

**Minutes**  
**May 8, 2014**  
**General Meeting 6:30 pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO FLAG**

**2. ROLL CALL**

	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
Supervisor John C. Reilly	x		
Councilmember Donald Coons	x		
Councilmember Jeffery Galm	x		
Councilmember Eric Mortenson	x		
Councilmember John Fraser Paterson	x		

**MONTHLY THOUGHT:** The foundation of every state is the education of its youth. – Diogenes Laertius (Greek Philosopher and a founder of the cynics)

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**Special presentation- school budgets**

Germantown Central School Superintendent Susan Brown gave a short presentation on the 2014-15 school budget.

**3. NEW BUSINESS SECTION May 2014**

1. **Resolution 2014-58.** Discussion on Proposal for Accounting Services. 2014 remaining Bookkeeping will allow \$2,100 savings towards internal report cost minus payroll services.

**Motion** to approve hiring of firm Scickler, Torchia, Allen and Churchill CPA for Agreed upon Procedures Engagement and bookkeeping services for 2014. Cost for Bookkeeping at \$5,600 and Internal risk analysis and recommendation in range from \$4,000-6,000.

**VOTE   5   (Yes)/  0   (No)**

**Motion Mortenson, second Galm.**

**2. Resolution 2014-59.** Discussion on Fire District meeting and proposed retainer.

**Motion** to approve hiring of fire district attorney Pinsky Law Group for the proposed dissolution of the Gallatin Fire Protection district and to form the Gallatin Fire District. There will be a public hearing at the June 12, 2014 Town Board meeting, concerning the dissolution of the Fire Protection District and the formation of the Gallatin Fire District.

Pinsky Law Group will charge a flat fee of \$3,500 which was in the April 2014 Resolution discretion of Supervisor.

**VOTE** 5 (Yes)/0 (No)

**Motion Mortenson, second Paterson**

Forming a Fire District would provide for a uniform Fire Tax resulting in future tax stabilization. 5 fire commissioners would be initially be appointed by the Town Board a special election will be held in December 2014. These are unpaid positions.

**3. Resolution 2014-60.** Update of Highway equipment purchasing and selling.

Motion to accept bid price of \$30,100 at Auctions International on 2002- 4800 International dump truck w/plow.

**VOTE** 4 (Yes)/1 (No) - Coons

**Motion Reilly, second Paterson.**

Councilman Coons questioned spending roughly \$29,000 in repairs and selling the truck for \$30,100.

Highway Superintendent Jack Gomm will provide the actual repair cost for this past winter at the June meeting.

**4. Resolution 2014-61.**

**Motion** to accept Board audit of Court Records for 2013.

Councilman Mortenson conducted the audit of the court records.

**VOTE** 5 (Yes)/0 (No)

**Motion Galm, second Mortenson**

**5. Resolution 2014-62.** Fraser Paterson technology update purchase.

**Motion** to purchase new laptop for Assessors office – cost not to exceed \$1,000.

**VOTE** 5 (Yes)/0 (No)

**Motion Coons, second Paterson**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS**

The town cleanup day was discussed. The funds are not in the budget they would come from

town reserves. Councilman Mortenson will check costs from private haulers vs Columbia County Solid Waste. This would be part of a town wide community day.

Comments were made on the speed of which cars will travel on County Route 11 now that it has been repaved. The Town will request a speed limit reduction on County Route 11.

**4. MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION**

- 1 Review of April Minutes for Errors/Clarifications –**Resolution to approve 2014/63**

**VOTE   5   (Yes)/  0   (No)**

**Motion Mortenson, second Coons**

- 2 April Bill Review of Non-Reoccurring items: **Resolution to approve 2014/64**

**VOTE   5   (Yes)/  0   (No)**

**Motion Mortenson, second Reilly**

3. Supervisor's Review of County Issues. Pine haven issues
4. Review of Planning Board Actions -280A overlay-on going.
5. Highway Report: Livingston speed limit in Hamlet

**Resolution 2014-65.** Be it resolved The Gallatin Town Board on May 8, 2014 requests that the speed limit on County Route 2 from the Gallatin/Livingston Town Line to County Route 2/Beaver Rd. (West End), be reduced to 45mph for safety reasons.

**Resolution 2104-66.** Be it resolved The Gallatin Town Board on May 8, 2014 requests that the speed limit on County Route 11 from the intersection of County 7 north to the intersection of State Route 82 be reduced to 45mph for safety reasons.

**VOTE   5   (Yes)/  0   (No)**

**Motion Reilly, second Paterson**

6. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer-filed
7. Assessor Comment's-Grievance Day May 27, -8pm.
8. Court Actions/Comments-Item 4, above.
9. Clerk's Report-filed
10. Historians Report

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MONTHLY BUSINESS**

A Hull Road resident asked what was happening about the property maintenance issue on Hull Rd. Code enforcement office Drew Weaver reported that certified letters to the homeowner have not been accepted, a process server will be contacted to locate and serve the homeowner with a notice of violation.

**5. OLD BUSINESS SECTION 2014**

## **Recent Issues to be added to old business**

Update Discussion regarding purchase of .6 acre parcel adjoining Town Hall- The board is still discussing this with the landowner.

Update on CLC tour of OLD landfill site. A committee will be formed to look at the options for the landfill site.

Appraisal/Valuation of Old Highway Garage- Appraisal from Ralph Del Pozzo for \$125,000

Title search for road dedications- Councilman Mortenson will contact Sneeringer Mohahan to see if the searches are finished.

On a motion by Councilman Coons, seconded by Councilman Mortenson the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm