The Town Board met in a Workshop Session this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Present were Supervisor Majestic and Councilmembers Wiegand, Richman, Carucci, and Hartner. There were approximately 10± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Gardiner Library is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend the monthly Board meetings, which are held on the third Thursday of each month.

The Town Board seeks to fill vacancies on the Environmental Conservation Commission, Ethics Board, and Assessment Review Board. The Town is also looking to fully staff the Summer Recreation Program and will need a Director, Medical Director, Counselors, Councilors-in-Training, and a Lifeguard. Any interested parties should contact the Supervisor.

The Environmental Conservation Commission is holding an informational session and meet up for the Let It Grow for "No Mow May" and Amphibian Spring Migration on April 30th at the Gardiner Library from 5:30-7:00.

The 14th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep, which is co-sponsored by Climate Smart, will be held on Saturday, May 3rd from 9 AM to 12 PM. Participants are asked to register in advance.

The Ulster County Transportation Council's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) looks at 25 years into the future and sets a framework to promote the safe and efficient development, management, and operation of surface transportation systems. The plan is updated at no less than 5-year intervals and covers UCTS's Metropolitan Planning Area, which is all of Ulster County. The plan guides the priorities and decision-making process relating to the transportation plan. Ulster County Transportation Council has a mobility survey on their website, which residents are encouraged to take the survey.

Parks and Rec Committee has 5 music events planned at Majestic Park this summer and plan to host Indoor Pickle Ball in the Pole Barn in May and June and reconvene after Summer Rec is finished.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Michael Foertsch- Concerns regarding LENS.
Brian Stiscia- Chief Goodnow is in Washington D.C. speaking with Congress and Senators to update them on the EMS issues that Gardiner and the County face, while trying to secure funding.
Roberta Clements- Awosting Club concerns.
Basil Tsimoyianis- Update minutes on website.

ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR HEAT EMERGENCY PLAN

Resolution No. 63 – Offered by Councilmember Carucci;
WHEREAS the Town of Gardiner (hereinafter "TOG") believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels: and
WHEREAS the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; ham our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and

wildlife populations; spread invasive species and new diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and
WHEREAS the TOG believes that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovative economies, health and safe schools and resilient infrastructures; and
WHEREAS the TOG has taken the Climate Smart Communities Pledge in 2018; and
WHEREAS the TOG has since taken a number of steps to begin addressing climate change including but not limited to:

1. Completion of a government GHG Emissions Inventory in 2019
2. Adoption of a Climate Change Education and Engagement Strategy
3. **Preparation of an Action Plan in 2019; and**

WHEREAS average summer temperatures have been increasing and many Town residents are vulnerable to extreme heat because of their age, health status, occupation, income level or other factor;
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Gardiner, in order to continue its work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge Element 7, Heat Emergency Plan and commits to partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County to provide input and information for the development of a Heat Emergency Plan and to implement elements of the final Plan when feasible and appropriate.
Seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried. Council

LENS VS NEARMAP
On the motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried, to not move further with either LENS or NEARMAP. Councilmembers Hartner and Richman opposed.

DISCUSSION ON HEALTH INSURANCE BUYOUT MOVING FORWARD
During the last meeting, the Board decided to set a cap on the Health Insurance Buyout, limiting it to the 2024 rate for current employees. After a thorough discussion, the Board agreed that it would be beneficial to gather more information regarding the buyout practices of other municipalities. They plan to revisit this topic at a future meeting.

ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING OPTIONS ON MAIN STREET
On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, to pay Delta Building for the street light work on Main Street up to $8,200.00 covered under the Climate Smart Gardiner Grant.

AUTHORIZE CHANGING GRIEVANCE DAY FROM THE 3rd TUESDAY IN MAY TO THE 4th WEDNESDAY IN MAY
On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, to approve to change of Grievance Day from the 3rd Tuesday of May to the 4th Tuesday of May, which is May 28, 2025.

AMEND KAUFMANN MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, to accept the amendments to Robin Kaufmann's memorandum agreement, which caps the vacation accrual rate at 13.34 per month in perpetuity.

APPROVE CONFERENCE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, to approve the Municipal Bookkeeper's request to attend the NY Association of Towns Finance and Personnel School.

On the motion of Councilmember Richman, seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried, to approve Councilmember Hartner's request to attend the NY Association of Towns Finance and Personnel School. Supervisor Majestic opposed.

On the motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried, to approve the Town Clerk's request to attend the Town Clerk's Association Annual Conference.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried, to approve the Building Inspector's request to attend the monthly training.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS 2024

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Richman and carried, to accept the 2024 Budget Modifications for the General, Highway, and Sewer budgets.
*See attached documents.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Hansen, Town Clerk