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 14± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a Toys for Tots drop box in the Town Hall lobby. Please consider donating an unwrapped new toy by December 5th.
The Gardiner Fire Department is hosting a Veteran's Breakfast on Sunday, November 9th.

Congressman Pat Ryan's CARE van will be at the Gardiner Town Hall on Wednesday, November 12th, from 11 AM to 1 PM.

Supervisor Majestic received an award on behalf of the Town of Gardiner from the Hudson Valley Regional Council. Gardiner was recognized as the only municipality that took advantage of all the programs offered by the Hudson Valley Regional Council.

Councilmember Hartner informed the Board that the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) has granted the request to reduce the speed limit on Route 44-55 from the hamlet to the intersection of 44-55 and rt 208 from 55 mph to 45 mph. This change applies to the area from the hamlet of Gardiner to the intersection with Route 208.

PUBLIC HEARING TO OVERRIDE THE 2% TAX CAP

At 7:05 PM, the Town Clerk read the Public Hearing Notice for the Proposed Local Law - Tax Cap Override. Supervisor Majestic opened the hearing to the public for any questions and/or comments.

On motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried, the public hearing was closed at 7:49 PM.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand, and carried to adopt Local Law No. 5 of the year 2025 - A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-c;

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Gardiner pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Gardiner to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the town board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Gardiner, County of Ulster is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law, §3-c.

Section 4. Severability
If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.
Section 5. Effective date
This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State

PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE 2026 BUDGET
At 7:10 PM, the Town Clerk read the Public Hearing Notice for the 2026 Budget. Supervisor Majestic opened the hearing to the public for any questions and/or comments.

The Board discussed last-minute ideas for reducing the 2026 budget. As a result of their brainstorming, they decided to add a contingency line of $10,000.00 to the General Fund to accommodate potential grant opportunities that the Town may pursue.

On motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, the public hearing was closed at 7:51 PM.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Carucci, and carried to adopt the 2026 Budget. Councilmember Hartner abstained. Councilmember Richman opposed.

PUBLIC HEARING TO USE TOWN HALL RESERVE FUNDS TO PAY $2,440.00 TO BANTEL HVAC FOR SERVICING THE GEOTHERMAL IN THE MEETING ROOM/COURT ROOM
At 7:15 PM, the Town Clerk read the Public Hearing Notice for the Proposed Local Law - Tax Cap Override. Supervisor Majestic opened the hearing to the public for any questions and/or comments.

On motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, the public hearing was closed at 8:02 PM.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand, and carried, authorizing the use of reserve funds to pay Bantel HVAC for the repair work on the geothermal system totaling $2,440.00.

REQUEST FROM HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO SURPLUS DAEWOO 2001 LOADER
Resolution No. 88 - Offered by Supervisor Majestic;
WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent, Brian Stiscia, advised the Town Board by memorandum dated October 27, 2025, of his intent to surplus Town Highway Department vehicle pursuant to New York State Highway Law § 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. Daewoo 2001 Mega Wheel Loader, Model 250-III with enclosed Cab and 3.1 cubic yard bucket.

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Now, therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent, Brian Stiscia is authorized to sell the surplus Town Highway Department Truck in accordance with Highway Law § 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 Department of Motor Vehicles forms and Bills of Sale, necessary to transfer the above piece of equipment to the successful bidder.
Seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried.

APPOINT CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, to appoint Jodie Licata as Chair to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Carucci, and carried for Supervisor Majestic to reply and affirm Mr. Yaffe's email to proceed in representing the ZBA regarding Awosting Club and to confirm payment of legal services.

APPROVE FINAL VERSION OF LETTER TO RESIDENTS IN THE SEWER DISTRICT

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand, and carried, to accept the letter as revised and to set an informational sewer session for residents on January 10th at 10:00 AM at the Town Hall.

AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF OLD COMPUTER EQUIPMENT WITH MCS TECH, THAT HAS NO VALUE

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand, and carried, authorizing MCS Tech to dispose of the old computer equipment that has no value from the Town Hall.

AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOCATE $25.00 FROM PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY LINE TO MAKE MILLBROOK MEADOW ESCROW #PB23-03 WHOLE

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Hartner, and carried to allocate $25.00 from the Planning Board's attorney line to make Millbrook Meadows Escrow whole so it can be closed.

DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE WHERE TO FUND THE $1,500.00 THAT WAS AUTHORIZED FOR THE MANUAL N FOR THE TOWN HALL

During a previous meeting, the Town Board approved Climate Smart Gardiner to conduct a Manual 'N' study at the Town Hall, costing $1,500. Councilmember Carucci clarified that this expense will be covered by the quote provided to Climate Smart and should not require any payment from Town funds.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Alan Rothman expressed his concerns about the future leadership of Gardiner.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Hansen, Town Clerk