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

Rich Cerruto, Chair of the Sewer Task Force, sent a revised version of the letter that is planned to be mailed to all residents in the Sewer District. The Board plans to discuss these changes at the Special Budget meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

The Supervisor received an email from Carter Strickland of the Community Preservation Advisory Board informing that he is resigning from the Board. The Supervisor will advertise this vacancy alongside the opening on the Board of Ethics. Interested residents should contact the Supervisor or visit the Town Hall for more information. It is important to note that residents wishing to apply for the Ethics Board position cannot be registered Democrats, as the Town's Ethics Law requires that the Board be composed of members from different parties.

Minutes and Agenda were circulated from Climate Smart Gardiner.

Gardiner Fire Department is hosting its 2nd Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, October 18th, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Repair Café will be at the Gardiner Library on Sunday, October 26th.

Town Hall and the Highway Department will be closed on Tuesday, November 4th, for Election Day, and on Tuesday, November 11th, for Veterans Day. The November Town Board meetings will take place on Thursday, November 6th and November 13th.

There are currently two Special Budget Meetings scheduled for October 15th at 3:00 PM and October 20th at 10:00 AM.

The NYS Burn Ban is scheduled to expire October 15th.

Councilmember Richman requested a five-minute discussion regarding the upcoming ZBA hearing for Awosting Club and whether the Town Board would like to have the Town Board attorney provide guidance on the proper handling of the ZBA process.

PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH A TOWN-WIDE AMBULANCE DISTRICT

The Public Hearing for the establishment of a Town-wide Ambulance District was opened at 7:12 PM by Supervisor Majestic.

Glenn Gidaly – Grateful for all the volunteers on the Ambulance and Fire Departments.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried, the Public Hearing for the Town-wide Ambulance District was closed at 7:45 PM.

Resolution No. 87 - Offered by Supervisor Majestic;
WHEREAS, pursuant to Articles 12 and 12-A of the Town Law of the State of New York, towns may establish ambulance districts after a public hearing upon notice by the adoption of a resolution of the majority of the town board, and
WHEREAS, it having appeared to the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner that the establishment of an ambulance district is in order to provide for the provision and funding of emergency medical services including ambulance transportation services and is both necessary and desired in order to provide for the continued safety and health of the residents of the Town of Gardiner and transient persons located in the Town, and
WHEREAS, the Town Board has caused to be prepared, filed and/or published where required, a Notice of Hearing and Order, Map, Plan and Report, and a Detailed Explanation as to how the Estimated Rate of Assessment for the Proposed Ambulance District was Computed for the ambulance district proposed to be established, and
WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the matter was conducted on October 14, 2025; and
WHEREAS, it having been demonstrated to the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner at the Public Hearing that:
1) The Notice of Hearing was published and posted as required by law;
2) The proposed establishment of the Gardiner Ambulance District that includes all areas of the Town of Gardiner will benefit all property and property owners within the boundaries of the proposed ambulance district;
3) All of the property and property owners benefitted by the establishment of the proposed ambulance district are located within the limits of the proposed ambulance district; and
4) The establishment of the proposed ambulance district is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that during its Regular Meeting conducted on October 14, 2025 the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner determined by, and in accordance with this Resolution, that: 1) the Public Hearing concerning the proposed establishment of the Gardiner Ambulance District was properly noticed and conducted as required by law; 2) the establishment of the Gardiner Ambulance District that includes all areas of the Town of Gardiner will benefit all property and property owners within the boundaries of the ambulance district; 3) all of the property and property owners benefitted by the establishment of the ambulance district are located within the limits of the ambulance district; and 4) the establishment of the ambulance district is in the public interest; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 198 (10-f)(e) of the Town Law of the State of New York and by a companion local law that the Town Board hereby establishes and creates a three-person, appointive District Board of Ambulance Commissioners who shall act in an advisory capacity to the Town Board with regard to the operation of the Gardiner Ambulance District, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board and whose initial commissioners shall be appointed for a one, two, or three-year term and thereafter, said commissioners shall have appointed and staggered, three-year terms; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon passage of this Resolution and the satisfaction of all conditions precedent**,** the Town Board does so establish the Gardiner Ambulance District as so provided for herein; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the satisfaction of all conditions precedent the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file and record this Resolution and any Order issuing here from within ten days after the adoption of such Order, in the office of the Ulster County Clerk, and to file such order with the Office of the State Department of Audit and Control in Albany New York,

and to take all actions and perform all acts necessary to implement the provisions of this Resolution and such Order; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this RESOLUTION is subject to Permissive Referendum.
Seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried.

DISCUSS ESTABLISHING AN AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Supervisor reviewed the proposed law with the Board, including Paul Keller's suggestions. Since revisions are still needed, the Supervisor proposed scheduling the Public Hearing for the second meeting in November.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand, and carried, to schedule a Public Hearing on November 13th for Local Law 6 of 2025; Establishing an Ambulance District Board of Commissioners.

CLIMATE SMART GARDINER UPDATE ON TOWN HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM

Climate Smart Gardiner provided an update on the Request for Proposals (RFP) issued for a new heating and cooling system for the addition at Town Hall. They met with six different companies and ultimately received proposals from Hot Water Systems (HWS) and Dandelion. Climate Smart recommended having HWS conduct a Manual "N" study to help determine which company to choose.

On the motion of Councilmember Carucci, seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried, to authorizing Climate Smart Gardiner to move forward with a Manual “N” Study to be conducted in the Town Hall for $1,500.00.

APPOINT 2 MEMBERS TO ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD TO REPRESENT THE TOWN OF GARDINER

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried, to appoint James Ulvestad as the Town of Gardiner’s Representative to the Ulster County Planning Board and Colin Boylan as the Town of Gardiner’s Alternate to the Ulster County Planning Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of Councilmember Richman, seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried, the Board entered Executive Session at 8:22 PM for the purpose of discussing Board appointments.
On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Richman and carried, the Board left Executive Session at 8:39 PM.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENTS

On the motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Supervisor Majestic, and carried, to appoint Jodie Licata to the Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Rich Cerruto's term through July 2030.

On the motion of Councilmember Richman, seconded by Councilmember Hartner, and carried, to reappoint Lisa Lindsley to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire July 2029. Supervisor Majestic and Councilmember Wiegand opposed.

E.C.C. APPOINTMENT

On the motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried, to appoint Colin Boylan to the E.C.C. to expire May 1, 2028. Councilmember Richman and Councilmember Carucci opposed.

ETHIC BOARD HOUSEKEEPING TO UPDATE MEMBER TERMS

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, to extend the following members terms on the Ethics Review Board:
Glenn McNitt – expire 2030
Jon Simonson, Chair – expire 2029
Johanna Hecht – expire 2028
Vicki Erenzo – expire 2027

On the motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried to appoint Jodie Licata to the Board of Ethics for a term to expire 2026 pending approval to serve on 2 Boards.

B.E.S.S. DISCUSS THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF NEW PALTZ

The Board reviewed and discussed the B.E.S.S. Local Law that the Town of New Paltz adopted. The Tier system that New Paltz established was favored by the Board. They determined that they would review a Town law per meeting to get an idea as to what would work best for Gardiner.

SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO AUTHORIZE THE USAGE OF TOWN HALL REPAIR RESERVE FUNDS FOR NECESSARY REPAIRS AT TOWN HALL

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand, and carried, to schedule a Public Hearing on November 6th to authorize the usage of Town Hall Repair Reserve Funds for necessary repairs at Town Hall.

SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TAX CAP OVERRIDE

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand, and carried, to schedule a Public Hearing on November 6th for Local Law 5 of 2025; Override the Tax Cap Levy.

SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT 2026 BUDGET

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand, and carried, to schedule a Public Hearing on November 6th to adopt the 2026 Final Budget.

MINUTES

Minutes of September 2nd were approved as written on the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Carucci, and carried. Councilmember Richman abstained.

Minutes of September 9th were approved as written on the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Hartner, and carried.

FINANCIALS INCLUDING AUTHORIZATION FOR BOOKKEEPER TO ESTABLISH ESCROW ACCOUNT FOR JOE RICHARDS PB #25-06 FOR $3,500.00 WITH $1,500.00 IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, authorizing the Bookkeeper to establish an escrow account for Joe Richards PB #25-06 for $3,500.00 with a replenishment amount of $1,500.00.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried to approve the October 2025 Warrant dated October 15th for the total amount of $514,439.73.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Hansen