outside Service, \$227.00 From Acct No. 00-02-3620-402 CE Mileage to Acct No. 00-02-3620-421 CE Building Office Supplies, \$336.00 00-02-3620-105 PS Noise Complaint to 00-02-3620-463 CE Noise Complaint, \$53.00 from Acct No. 00-06-7110-412 CE

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Park Electric to Acct No. CE Street Lighting. Seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried. Councilmember Walls was absent.

Resolution No. 54 – Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilmember Wiegand, pursuant of Section 112, Town Law, the 2022 Annual Budget, General Fund is hereby amended to provide the transfer of \$90.00 from Acct No. 00-06-7110-435 CE Trash to Acct No. 00-06-7110-463 CE-EV Station Electric, \$300.00 from Acct No. 00-07-8020-401 PB Misc. to Acct No. 00-07-8020-404 PB Engineer, \$269.00 from Acct No. 00-07-8020-421 PB Office Supplies to Acct No. 00-07-8020-404 PB Engineer, \$500.00 from Acct No. 00-07-8020-438 PB Advertising to Acct No. 00-07-8020-404 PB Engineer, \$100.00 from Acct No. 00-07-8020-403 PB Conference to Acct No. 00-07-8020-404 PB Engineer. Seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried. Councilmember Walls was absent.

Resolution No. 55 – Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilmember Wiegand, pursuant of Section 112, Town Law, the 2023 Annual Budget, General Fund is hereby amended to provide the transfer of \$550.00 from Acct No. 00-07-8020-462 PB Zoom Meeting Fee to Acct No. 00-07-8020-404 PB Engineer, \$250.00 from Acct No. 00-07-8020-461 PB Drop Box to Acct No. 00-07-8020-404 PB Engineer, \$148.00 from Acct No. 00-07-8160-460 Outside Service to Acct No. 00-07-8160-401 CE Misc., \$1141.00 from Acct No. 00-07-8160-467 CE Chipping to Acct NO. 00-07-8160-470 CE Repairs. Seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried. Councilmember Walls was absent.

Resolution No. 56 – Transfer in General Fund – Offered by Councilmember Wiegand, pursuant of Section 112, Town Law, the 2022 Annual Budget, Highway Fund is hereby amended to provide the transfer of \$1500.00 from Acct No. 01-04-5110-113 PS P/T Regular to Acct No. 01-04-5110-126 PS Caston, \$223.00 from Acct No. 01-08-9060-800 Health Insurance to Acct No. 01-08-9030-800 FICA, \$3.75 from Acct No. 01-08-9060-800 Health Insurance to Acct No. 01-08-9055-800 Disability. Seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried. Councilmember Walls was absent.

Resolution No. 57 – Supplemental Appropriation in General Fund – Offered by Councilmember Wiegand, Resolved, pursuant to Section 122, Town Law, the 2022 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$559.00 in Acct No. 00-01-1330-421 Tax Collector Office Supplies, \$685.00 in Acct No. 00-01-620-401 CE Misc., \$600.00 in Acct No. 00-07-8020-404 PB Engineer. Further resolved, said monies to be taken from unexpended balance in the General Fund. Seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried. Councilmember Walls was absent.

MINUTES

Minutes of December 6 and December 13 were approved as written by Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Walls and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Hansen
Acting Town Clerk