June 3, 2025 - Workshop Meeting

The Town Board met in Workshop Session this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmembers Wiegand, and Hartner. Councilmembers Carucci and Richman were absent. There were approximately 5± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is an opening on the Ethics Board as well as two representative seats on the Ulster County Planning Board.

Parks and Rec is hosting Pickleball in the Pole Barn on Wednesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm. Starting this Wednesday, a beginner's course will be offered from 5 pm to 6 pm.

There will be a Blood Drive on Friday, June 6th from 12 pm to 5 pm.

Supervisor Majestic watched a Housing Summit online hosted by the City of Kingston. Supervisor Majestic would like the Board to adopt two forms, which are both Property Tax Exemptions, to help with the Town's housing crisis. First is an exemption for Newly Converted or Fully Constructed Income Residential Rental Multiple Dwellings, and the second is Capital Improvements to Residential New Construction Creating Accessory Dwelling Units.

Registration is now open for the 2025 Summer Rec season. Parents and guardians can register and pay online.

Supervisor Majestic added to the agenda for the Board to approve having the ability to pay online for Transfer Station permits and coupons.

Climate Smart is hosting a Climate Preparedness Corps Training on July 11th. Participants will receive a free NYS Disaster Preparedness Kit. Registration is online.

The Town received two Notification forms from the NYS Liquor Authority. The first location is 143/145 Main Street, owned by William Richards, and the second location is at 302 Libertyville Road, owned by Megan Wiley. This will be on next week's agenda for Board discussion.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Linda Geary- Asked the Town Board to consider a donation of a framed set of Norman Rockwell's Four Freedom painting with a plaque to be installed in the Meeting Room of the Town Hall in honor of Jean McGrane.
Roberta Clements- Requested that the Supervisor put a discussion on Agrivoltaics on next month's agenda.

ACCEPT SEWER TASK FORCE PROPOSAL AND APPOINT CHAIR RICH CERRUTO AND VICE-CHAIR LINDA GEARY

On the motion of Councilmember Hartner, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, to accept the Sewer Task Force Proposal. Councilmembers Carucci and Richman were absent.

On the Motion of Councilmember Hartner, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, to appoint Rich Cerruto as Chair and Linda Geary as Vice-Chair of the Sewer Task Force. Councilmembers Carucci and Richman were absent.

REVIEW AND AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION FOR JUSTICE COURT AUDIT

This agenda item was tabled for next week's meeting.

ACCEPT HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO SURPLUS 2005 NEW HOLLAND TRACTOR AND ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 73 - Offered by Supervisor Majestic;

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent, Brian Stiscia, advised the Town Board by memorandum dated May 22, 2025 of his intent to surplus a Town Highway Department piece of equipment pursuant to New York State Highway Law S 142(5); and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent, Brian Stiscia has proposed to sell the equipment at auction and has proposed a contract with Auction International, Inc., an international online auction service with substantial experience selling surplus municipal vehicles and equipment and which does not charge sellers commission and although no reserve is set, the Town, as seller, has the right to reject all bids; and

WHEREAS, there is one piece of Equipment the Highway Superintendent has identified to sell as surplus of a municipal vehicle as follows:

1. 2005 New Holland Tractor TN70 4 x 4, 67 HP with Alamo 5' ft. Switchblade Sickle Bar Mower

   Serial Number Tractor: HJE0303270

   Serial Number Mower: SWB5-10097;

NOW, THERE BE IT, RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent, Brian Stiscia is authorized to sell the surplus Town Highway Department Equipment in accordance with Highway Law 5 142(5) with Auctions International, Inc., 11167 Big Tree Road, East Aurora, New
York 14052 and to execute the "Online Auction Contract — Agreement for Sale of Government Assets" by Online Auction International, Inc. in substantially the same form as annexed hereto; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, including any Department of Motor Vehicle forms and Bills of Sale, necessary to transfer the above piece of equipment to the successful bidder.

Seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried. Councilmembers Carucci and Richman were absent.

AUTHORIZE THE BOOKKEEPER TO MOVE FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL, HIGHWAY AND SEWER FUNDS INTO NYCLASS

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried, authorizing the Bookkeeper to move funds from the General, Highway, and Sewer Funds to NYCLASS to take advantage of higher interest rates. Councilmembers Carucci and Richman were absent.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOOKKEEPER TO ESTABLISH AN ESCROW ACCOUNT FOR GREY RIDGE LLC. PB #25-04

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, authorizing the Bookkeeper to establish an Escrow Account for Grey Ridge LLC. for $7,500.00. Councilmembers Carucci and Richman were absent.

AUTHORIZATION FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, authorizing the Bookkeeper to set up online payments for the Transfer Station. Councilmembers Carucci and Richman were absent.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, authorizing the Bookkeeper to set up online payments for Summer Recreation. Councilmembers Carucci and Richman were absent.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Supervisor Majestic, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. Councilmembers Carucci and Richman were absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Hansen, Town Clerk