

The regular meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisor Katz, Councilmen Koenig & Mele and Councilwoman Lemmon. Councilman Wiegand was absent. There were approximately 9± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 27 – Annual Gardiner Day Spaghetti Dinner. Gardiner Firehouse with two (2) seatings, one (1) at 5:00 PM and the other at 7:00 PM.

ULSTER COUNTY SHARED SERVICES

Councilman Mele is concerned that both good and bad will come out of the Ulster County Shared Services resolution. He sent a letter to County Executive Michael Hein asking what is the purpose of the funds if the grant is received. To date he has not received a reply.

Councilwoman Lemmon supports a resolution and feels that time is of the essence when applying for a grant.

Councilman Koenig feels that the explanation of uses in the resolution is vague. At this point he would be inclined not to support the resolution.

Councilwoman Lemmon stated that not supporting this resolution jeopardizes this program from moving forward.

Councilman Mele feels that not endorsing the resolution will not separate the Town from Ulster County. A motion was made by Councilwoman Lemmon, seconded by Supervisor Katz, to accept the Ulster County Shared Services Resolution. Councilmen Koenig & Mele voted nay. Councilman Wiegand was absent. Motion fails.

APPOINTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICER AND DEPUTY SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICER

Resolution No.68-- Offered by Councilwoman Lemmon

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law and other statutes, that Joe Katz, Supervisor, be and hereby is appointed Social Services Officer for the Town of Gardiner and is authorized to administer Home Relief programs and perform such other duties as the Board may prescribe, and to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

DEPUTY SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICER – Darlene Halstead

Resolution No.69-- Offered by Councilwoman Lemmon

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law and other statutes, that Darlene Halstead, Bookkeeper, be and hereby is appointed Deputy Social Services Officer for the Town of Gardiner and is authorized to administer Home Relief programs and perform such other duties as the Board may prescribe, and to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

On motion of Councilman Koenig, seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried, Emanuel (Matt) LaRussa was re-appointed to the Board of Assessment Review for a five year term beginning September 30, 2009. A second motion was made by Councilwoman Lemmon, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried to appoint Bernetta Calderone for a term to begin on February 9, 2010 and ending on September 30, 2013. Councilman Koenig voted nay.

APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

On motion of Councilwoman Lemmon, seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried, Janet Kern was appointed to the Environmental Conservation Commission.

APPOINTMENT TO THE OPEN SPACE COMMISSION

On motion of Councilwoman Lemmon, seconded by Councilman Mele, Tim Hunter was appointed to the Open Space Commission.

APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD

On motion of Councilman Koenig, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried, John Friedle was appointed to the Planning Board, fulfilling the unexpired term of James Wild.

APPOINTMENT TO THE ETHICS BOARD

Supervisor Katz stated that there are five (5) openings on this Board but only three (3) applicants. A motion was made by Councilman Koenig, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried, to appoint Pam O'Dell. A second motion was made by Councilwoman Lemmon, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried, to appoint Leitha Ortiz-Lesh. A final motion was made by Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried, to appoint Joanne Santoro. There are still two (2) openings. The Board will wait for further applicants and schedule another round of interview.

Councilman Mele thanked all who applied and came out for the interviews.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The present policy for the Town health insurance has increased 29.8% for 2010. The Board did not anticipate such a high increase at budget time. Supervisor Katz has worked out with Palmiter Benefits Group a way for the Town to save \$42,000 for health insurance. The plan proposed would have a high deductible, which would be funded by the Town through an HRA program. The Town employees would each receive a debit card to be used for anything that would involve the deductible. The question now is how to fund the debit card. A municipality must not set up funds that anyone can draw from. Also the Town is not allowed to pay for services prior to auditing. The Town will be \$25,000 over budget if this problem cannot be solved. If it can be solved, the Town will be \$15,000 under budget. The Board discussed this at length but no decisions were made.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

The supervisor report for the month of January was approved as presented on motion of Councilwoman Lemmon, seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried.

CLAIMS - DECEMBER 2009

The remaining claims for December 2009 were approved for payment on motion of Councilwoman Lemmon, seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried. They are listed on Abstract # 14 as follows: General Fund voucher #731-736 \$11,375.48; Highway Fund voucher #327-332 \$898.60; Library Fund voucher #208-211 \$855.08; Sidewalk Phase I voucher #2-4 \$8,113.55; Sidewalk Phase 2 voucher #2 \$125.00.

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Resolution No. 70 – Supplemental Appropriation within Highway Fund -Offered by Councilman Koenig

Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2009 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$38,000 from Acct No. 01.04.5130.200 Misc. Equipment.

Further Resolved, said monies to be taken from the Unexpended Balance in the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund #22.

Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

Resolution No. 71 – Transfer within Highway Fund – Offered by Councilman Koenig
Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2009 Annual Budget, Highway Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$.01 from Acct No. 01.04.5140.100 PS O/T Brush & Weeds to Acct No. 01.04.5140.420 Misc Equipment.
Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

Resolution No. 72 – Transfer within General Fund – Offered by Councilman Koenig
Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2009 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for transfers in the amount of \$520.33 from Acct No. 00.01.1110.104 PS Jr. Court Clerk to Acct No. 00.01.1110.103 Court Clerk, \$203.69 from Acct No. 00.01.1620.414 Building Heat & Oil to Acct No. 00.01.1620.417 Building Improvements, \$.80 from Acct No. 00.04.5010.103 PS Clerk to Acct No. 00.04.5010.101 PS Superintendent Highway, \$11.33 from Acct No. 00.04.5010.401 Misc. Expense to Acct No. 00.04.5010.412 Broadband, \$13.55 from Acct No. 00.04.5010.402 Mileage to Acct No. 00.04.5010.412 Broadband and \$317.51 from Acct No. 00.07.8020.103 PS Clerk to Acct No. 00.07.8020.404 PB Engineer.
Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

Resolution No. 73 – Transfer within General Fund – Offered by Councilman Koenig
Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2009 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for transfers in the amount of \$40.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1110.104 PS Jr. Court Clerk to Acct No. 00.02.3120.101 PS Public Safety \$40.07 from Acct No. 00.04.5132.401 CE Misc Garage to Acct No. 00.04.5010.412 CE Garage Broadband and \$1,748.43 from Acct No. 00.01.1620.414 CE Heat & Oil to Acct No. 00.05.6140.401 CE Social Services.
Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

Resolution No. 74 – Transfer within Highway Fund – Offered by Councilman Koenig
Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2009 Annual Budget, Highway Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$428.19 from Acct No. 01.04.5110.400 CE Contract Expense to Acct No. 01.04.5130.431 CE Equipment Repair.
Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

CLAIMS – 2010

The claims were approved for payment on motion of Councilman Koenig, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried. They are listed on Abstract # 1 as follows: General Fund voucher #1-65 \$70,145.25; Highway Fund voucher #1-25 \$68,672.24; Sewer District #1 voucher #2 \$146.79; Capital Transfer Station voucher #1 \$1,475.00; Library Fund voucher #1-8 \$3,477.38.

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Resolution No. 75 – Transfer within Library Fund – Offered by Councilman Koenig
Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2010 Annual Budget, Library Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$289.00 from Acct No. 19.04.7410.450 CE Utilities to Acct No. 19.04.7410.400 CE Property Tax.
Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

Resolution No. 76 – Transfer within General Fund – Offered by Councilman Koenig
Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2010 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$64.95 from Acct No. 00.04.5010.401 CE Misc. to Acct No. 00.04.5010.412 CE Broadband.
Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

Resolution No. 77 – Transfer within Highway Fund – Offered by Councilman Koenig

Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2010 Annual Budget, Highway Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$40,290.00 from Acct No. 01.04.5110.115 PS Quick to Acct No. 01.04.5110.116 CE MacEntee and \$107.11 from Acct No. 01.08.9060.800 Medical Insurance to Acct no. 01.08.9060.802 Third Party Insurance.

Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mike Calderone – it was good to hear that some control in back in the town regarding Social Services. Supervisor Katz replied that it really isn't control, but allows for questioning.

Marion Kells – questioned the Shared Services grant.

Pam O'Dell – what happens to the Shared Services Resolution now.

Kathy Hudson – commented that the taxpayers money will go to another County if Ulster County doesn't receive the grant. Asked what the status of the cell tower was. Supervisor Katz stated that no decision has been handed down yet.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk