The Town Board met in a Workshop Session this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmembers Richman, Carucci, and Hartner. There were approximately 10± audience members. Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Board received FedEx envelope from Chestnut Mobil regarding the old Benson's building.

Climate Smart Gardiner sent their monthly update and the Town Board needs to consider the recommendation of decreasing the price per kilowatt hour.

The Town received the Dog Control Officer Report from NYS Ags & Markets.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Linda Geary- asked if there was an EMT response report

PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW TO ALLOW VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

At 7:05 PM, the Town Clerk read the legal notice for a local law entitled "A Local Law to Allow Enrolled Volunteer Firefighters And Volunteer Ambulance Workers To Be Eligible For A Real Property Tax Exemption Under Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) 466-a." The Supervisor then opened the floor for any questions or comments from the audience.

Linda Geary- is it a full exemption for volunteers?

Matthew Goodnow- As Chief of the Gardiner Fire Department, the members volunteer hundreds of hours a year to support the community, and as a taxpayer, it is the least we can do.

Luke Lyons- anything to encourage volunteerism.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

On the motion of Councilmember Carucci, seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried to close the Public Hearing at 7:30 PM. Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, to adopt Local Law 2 of 2025, A Local Law to Allow Enrolled Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers To Be Eligible For A Real Property Tax Exemption Under Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) 466-a. Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

DISCUSS AUTHORIZATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH JOULE

On the motion of Councilmember Carucci, seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Joule Associates. Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

RE-APPOINT KEVIN CAPLICKI TO THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/2031

On the motion of Councilmember Hartner, seconded by Councilmember Richman and carried, to appoint Kevin Caplicki to the Community Preservation Advisory Board with a term to expire 12/31/2031. Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

ACCEPT SUSAN GENTILE RESIGNATION AS TOWN ASSESSOR

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, to accept the resignation of Susan Gentile as Town Assessor dated 9/10/2024 effective 2/5/25 contingent on the appointment of Tim McGowen. Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

APPOINT TIM MCGOWEN AS TOWN ASSESSOR

Resolution No. 55 - Offered by Supervisor Majestic;
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner accepted the resignation of Susan Gentile, as Town Assessor effective February 4, 2025;
WHEREAS, Tim McGowan possesses all the necessary certification to handle the position of Town Assessor;
WHEREAS, being this is a part-time position he is not eligible for health insurance benefits;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner confirms employment of Tim McGowan as our Town Assessor effective February 10, 2025. Tim McGowan will be compensated at the salary rate of $35,000 a year and he will hold office hours 2 days a week (Monday and Thursday).
Seconded by Councilmember Hartner and carried. Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

APPROVE MOHONK PRESERVE'S REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT ON THE HUMPO MARSHLAND PROJECT

On the motion of Councilmember Richman, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to a letter of support to Mohonk Preserve. Councilmember Wigand was absent.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO SURPLUS THE 1997 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK

Resolution No. 56 – Offered by Supervisor Majestic;
WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent, Brian Stiscia, advised the Town Board by memorandum dated April 9, 2024 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 vehicle 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 Truck the Highway Superintendent has identified to sell as surplus of a municipal vehicle as follows:

1. 1997 International Model #2574 Multipurpose dump body truck with Plows;
VIN: 1HTGEADR4VH452561;
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 Vehicle forms and Bills of Sale necessary to transfer the above piece of equipment to the successful bidder.
Seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried. Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL DOCUMENTS (MEDICAL, VISION, DENTAL)

On the motion of Councilmember Hartner, seconded by Councilmember Richman and carried, to authorize the Supervisor to execute the health insurance renewal documents (medical, vision and dental). Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

DISCUSS APPROVAL OF TRANSCEND WIRELESS' APPLICATION TO ADD, REMOVE, MODIFY OR REPLACE TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT TO THE CELL TOWN LOCATED AT 699 STATE ROUTE 208

The Board reviewed the application and seeks clarification on whether it will be presented to the Planning Board. Additionally, they raised specific concerns regarding the proposed lighting, particularly its potential impact on the surrounding areas. To address these issues, the Board has requested that the CEO provide an update at next week's meeting.

AUTHORIZE CREATING PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD POSITIONS

Resolution No. 57 – Offered by Councilmember Hartner;
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner has not had positions created for members of our Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals;
WHEREAS, the Town is required to create these positions to comply with the Internal Revenue Service and the Town's Comprehensive Plan;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner is creating positions for members serving on the Planning Board and The Zoning Board of Appeals.
Seconded by Councilmember Richman and carried. Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

RESOLUTION HIRING MEMBERS OF THE GARDINER PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Resolution No. 58 – Offered by Supervisor Majestic;
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner has created positions for the members of our Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals;
WHEREAS, this is in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service and the Town's Comprehensive Plan;
WHEREAS, this is a part-time position and therefore these employees are not eligible for health insurance benefits;
WHEREAS, monthly compensation will be pursuant to attending the monthly meeting;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner confirms employment of following Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members, effective January 1, 2025;
Planning Board Chairperson, Paul Colucci to be compensated at the rate of $200 per scheduled Planning Board meeting; Vice-Chairperson Ralph Varano to be compensated at the rate of $150 per scheduled Planning Board meeting; Members Marc Moran, Keith Libolt, Rebecca Fullam, Robert Boettcher and Tom Penichter; and Alternate Member Ryan Wiley to be compensated at the rate of $100 per scheduled Planning Board meeting;
Zoning Board Chairperson, Richard Cerruto to be compensated at the rate of $100 per scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting; Members Gary Michael MacElhiney, Lisa Lindsley and Zach Heller to be compensated at the rate of $75 per scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.
Seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried. Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (11/7, 11/12, 12/3 & 12/10)

Minutes of November 7, November 12, December 3, and December 10th were approved as written on the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried. Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

CORRECT CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION FOR DONNA DALEY FROM CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO PART-TIME TYPIST

On the motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, to correct Donna Daley Civil Service classification from Confidential Secretary to part-time Typist. Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Carucci, seconded by Councilmember Richman and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Hansen, Town Clerk