

The Town Board met in regular session at 7 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Katz, Councilmen Finger & Wiegand, Councilwoman Lemmon and Councilperson Kern. There were approximately 10± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 14 - Library Jewelry sale

November 15 – Gardiner Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast 8 AM to Noon

December 4 – Gardiner Day Committee Annual Tree Lighting

BID OPENING – SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

The Town Clerk read the legal notice for the bid opening at 7:10 PM. Twelve (12) sealed bids were received and opened. They were all turned over the Highway Superintendent for his review. Awards will be announced next week.

SIDEWALK LEAD AGENCY – PHASE TWO

Resolution No. 133 – Resolution for the Establishment of Lead Agency – PIN 8780.38

Offered By Councilwoman Lemmon

WHEREAS, the Town of Gardiner, Ulster County, New York, intends to construct sidewalks, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gardiner will be the funding agency for the proposed sidewalk project, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is located wholly within the Town of Gardiner, Ulster County, New York, and

WHEREAS, impacts associated with the proposed project will be considered as local impacts.

THEREFORE, be it resolved the Town of Gardiner Town Board intends upon assuming Lead Agency for the review of the project under 6 NYCRR Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Gardiner intends upon circulating a Long Form EAF and site location map to other involved agencies, including the following:

The New York State Department of Transportation

The Ulster County Department of Planning

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Town of Gardiner Planning Board

Seconded by Councilman Finger and carried.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING BOARD - On motion of Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilperson Kern and carried, Paul Colucci was appointed to the Planning Board and Mark Rausher was appointed as the alternate to the Planning Board on motion of Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD – Councilman Finger made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Lemmon to The Ulster County Planning Board and Supervisor Katz as the alternate to the Ulster County Planning Board. Councilman Wiegand seconded the motion and the motion carried. Councilwoman Lemmon abstained.

OPEN SPACE COMMISSION – On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried, Carol Lefevre was appointed as a member to the Open Space Commission. There is still an opening for a full member and an alternate. Supervisor Katz will re-advertise.

UPDATE SOLAR FARM

An application was received for a solar farm to be located at the former Widmark Honey Farm. It is a 22 acre parcel. The Town does not have any regulations or guidelines in the zoning law for this type of venture. A Special Permit is suggested by our attorney. The Town Board is the deciding agency for such a Special Permit. A proposed local law was drafted by the applicant's attorney and sent to the Town Board for its consideration. The Town Board was advised not to adopt this law as it sets a precedent for future endeavors. They were advised to issue a special permit only.

Supervisor Katz reminded everyone of the solar expert/engineer, John Calhoun, who the Town hired as their consultant. Mr. Calhoun had a list of questions and concerns sent to our attorney and he is waiting for a reply. There was a long discussion about both the pros and the cons of a solar farm. Most concerns were about glare, cost and water usage.

MINUTES

Minutes of August 11, August 12, September 1, September 8, October 6 and October 13 were approved as written on motion of Councilman Finger, seconded by Councilperson Kern and carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Michael Yukoweic – asked if the Town was going to appeal the decision on the cell tower.

Eugene Ruoff – asked what the name of the Town's current litigator was for the cell tower. Supervisor Katz stated it was Van de Water and Van de Water.

John Habersberger – asked the status of the old Library building.

Kathy Hudson – requested the Town Board to consider installing speed humps on Dusenberre Road and to place the electronic speed sign on the road as well.

The Town Board discussed at length the speed on Dusenberre Road as well as the speed on other Town roads. No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:02 PM the Town Board adjourned the meeting on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk