

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Present were Supervisor Katz, Councilwoman Lemmon, Councilmen Koenig & Mele. Councilman Wiegand was absent. There were approximately 17± audience members.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

February 3 – H1N1 Clinic VFW Post on Route 208, 4 PM to 7 PM. No appointment needed.

February 27 – Annual Gardiner Day Committee sponsored spaghetti dinner at the Gardiner Firehouse. 5 PM and 7 PM seatings. Cost \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$5 for children 2 to 10.

### **“UNITE OUR DISTRICT” PRESENTATION**

Fawn Tantillo and Tanya Marquette made a presentation on the new plan to renovate the New Paltz Middle School and the budget vote planned for February 9<sup>th</sup>. They explained the proposed \$80 million funding project according to the school district. The “Unite our District” group would like to see the best plan for the community and the children. The cost of this renovation, is not, in their opinion, the best plan for either the children or the community. They are encouraging the community to vote no on February 9. David Dukler, President of the New Paltz School Board spoke on behalf of the school board. He spoke about the state aid and the cost of the project. He cleared up some of the figures stated by Mrs. Tantillo and Ms Marquette. Mr. Dukler informed the audience that the final architectural plans will be available if and when the bond has been adopted.

### **284 HIGHWAY AGREEMENT FOR 2010**

Superintendent Haynes presented the 2010 Highway Agreement for the Town Board to review and accept. Paul Colucci requested the Town Board have the Town Engineer review the agreement before acceptance. He also encouraged more funding for the Steves Lane project and requested data – test borings on the road. Superintendent Haynes is confident his proposal is sufficient and no engineer review or testing is needed. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemmon, seconded by Councilman Koenig to adopt the proposed 284 Agreement according to the following resolution and revisit the agreement when the test borings are done and run by an engineer.

**Resolution No. 66-** Offered by Councilwoman Lemmon

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 Moneys dated February 2, 2010;

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 moneys from the Highway Fund in accordance with said agreement.

Seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried.

### **SMOKE FREE ZONE AT MAJESTIC PARK**

Supervisor Katz met with the Parks & Recreation Commission to discuss the letters received complaining about smoking in the playground areas. Mr. Katz stated that the Commission would recommend “Smoke Free Park” in the playground areas only. Audience members as well as Councilman Mele and Councilwoman Lemmon suggested the entire park be designated as “Smoke Free.” A motion was made by Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried to designate Majestic Memorial Park as “Smoke Free”. The parking area will remain a smoking area.

### **ULSTER COUNTY SHARED SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION**

Ulster County is filing a grant application with the NYS Department of State to receive financial assistance with the Shared Services Plan the County is proposing. According to Supervisor Katz the

County is looking for a Resolution from the Town in support of this grant. It is Mr. Katz's understanding that if the County is awarded the grant and there is no resolution of support from the Town, we will not be eligible to take advantage of any funds. Councilman Mele is reluctant to adopt a resolution without more information. The grant is for \$1 million dollars, but there is no explanation of how and what the money will be used towards.

Supervisor Katz will get more information and will bring it back to the Board at the next meeting.

### **TOWN OF NEW PALTZ LEAD AGENCY REQUEST**

The Town has received a SEQR Lead Agency request from the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz regarding an update to their Comprehensive Plan. Gardiner Town Board has no objection to the New Paltz Town Board as lead agency.

### **JUSTICE COURT CLERKS**

**Resolution No. 67** - Justice Court Sr. Clerk – Jean Savago

Offered by Councilman Mele

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, that Jean Savago is hereby appointed as full-time senior clerk of the Justice Court, to be compensated at the rate of \$17.06 per hour to be paid bi-weekly.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

**Resolution No. 67A** – Justice Court Jr. Clerk – Christine Palumbo

Offered by Councilman Mele

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, that Christine Palumbo is hereby appointed as part-time junior clerk of the Justice Court, to be compensated at the rate of \$14.37 per hour to be paid bi-weekly.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

### **SIDEWALK UPDATE**

Councilwoman Lemmon stated that all plans have been given to NYS DOT for approval. Once approved, the Town will need to get mortgage clearance on the rights of way and will then be able to go out to bid. The Town has received a commitment for an additional \$240,000 for Phase I. There was a brief discussion about creating a sidewalk district with an audience member.

### **2009 FISCAL REPORT – FINAL FIGURES**

Supervisor Katz presented to the Town Board the final figures for 2009 for both the General Fund and the Highway Fund. The Town is fortunate enough to have ended the year in the black.

### **SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2009**

The December 2009 monthly report was approved as presented on motion of Councilwoman Lemmon, seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**John Habersberger** – asked the status of the cell tower and the old library building. Councilman Mele stated that the Town is waiting on a review and opinion on the Town's legal standing regarding the cell tower. Supervisor Katz stated that he is in the process of putting a team together to include members of the fire dept., Hank Vance and any other interested people, to do an assessment of the old library building.

**Mike Calderone** – requested a copy of the 284 Agreement and the Shared Services agreement and was unable to obtain them from the Town Hall.

**Marion Kells** – commented that the light over the front door is out.

**Tanya Marquette and Jean Tansey** – spoke about a community group called Gardiner Green Energy Taskforce. Read and presented a resolution for the Town Board to consider.

**David Dukler** – thanked the Town Board for allowing him to speak regarding the New Paltz School renovation and the budget vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher  
Town Clerk