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 20± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Recreation registration is open, and payment is available online on the Town's website.

Transfer Station permits and coupons are also available for online payment.

The Gardiner 5K hosted by the Gardiner Fire Department is scheduled for Thursday, July 17th at 6:30 pm.

There are additions to the agenda tonight and one deletion. The first addition is a request from Councilmember Carucci to present options for the area under the solar panels at the Town Hall. Second is for Summer Rec; authorization to execute the Transportation Agreement with New Paltz Central School, Scholarship request, and a discussion on CIT's being paid. The third addition is the Building Inspector's report, as well as authorization for the Building Inspectors to attend monthly NYSBO Conferences through the end of the year. The Executive Session was removed from the agenda.

Councilmember Hartner informed the Board that he was able to finally access Granicus, where it indicated that there are currently 150 Short Term Rentals that are operating in Gardiner. Mr. Hartner also provided an update to the Board about the Mega Warehouse project in Plattekill. Rich Gorres, Chair of the Plattekill Planning Board, believes that the developer will withdraw their application and will inform Councilmember Hartner as soon as that happens.

Councilmember Hartner suggested encouraging applicants with a $50 gift certificate to a local establishment on the Town's vacancy website, particularly for the Aquatics Director position for Summer Rec. Supervisor Majestic will have her assistant circulate a new ad with dates for the Aquatics Director.

Jen Metzger announced the launch of a new grant program called "Green the Scene." This initiative is designed to support and encourage sustainable event practices that reduce waste and promote environmental stewardship. Municipalities and nonprofit organizations hosting fairs, festivals, and community events can apply for a grant of up to $2,000. Councilmember Hartner suggested that this could be a wonderful opportunity for Gardiner Day.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Linda Geary- Vice Chair of the Sewer Task Force updated the Board as to the members of the Task Force. Rich Cerruto, Chair; Linda Geary, Vice Chair; Paul Colucci, Representative from the Planning Board; Tom Penichter, Representative from the Smart Housing Group; Jon Benner, Hamlet resident with a science background.
No Kings Rally, Saturday, 11 am – 12:30 pm.

Ralph Erenzo- Has concerns regarding the SLA Notices- the Town's Sewer issues and the potential impact, applicants should have a good record of compliance with the Town.

Frank Vigna- Asked the Town Board to rescind the Town Board's Special Use Permit for the Solar arrays on Libertyville Road, siting landscaping issues.

FINANCIAL REVIEW SESSION (FUND BALANCE, POLICIES TO ADOPT, ITEMS TO B.A.N.)

The Town's financial review was presented by the Bookkeeper and discussed in detail. Several key aspects were addressed, including the proper use of the Fund Balance, required legal policies, suggested policies from the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC), and local in-house policies. The discussion also covered how to manage excess funds and the items eligible for Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN).

The Bookkeeper explained that while the Town has the legally required policies, which include the Code of Ethics, Investment Policy, Procurement Policy, Sexual Harassment Policy, and Workplace Violence Prevention Policy, some of these policies could benefit from updates. The OSC also highly recommends additional policies, including those regarding Wire Transfers and Online Banking, Travel and Conference, Credit Card use, Computer Use, Cell Phone use, Capital Investment, and a Fund Policy that is currently under development. The OSC recommends that Municipal Town Boards adopt these policies for the well-being of their taxpayers.

Local policy suggestions included guidelines for the Use of Recreation Facilities, Use of the Town Hall Meeting Room, Purchasing Policy, Vehicle Use, and Personnel Policies.

Ms. Weber provided an overview of how the Board can utilize excess funds, which could include purchasing equipment and capital outlay, reducing debt principal, financing reserves, or lowering property taxes. Additionally, the discussion touched on the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) and potential items to be financed through this method, which include a bucket truck, front loader, chlorination system for the sewer treatment plant, and IT upgrades for Town Hall.

FINANCIALS

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, to accept the Budget Modifications as presented.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, authorizing $100,000.00 from the General Fund and $100,000.00 from the Highway Fund to be moved into NYCLASS.

On the motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried, to give the Bookkeeper authorization to enter into via OGS an installment purchase agreement on a Ricoh IMCW220 wide format printer, scanner, copier for 48 months in the amount of $21,072.00 with a monthly payment of $439/month.

On the motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, to accept the warrant dated June 10, 2025, in the amount of $154,181.06.

REVIEW COMMENTS FROM PLANNING BOARDS ON PROPOSED B.E.S.S. MORATORIUM LAW AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING

The Board received recommendations from both the Gardiner Planning Board and the Ulster County Planning Board in reference to the B.E.S.S. Moratorium that was sent for review. The Board agreed to change the limit from 25 kWh to 600 kWh as suggested by the Ulster County Planning Board.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, to set the Public Hearing for the proposed Local Law 3-2025 B.E.S.S. Moratorium for Tuesday, July 8, 2025.

ECC/CLIMATE SMART PRESENT OPTIONS FOR UNDER THE SOLAR PANELS AT TOWN HALL

Mark Varian from Climate Smart and Joan Parker from the ECC presented their plans to the Board regarding the area beneath the solar panels at the Town Hall. Both organizations collaborated to develop a planting concept designed to promote pollinator-friendly farming. The initiative will be implemented in three phases. The first phase involves laying down film to effectively eliminate the existing vegetation. Superintendent Stiscia offered to assist in obtaining the film needed for this initial phase.

RESOLUTION TO HIRE SUMMER REC PERSONNEL, AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NPCSD TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT, AND DISCUSS SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST

Resolution No. 74 - Offered by Supervisor Majestic;

Resolved, pursuant to Section 27 of Town Law and upon the recommendation of the Director of the Summer Recreation Program, the following named persons are hereby employed in the position indicated to be compensated at the hourly wage rate indicated for 2025, to be paid bi-weekly:

Counselors:	Callie Borrello	$16.25
	Eden Adamek	$16.25
	Lila DiSciullo	$16.25
	Doug Borrello	$16.25
	Amanda Caso-Sobon	$16.25
	Ella McDonough	$16.25
	Chloe Mayle-Towne	$16.25
	Aiden Caso-Sobon	$15.75
Sports Director:	Holden Atkins	$17.00
Arts & Crafts Director:	Dahlia Haselton	$16.25

All positions are Part-Time with no insurance benefits.

Seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried.

On the motion of Councilmember Carucci, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to execute the Transportation agreement with the NPCSD.

On the motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Richman and carried, to accept 5 non-resident campers at no cost. Supervisor Majestic opposed.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to hire more staff to the Summer Rec program if registration increases.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, to allow Kimberlee Way, Camp Director, to hire up 3 Counselor In Training (CIT) to be paid a $250.00 bonus if they complete the 6 weeks of Summer Rec. Councilmember Richman opposed.

DISCUSS NOTIFICATION OF NYS LIQUOR AUTHORITY FOR 2 LOCATIONS 143/145 MAIN STREET, 302 LIBERTYVILLE ROAD, AND BENTON AMENDED NOTIFICATION

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Carucci, and to supply Mr. Kubista a letter waiving the 30-day hold period and accepting the amendment to the notification from January.

Supervisor Majestic will draft a letter to the SLA addressing the concerns discussed. Councilmember Richman requested that all comments from the Board be included in the letter. The Supervisor aims to have the letter mailed by Friday, June 13th.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, to recommend to the New York State Liquor Authority denial of the application at 143/145 Main Street based on comments provided at the Town Board meeting on June 10, 2025. Councilmember Richman opposed.

ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR TOWN BOARD AUDIT OF TOWN RECORDS

Resolution No. 75 - Offered by Supervisor Majestic;
RESOLVED, that the records of the Justice Court, were reviewed on May 22, 2025 by Councilman Wiegand; and
RESOLVED, that Councilman Wiegand concluded that all records are satisfactory; then
HEREBY BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner concurs with Councilman Wiegand's review and audit of these records.
Seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried. Councilmember Richman opposed.

AUTHORIZE ROCKWELL'S FOUR FREEDOMS AND MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR JEAN MCGRANE TO BE INSTALLED IN THE MEETING ROOM

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried, authorizing the installation of Norman Rockwell's Four Freedoms and a memorial plaque honoring Jean McGrane in the meeting room at the Town Hall.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH BROKEN HEARTSTRINGS FOR MUSIC AT THE PARK ON JULY 10TH FROM 6 PM – 8 PM

On the motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to execute the agreement with Broken Heartstrings to play at Majestic Park on July 10th from 6 pm to 8 pm.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR BUILDING INSPECTORS TO ATTEND NYSBOC MONTHLY MEETINGS

On the motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to sign off on the Building Inspector's request to attend the NYSBOC monthly meetings through the end of the year.

BUILDING INSPECTORS REPORT FOR MAY

The Building Inspector was unable to attend the meeting to discuss his report from May with the Board. Councilmember Hartner requested that future reports include information on pending applications, such as updates on the Ranch. Additionally, the report should address any unresolved contentious issues.

MINUTES

Minutes of May 6th and May 13th were approved as written on the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand, and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Hansen, Town Clerk