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, and Hartner. Councilmember Carucci was absent. There were approximately 4± audience members.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is an opening on the Community Preservation Advisory Board; anyone interested should contact the Supervisor.

The Town received $69,704.34 in Sales Tax from July to September, amounting to a total of $285,758.17 year-to-date. The projected budgeted amount for 2025 was $380,000.00, leaving approximately $94,000.00 to be made up in the last three months of the year.

The Building Inspector circulated his monthly report.

Wright's Farm, a 6th-generation farm in Gardiner, recently experienced a significant barn fire that caused extensive damage. The Gardiner Fire Department received support from over 15 neighboring fire departments in their efforts to battle the blaze. To help the farm during this challenging time, please consider supporting their farm stand and brewery. They offer a wide selection of fresh fruits, vegetables, jellies, baked goods, cider, and much more.

## PUBLIC HEARING ON ESTABLISHING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE AMBULANCE DISTRICT

At 7:05 PM, the Town Clerk read the Public Hearing Notice for the Proposed Local Law - Establishment of a Board of Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Commissioners. Supervisor Majestic opened the hearing to the public for any questions and/or comments.

**Resolution No. 90** - 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 in order to provide for the continued provision of emergency medical services, including ambulance transportation services is both necessary and desired in order to provide for the 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 Map, Plan and Report, and a Detailed Explanation as to how the Estimated Rate of Assessment for the Proposed Ambulance District was computed, a Notice of Hearing, and Order for the ambulance district proposed to be established; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Town Law § 209-f, the permission of the State Comptroller to establish such ambulance district was not required; and

**WHEREAS**, it having appeared to the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner at the Public Hearing on the matter held on October 14, 2025 that:
The Notice of Hearing was published and posted as required by law;
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;

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, and

**WHEREAS**, that following the Public Hearing and during its Regular Meeting conducted on October 14, 2025 the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner determined by Resolution subject to permissive referendum 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 further, that an appointive District Board of Ambulance Commissioners would be established; and

**WHEREAS,** that after due notice by publication that the underlying Resolution of the Town Board adopted on October 14, 2025 was subject to permissive referendum, no petition was filed requesting a referendum and a certification stating same was prepared by the Town Clerk to be filed with the Ulster County Clerk pursuant to Town Law § 209-e (4)(a).

**NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Town Law §§ 209-f (2) and 209-g, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner hereby adopts this Final Order and Determination establishing the Gardiner Ambulance District; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, that pursuant to Section 198(10-f)(e) of the Town Law, the Town Board hereby establishes a three-person, appointive District Board of Ambulance Commissioners that shall act in an advisory capacity to the Town Board with regard to the operation of the Gardiner Ambulance District and whose commissioners shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board and whose initial commissioners shall be appointed by the Town Board for one, two, or three-year terms and thereafter, said commissioners shall have appointed and staggered three-year terms; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, pursuant to the Town Law § 209-g (1), the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file and record this Final Order and Determination 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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, upon passage of this Resolution for a Final Order and Determination and upon the satisfaction of all conditions precedent pursuant to Town Law §209-f (2), the Town Board does establish the Town of Gardiner Ambulance District as so provided for herein.

Seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

On motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, the public hearing was closed at 7:46 PM. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Hartner, and carried to adopt **Local Law No. 6 of the year 2025** - Establishment of a Board of Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Commissioners. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

**§3-l. Establishment.**
There shall be a Board of Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commissioners for the Town of Gardiner pursuant to the provisions of 198, Subdivision 10-f(e), of Town Law.

**§3-2. Powers and duties.**
The Board of Ambulance and EMS Commissioners shall advise the Town Board on matters relating to all ambulance and EMS services offered within the Town. These matters shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

A. The negotiation of contracts for the provision of ambulance and EMS, including Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) services, with any ambulance service or fire district within the Town, and make recommendations to the Town Board concerning such contracts;
B. The review of ambulance service or district finances, including the review of any provider finances as authorized by contract with the Town;
C. Compliance with performance standards for the provision of ambulance and EMS service with the Town;
D. The establishment or modification of any fees or charges for the provision of ambulance and EMS service with the Town;
E. Reviewing ambulance and EMS operational and organizational efficiencies; and
F. Such other matters relating to ambulance and emergency services as the Town Board may from time-to-time request.

**§3-3. Power and authority over ministerial functions.**
The Board of Ambulance Commissioners shall also exercise such power and authority over ministerial functions related to the operation of ambulance and EMS services, including those services provided by Ulster County within the Town as the Town Board from time to time may delegate by resolution to the Board of Ambulance Commissioners.

**§3-4. Membership; terms of office.**
The Board of Ambulance and EMS Commissioners shall consist of three members appointed by the Town Board. Members must be a resident of the Town of Gardiner and be at least 18 years of age. The first member appointed shall be appointed for a term of three years, the second member appointed shall be appointed for a term of two years, and the third member appointed shall be appointed for a term of one year. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for the lesser of the unexpired term of the member such appointee replaces or three years. All terms shall run through December 31st of the year in which the terms expire. A quorum will be made up of 2 Commissioners present. Each Commissioner shall file an Oath of Office in the Office of the Town Clerk.

**§3-5. Designation of Chairperson.**
The Town Board may designate a member of the Board Ambulance and EMS Commissioners on an annual basis to serve as the Chairperson, or in the absence of such designation at the time the Chairperson resigns or otherwise leaves the Board of Commissioners, the Town Board will fill the vacancy and/or appoint the Chairperson.

**§3-6. Compensation.**
The Commissioners shall receive compensation of $1.00 per year or shall receive such compensation as the Town Board may from time to time determine.

**§3-7. Commissioners' status as employees.**
The Commissioners, while acting within the scope of their duties as set forth in this chapter, shall receive the benefit of Chapter 21 of the Laws of the Town of Gardiner, entitled "Defense and Indemnification." Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commissioners shall not, solely by reason of this section, be otherwise considered to be employees of the Town for any other purpose. The Commissioners' status as employees, independent contractors, volunteers, or otherwise shall be determined without regard to this section.

**AMEND HIRING RESOLUTION NO. 86-2025 TO INCLUDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR HIRING OF FULL-TIME SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK**
Resolution No. 89 - Offered by Supervisor Majestic;
**WHEREAS**, Donna Daley has been employed by the Town of Gardiner as a part-time Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor.
**WHEREAS**, Donna Daley has taken the Senior Account Clerk civil service exam and received a 100% grade.
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Donna Daley be appointed Senior Clerk at her current rate of pay effective December 1, 2025. As a full-time employee, she is entitled to health insurance benefits.
Seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

**MINUTES**
Minutes of October 7th were approved as written on the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Hartner, and carried. Councilmember Caruci was absent.

Councilmember Hartner had some clarifications for the October 14th minutes. The Town Clerk will review as necessary and have Minutes available for the Regular meeting in December. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

Councilmember Hartner noted that the Board has not been reviewing the B.E.S.S. laws as previously agreed. The Board was assigned the task of reviewing the law recently passed by the Town of Poughkeepsie in preparation for the December meeting. Supervisor Majestic will verify the dates related to the Moratorium and assess the next steps needed to extend it.

**FINANCIALS**
On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried, authorizing the addition of the M&T credit card to the prepayment audits for November and December. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, to establish a fee schedule for the new large-scale printer; $5.00 per black and white copy and $10.00 per color copy. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the contract with MCS Tech to work with Xerox for $125.00,

contingent on receiving a letter instead of a contract. If a contract is needed, it would be vetted by Paul Keller. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried, to authorize payment of $1,666.00 to come from the special Parks & Rec account for the replacement parts for the playground equipment at Majestic Park. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried, to approve the November 2025 Warrant dated November 14th for the total amount of $351,936.53. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

Financial Update:

The Town Board has utilized $22,307.90 of the budgeted $45,000.00 for legal expenses. An overage of $10,370.50 in Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) legal expenses was covered by the Town Board, leaving a remaining balance of $11,937.40. Additionally, the Planning Board began with a budget of $20,000.00 and has spent $3,182.00 so far.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Wolfe Scandinaro- Asked the Board members if they learned whether B.E.S.S. should burn if it catches fire.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Supervisor Majestic, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Hansen, Town Clerk