April 14, 2026 – Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at 5:30 PM. Present were Supervisor Hartner, Councilmembers Clements, Scandinaro and Ulvestad. There were approximately 10± audience members. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

McKinstry Road will be closed beginning April 12th for a culvert replacement.

The Riverkeeper Cleanup, hosted by Climate Smart Gardiner, will be held on May 2 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Residents are encouraged to volunteer and participate in this community event.

The Repair Café will be at the Gardiner Library on Sunday, April 26, from 11 AM to 3 PM. The Repair Café is a free community event where people bring their beloved but broken items, and together, with volunteer Repair Coaches, get them fixed. Broken items include small appliances, lamps, clothing, frames, chairs and more. If you would like to volunteer as a Repair Coach, send an email to CafeGardiner@gmail.com for more information.

The Ulster County Department of Health is seeking nominations for Community Public Health Champions. This initiative recognizes individuals throughout the county who promote and support public health in their communities. Residents who wish to nominate someone can visit the Department of Health website for more information.

Congress Pat Ryan's C.A.R.E.S. Van will visit Town Hall on April 15 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Staffed by caseworkers, the van aids with federal services such as Social Security, veterans' benefits, and other agency matters.

Ending the Silence is a National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) program partnering with the Ulster County Department of Mental Health. It's a free, mental health presentation for school staff, families, and middle and high school students. The presentation be at the Wallkill Town Hall Community Room, on Tuesday, April 28, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

In observance of Earth Day, The Town will be providing orange garbage bags during the week April 20th through April 24th. There will be bags available in the office area and on the front porch of the building. Those wishing to participate can pick up garbage from along the roads in Gardiner and bring the orange bag or bags to the Transfer station or leave them on the side of the road for the Gardiner Highway Department dept to pick up.

ROAD REPAIR PLAN, 284 AGREEMENT

Resolution No. 12 - Highway 284 Agreement - Offered by Councilmember Scandinaro;
Resolved, pursuant to Section 284 of the Highway Law, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner hereby endorses and approves an agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Monies dated April 14, 2026; and

Said agreement shall be signed by the majority of the members of the Town Board, with one copy to be filed with the Town Clerk; and
Further Resolved, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to disburse monies from the Highway Fund in accordance with said agreement.
Seconded by Councilmember Clements and carried. Councilmember Ulvestad abstained. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE NYSERDA 4-STAR GRANT CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS

On the motion of Councilmember Ulvestad, seconded by Councilmember Clements and carried, authorizing the Supervisor to sign a contract modification of the NYSERDA 4-Star Designation Grant reallocating $1,056.80 in savings from the EV charger project to the heat pump project. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

ICLEI REPORT PRESENTATION BY MARK VARIAN OF CLIMATE SMART GARDINER

On the motion of Councilmember Clements, seconded by Councilmember Scandinaro, and carried, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 2026 Annual membership to ICLEI in the amount of $1,800.00. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

APPROVAL OF APRIL WARRANT

On the motion of Councilmember Clements, seconded by Councilmember Scandinaro and carried to approve the April 2026 Warrant for the total amount of $242,583.08. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

AUTHORIZE BOOKKEEPER TO ESTABLISH ESCROW ACCOUNT

On the motion of Councilmember Scandinaro, seconded by Councilmember Clements and carried, authorizing the Bookkeeper to establish an Escrow Acct No. CP26-01 for the road opening by JDP Excavation for a cross pipe replacement on Farmer's Turnpike on the amount of $3,000.00 as a cash bond to be refunded in full once the project is completed and inspected and approved by the Highway Superintendent. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF EV CHARGING STATIONS

On the motion of Councilmember Clements, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad, and carried, authorizing the Bookkeeper to pay invoice #CINV-000980 in the amount of $21,161.20 to PlugIn Stations Online, LLC for the completed installation of the EV Charging Stations at the Town Hall. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

MINUTES

Minutes of March 3rd and March 10th were approved as written on the motion of Councilmember Scandinaro, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad, and carried. Councilmember Carucci was absent.

Minutes of March 22nd were approved as written on the motion of Councilmember Ulvestad, seconded by Councilmember Scandinaro, and carried. Councilmember Carucci was absent. Councilmember Clements abstained.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Alyce Dolce – Thanked the Town Board for hosting the BESS Forum. Website looking good.

Mary Meyer – What is the plan if there is no law drafted by the time the Moratorium expires?

John O'Connor – Would like the input from the Fire Chief regarding BESS.

Chris Hoey – Is there enough time to extend the Moratorium?

Tim Hunter – Have concerns about BESS. Looking forward to learning more at the Forum tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Ulvestad, seconded by Councilmember Clements and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Hansen
Town Clerk