April 8, 2025 – Regular Meeting

The Town Board met in Regular 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 15± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Summer Recreation Program will run from July 30th – August 8th. The Board is still working on rates, which will be increased and will include the cost of the field trips.

Three agenda items were added to the agenda. First, appointing a member to fill the Board of Assessment Review, and the other two items are related to payments made for grant funding the Town is receiving.

The library is still looking to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend one of their monthly meetings, which is the third Thursday of the month at the library.

The Town Board is also looking to fill vacancies on the Environmental Conservation Commission and the Ethics Board. The Town is also looking to fully staff the Summer Rec program and needs Counselors, Counselors in Training, and a Lifeguard. Any interested parties, contact Supervisor Majestic.

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 Gardiner Day Committee is hosting their Annual Woman Helping Woman's Dance on Friday, May 2nd, from 6:30-10:30 at the Elks Lodge in New Paltz. If interested, you can buy tickets at the Town Hall.

Central Hudson will be working along the transmission line right-of-ways to remove incompatible tree species and any dangerous trees that may contact the lines. They will manage tall vegetation through mowing, clearing, and using EPA-registered herbicides to maintain the area.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Wolf Scandinaro- Will the Pickleball Courts be multi-sport courts?

DISCUSSION WITH PARKS & REC ON PICKLEBALL LOCATION

On the motion of Councilmember Carucci, seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried, to select Majestic Park as the location for the Pickleball courts in reference to the RFP being developed by Sterling Environmental.

CLIMATE SMART GARDINER TO PRESENT GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY

Mark Varian from Climate Smart Gardiner presented on the town's Greenhouse Gas Inventory. The Town joined Hudson Valley Community Power, which provides 100% renewable energy to residents and small businesses. Many streetlights have been converted to LED, and Climate Smart Gardiner received CSC Bronze Certification. The town has implemented facility and transportation benchmarking programs and completed energy code training, securing $275,000 in grants for decarbonization projects. Task force members have outlined a plan to eliminate emissions from town buildings and facilities, except for space heating and the highway garage fleet.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION INFO ON "NO MOW MAY" AND AMPHIBIAN EVENT ON APRIL 30TH

Joan Parker, the Chair of the E.C.C., and Commission member Chris McCord presented to the Board about an upcoming event hosted by the Commission at the Library on April 30th, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The event aims to educate attendees about and encourage alternative mowing practices that support pollinators and facilitate amphibian migration.

284 AGREEMENT FOR 2025

2025 Highway 284 Agreement - Offered by Supervisor Majestic;
Resolved, pursuant to Section 284 of the Highway Law, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner hereby endorses and approves an agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Monies dated April 8, 2025; and
Said agreement shall be signed by the majority of the members of the Town Board, with one copy to be filed with the Town Clerk; and
Further Resolved, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to disburse monies from the Highway Fund in accordance with said agreement.
Seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE BUYOUT MOVING FORWARD

This agenda item was tabled for a future meeting.

PLANNING BOARD APPROVAL

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried to appoint Marc Moran to the Planning Board for a 7-year term to expire on 4/1/2032.

SUMMER RECREATION DIRECTOR AND MEDICAL DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

Resolution No. 64 - Offered by Supervisor Majestic;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner needs to hire a Recreation Director for the 2025 Summer Recreation Season;

WHEREAS, Kimberlee Way possesses all the necessary qualifications to handle the position of Summer Recreation Director;

WHEREAS, being this is a part-time position she is not eligible for health insurance benefits;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner confirms employment of Kimberlee Way as the Summer Recreation Director effective April 9th, 2025. Kimberlee Way will be compensated at the salary rate of $27.00 an hour.
Seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried.

Resolution No. 65 - Offered by Supervisor Majestic;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner needs to hire a Medical Director for the 2025 Summer Recreation Season;

WHEREAS, Danielle McGrath is a licensed EMT whose license is valid through 8/31/2028;

WHEREAS, Danielle McGrath possesses all the necessary qualifications to handle the position of Summer Recreation Medical Director;

WHEREAS, being this is a part-time position she is not eligible for health insurance benefits;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner confirms employment of Danielle McGrath as the Summer Recreation Medical Director effective April 9th, 2025. Danielle McGrath will be compensated at the salary rate of $23.00 an hour.
Seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW APPOINTMENT

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand, and carried to appoint David Dukler to the Board of Assessment Review for a term to expire 9/30/2030.

MINUTES

Minutes of March 4th were approved as written on the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Hartner, and carried.

Minutes of March 11th were approved as written on the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Hartner, and carried.

FINANCIALS

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried, authorizing payment of Application No. 7 from Pitingaro & Doetsch to Songer Contracting for $9,631.14.

On the motion of Councilmember Richman, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, authorizing a temporary loan to the Climate Smart fund for $76,075.00 to pay the first 50% of the completed project while the Town waits for the grant reimbursement.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried to accept the warrant dated April 9, 2025 in the amount of $232,171.94.

LEGAL BUDGET UPDATE

Supervisor Majestic provided an update on the Legal Budget. For the 2025 fiscal year, the General Fund allocated $45,000.00 for legal expenses. So far, $8,044.35 has been utilized, which leaves a remaining balance of $36,955.65. The Zoning Board budgeted $4,000.00 but has

exceeded that amount by $940.00. Meanwhile, the Planning Board budgeted $20,000.00 and has spent $125.00, resulting in a remaining balance of $19,875.00.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Hansen, Town Clerk