

The regular meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at 7:00 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Katz and Councilmen Wiegand, Koenig & Mele. Councilwoman Lemmon was absent. There were approximately 50± audience members.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

May 15 – Friends of the Gardiner Library Annual Plant Sale, Gardiner Town Hall 9 AM to 3 PM

May 16 – Gardiner Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast 8 AM to 12 PM

**NEW PALTZ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 5 K RACE**

The Town has received a letter from the New Paltz Chamber of Commerce regarding a 5 K race they are sponsoring. The purpose of the letter is to gain permission from the Town to allow the race to be conducted on a portion of Route 44/55 to Murphy’s Lane, through the parking lot at Majestic Park to Farmers’ Turnpike and back onto the Rail Trail. The race will be held on June 20.

**OLD FIREHOUSE/LIBRARY BUILDING**

Jamie Ridgeway, President of the Gardiner Fire Dept. made a brief presentation on how the Fire Dept. would go about repairing/restoring the old Firehouse/Library building. Their plan is to first replace the roof to avoid further deterioration. Supervisor Katz confirmed that if the Fire Department were to lease the building from the Town, they will restore the building and retain use of the building. If they do not follow through with the lease agreement the Town would gain control of the lease. Mr. Katz would like to see a clause to allow public use. Councilman Mele’s concerns are with a reversion clause and the right to first refusal. Councilman Wiegand asked how the building would be used. Supervisor Katz stated that the downstairs would be used as a museum for various Town and Fire Dept artifacts. The upstairs will be used as a community room. Discussion continued about the reversion clause, Fire Dept. ownership and cost to the Town.

Board members agreed to keep the discussion opened to the next meeting. Councilman Mele suggested discussing in executive session.

**NAMING OF COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 38 IN MEMORY OF BARNEY HANSEN**

**Resolution No. 86** - Offered By Councilman Koenig

**WHEREAS**, County Bridge No. 38, over the Shawangunk Kill River, is located in the Town of Gardiner, New York near the intersection of State Route 44/55 and County Road No. 7, and

**WHEREAS**, it is proposed that the aforementioned bridge be named, “The Barney Hansen Memorial Bridge”, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Barney Hansen was an active member of the Town of Gardiner his entire life, a life member of the Gardiner Fire Department, Gardiner Republic Committee, a Gardiner Town Board member, Planning Board member, Zoning Board of Appeals member, founding member of the Gardiner Association of Business, member of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency and a strong advocate for Make-A-Wish Foundation, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner has adopted this resolution in support of naming County Bridge No. 38, “The Barney Hansen Memorial Bridge” and is making a formal request to the County to name this bridge after this strong community minded individual, then

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mr. Barney Hansen be honored by memorializing and naming County Bridge No. 38 as “The Barney Hansen Memorial Bridge.”

Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried. Councilwoman Lemmon was absent.

**OSI GRANT PARTNERING FOR KIERNAN FARM**

Resolution No. 87 – Offered by Councilman Mele

**WHEREAS**, the Open Space Institute (“OSI”), in furtherance of their stated goal of protecting New York State Farmland, has been awarded a grant of 50% of the funding required to purchase the development rights of certain property in the Town of Gardiner known as the “Kiernan Farm”, and

**WHEREAS**, the OSI has informed the town of their commitment to fund the rest of the cost of the purchase of the development rights of the Kiernan Farm (the “Project”), and

**WHEREAS**, the OSI has requested the Town of Gardiner partner in the project by raising \$50,000 in support, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gardiner, recognizing the need to preserve open space and balance the tax burden of its citizens during this current economic downturn, is committed to raising these funds through private donations or other means, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Gardiner will appoint a committee with the goal of raising \$50,000 dollars over the next 3 years.

Seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried. Councilwoman Lemmon was absent

**ULSTER COUNTY SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT**

The proposed contract with Ulster County for Shared Services was reviewed by the Town Board. One correction was made and the Board agreed to adopt a resolution pending the receipt of a corrected contract from Ulster County.

**Resolution No. 88** - Offered by Supervisor Katz

**WHEREAS**, the County of Ulster, having its principal place of business at 240 Fair Street, Kingston, New York 12401 (hereinafter referred to as the “COUNTY”) and the Town of Gardiner, having its principal place of business at 2340 Rt. 44/55, Gardiner, New York 12525(hereinafter referred to as the “TOWN”); and

**WHEREAS**, the TOWN and the COUNTY conducted a meeting on March 16, 2010 regarding shared services; and

**WHEREAS**, some COUNTY roads are so located that it is more efficient for towns to perform, snow plowing, sanding and salting of the road, thereby greatly decreasing the cost to the COUNTY of the road maintenance performed; and

**WHEREAS**, the TOWN has agreed to review contracts to perform said snow plowing, sanding and salting of the road; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties agree that a cooperative arrangement such as is established hereby is in the best interests of the citizens of the respective municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, said proposed cooperative agreement would concern shared services of the TOWN to maintain roads of the COUNTY within its territorial jurisdiction as specifically authorized by Section 135-a of the New York State Highway Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed cooperative agreement under Municipal Law under Article 5G authorizes the TOWN to engage in said cooperative arrangement with municipalities such as the COUNTY; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board agrees that it is in the best interest of the TOWN to review and possibly execute such a cooperative agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by a majority of the Town Board that:

1. The TOWN Supervisor Joe Katz is authorized to engage in negotiations and discussions with the COUNTY to review and execute with Town Board approval said Shared Service Cooperative Arrangement.

Seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried. Councilwoman Lemmon was absent.

**SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT**

The April monthly report of the Supervisor was accepted on motion of Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

**CLAIMS**

Claims for the month of April were approved for payment on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried. They are listed on Abstract # 4 as follows: General Fund voucher #148-207 \$23,749.95; Highway Fund voucher #85-108 \$17,732.76; Sewer District #1 voucher #10-12 \$2,306.64; Sidewalk Phase #1 voucher #4 \$3,208.92; Library Fund voucher #34-48 \$6,464.80; Sidewalk Phase #2 voucher # 2-4 \$4,535.22.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

**Resolution No. 89** – Transfer within Highway Fund – Offered by Councilman Mele

Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2010 Annual Budget, Highway Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$ 31,612.24 from Acct No. 01.04.2110.116 PS MacEntee to Acct No. 01.04.5110.117 PS Scofield.

Seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried.

**Resolution No. 90** – Transfer within Highway Fund – Offered by Councilman Mele

Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2010 Annual Budget, Highway Fund, is hereby amended to provide for transfers of \$10.00 from Acct No. 01.04.5140.420 Supt. Misc Expense to Acct No. 01.04.5140.402 Drug & Alcohol Testing and \$146,000.00 from Acct No. 01.04.5112.336 Permanent Improvements to Acct No. 01.04.5112.351 Steve's Lane.

Seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried.

**Resolution No. 91** – Transfer within Sidewalk Phase #1 Fund – Offered by Councilman Mele

Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2010 Annual Budget, Sidewalk Phase #1 Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$ 3,208.92 from Acct No. 34.04.5410.425 Construction & Inspection to Acct No. 34.04.5410.420 Design & ROW.

Seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried.

**Resolution No. 92** – Supplemental Appropriation Library Fund – Offered by Councilman Mele

Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2010 Annual Budget, Library Fund, is hereby amended to provide for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,206.50 in Acct No. 19.08.9050.800 Library Unemployment.

Further Resolved, said monies to be taken from the Unexpended Balance in the Library Fund.

Seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried.

**Resolution No. 93** – Transfer within General Fund – Offered by Councilman Mele

Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2010 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$74.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1220.460 CE Contracted Services to Acct No. 00.01.1920.400 CE Municipal Association Fees.

Seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried.

**Resolution No. 94** – Supplemental Appropriation Escrow Solar Trust Fund – Offered by Councilman Mele

Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2010 Annual Budget, Escrow Solar Trust Fund, is hereby amended to provide for supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$648.83.50 in Acct No. 00.01.1420.475 Solar Farm and \$648.83 in Acct No. 00.1269 Estimated Revenue Escrow Solar Trust Fund.

Further Resolved, said monies to be taken from the Unexpended Balance in the Escrow Trust Fund. Seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried.

**PARKING IN THE HAMLET CONCERNS**

Councilman Wiegand is concerned with parking in the hamlet and is requesting a discussion with the businesses, the Town Board and any interested parties to hash out the problems. He would propose that the discussion take place at either a Town Board meeting or to schedule a special meeting. It was agreed that the discussion would take place at a Town Board meeting in June.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**Glenn Gidaly** – Thanked the Town Board for their adoption of the resolution naming Tuthilltown Bridge after Barney Hansen. Spoke of how the family would like to plant a memorial tree, hopefully a Norway Spruce at the Town Hall.

**Annie O’Neill** – asked the status on the RFP for the cell tower.

**Mike Yukoweic** – cell tower structure proposal for the RPF should go to a carrier rather than a third party company.

Linda Geary – asked where the new building at the park would be located, the status of the bids and the size of the building.

**Jack Habersberger** – asked if the new appraisal for the Kiernan Farm is different than the current one, will it affect the Town of Gardiner contribution.

**Pam O’Dell** – OSC minutes of the meetings should be posted on the website.

**Barbara Quinn** – asked that people speaking identify themselves. Asked the cost of the park building and where the funding was coming from.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered into executive session at 8:25 PM to discuss the employment of a particular person and contract negotiations on motion of Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

**LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, the Board left executive session at 8:40 PM.

**TEMPORARY ACTING SOLE ASSESSOR – Maureen Gallagher**

**Resolution No. 95** - Offered by Councilman Mele

The Town Board hereby authorizes and consents to the appointment of Maureen Gallagher as the Temporary Acting Sole Assessor for the Town of Gardiner, effective May 17, 2010, to be compensated at an hourly rate of \$ 16.56 per hour to be paid bi-weekly and to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board.

Seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher  
Town Clerk