The Town Board met in a Special Session this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 5:30 PM. Present were Supervisor Hartner and Councilmembers Ulvestad and Scandinaro. There were approximately 8± audience members. Councilmember Carucci was absent. Councilmember Clements was present via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On June 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., the Town Board will hold a Special Meeting to discuss various matters related to the drafting of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Local Law.

2026 Gardiner Summer Concert Series begins on July 1st with the band the 209's, July 15th with Straight Ahead Jazz Trio and on July 29th with Krisha and the Krew. All concerts are hosted from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

Reminder of initiative for on-site inspection of sewage plumbing within the Sewer District. If you live within the Sewer District and your plumbing has not yet been inspected, residents are encouraged to call Gardiner Building Department at 845-255-9675.

On June 3, a truck struck a light pole near the intersection of Sand Hill Road and Route 44/55 while attempting to turn onto Dusinberre Road. The Town Supervisor is currently working with the party's insurance company responsible, to address the damage and coordinate the necessary repairs.

The Supervisor announced that Councilmember Carucci, who was appointed Deputy Supervisor in January, will be stepping down from that role after accepting a promotion within his company. Supervisor Hartner has asked Councilmember Ulvestad to assume the position, and he graciously accepted the opportunity to serve as Deputy Supervisor.

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT 2026 SUMMER RECREATION STAFF

Resolution No. 21 - Offered by Supervisor Hartner;
WHEREAS, prior experience administering the Summer Recreation Program indicates that additional children may be enrolled after the program has commenced; and
WHEREAS, in the event that additional enrollees necessitate increased staffing, it may not be practicable to obtain timely Town Board approval prior to the next scheduled meeting;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby pre-approved for appointment and deployment by the Director of the Summer Recreation Program, on an as-needed basis, as additional staff members or substitutes in the positions indicated, at the hourly wage rate set forth below, to be paid bi-weekly:
• Nicolas Bloom, Recreation Aide (Counselor), $16.00 per hour.
• Griffin Sullivan, Recreation Aide (Counselor), $16.00 per hour.
• Dunkin Atkins, Recreation Aide (Counselor), $16.00 per hour.
• Jackson Sumnick, Recreation Aide (Counselor), $16.00 per hour.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all positions are part-time and not eligible for health insurance or other benefits.
Seconded by Councilmember Scandinaro and carried. Councilmember Carucci was absent. Councilmember Clements was present via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM T-SHIRTS

On the motion of Councilmember Ulvestad, seconded by Councilmember Scandinaro, and carried, to approve the purchase of Summer Recreation T-shirts for campers and staff at a cost no greater than $926.00, to be purchased from the Specialties Company which provided the lowest bid. Councilmember Carucci was absent. Councilmember Clements was present via Zoom.

ALBANY POST ROAD TRAFFIC STUDY RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 22 - Offered by Supervisor Hartner;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner is dedicated to ensuring the public health, safety, and general welfare of its residents, motorists, and visitors traveling upon municipal and county roadways within the Town; and

WHEREAS, Albany Post Road is a designated Ulster County Highway (County Route 9 / County Route 7) passing through the Town of Gardiner, meaning that jurisdiction over its speed limits rests with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) pursuant to Section 1622 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law; and

WHEREAS, local residents, including adjacent property owners, have expressed urgent safety concerns regarding excessive vehicular speeds on Albany Post Road in the immediate vicinity and south of its intersection with Bevier Road; and

WHEREAS, this particular stretch of Albany Post Road features blind spots, sight distance limitations, local residential driveways, and designated school bus stops, all of which pose elevated risks of traffic conflicts, accidents, and threats to pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that extending the existing 40 MPH speed limit zone further south by at least 0.2 miles past the Bevier Road intersection would establish a necessary, orderly speed transition zone that mitigates structural roadway hazards and protects vulnerable road users;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board specifically requests the extension of the 40 MPH zone from its current terminus at 1028 Albany Post Road to a point at least 0.2 miles south, thereby encompassing the hazardous crest and unmarked school bus stop at 1019 Albany Post Road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board requests the NYSDOT evaluate and install supplemental "School Bus Stop" and "Driveways" warning signage to mitigate the risk posed by limited sight distances and frequent residential turning movements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to complete New York State Department of Transportation Form TE-9a ("Request for Linear Speed Limit"), attach a certified copy of this Resolution, and formally submit the application packet to the Ulster County Commissioner of Public Works for structural review, endorsement, and subsequent transmittal to the NYSDOT Regional Traffic Engineer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and the Town Highway Superintendent are authorized to provide any supplemental safety data, resident correspondence, or municipal documentation necessary to support and expedite this request.

Seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad and carried. Councilmember Carucci was absent. Councilmember Clements was present via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF PARKS AND RECREATION PURCHASE OF SIGNS

On the motion of Councilmember Scandinaro, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad, and carried, to approve two purchase requests from the Parks and Recreation Committee, one for the purchase of signs for the Summer Concert Series for a total of $255.00 and the other for the

purchase of a roadside sign with a changeable message board for $398.50. Purchases to be funded from the Parks Contractual Account, A5522-7110-400. Councilmember Carucci was absent. Councilmember Clements was present via Zoom.

DISCUSSION OF TOWN BOARD IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES

Supervisor Hartner briefly reviewed with the Board a list of priority projects and initiatives that should be addressed moving forward. The priorities discussed included completion of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Local Law, compliance requirements associated with the Administrative Order on Consent, development of a Dumpster Law and Occupancy Tax Law, implementation of remote participation and voting by Town Board members via videoconferencing Law, development of a Short-Term Rental Law, repairs to the courtroom bathrooms utilizing funding available through the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP), and replacement of the trailer currently used as an office at the Transfer Station.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ilka Casey- Where did the Town advertise for Camp personnel? Follow up on the Parks and Rec part-time position and where it stands.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of Supervisor Hartner, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad, and carried, to enter into Executive Session at 6:07 PM for the purpose the employment history, appointment, promotion, or discipline of particular persons and to discuss collective negotiations under the Taylor Law and matters leading to the negotiation of a proposed contract. Councilmember Carucci was absent. Councilmember Clements was present via Zoom.

On the motion of Supervisor Hartner, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad, and carried, to leave Executive Session at 8:20 PM. Councilmember Carucci was absent. Councilmember Clements was present via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of by Supervisor Hartner, seconded by Councilmember Ulvestad, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. Councilmember Carucci was absent. Councilmember Clements was present via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Hansen, Town Clerk