

Minutes  
 August 13, 2015  
 GENERAL MEETING 6:30 Pm

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO FLAG
2. ROLL CALL

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

**Monthly Thought:**

“I am told there are people who do not care for maps, and I find it hard to believe.”

Robert Louis Stevenson, *The Art of Writing on Treasure Island*

*“The early days of GIS were very lonely. No-one knew what it meant.”*

Roger Tomlinson, *Father of GIS*

*“The application of GIS is limited only by the imagination of those who use it”.*

Jack Dangermond, *Esri*

Sirius rises late in the dark, liquid sky  
 On summer nights, star of stars,  
 Orion's Dog they call it, brightest- Homer

**1. Public Meeting on DaCosta FCID**

**Resolution Number 2015-60.** The Town resolves to open the Public Meeting on the DaCosta FCID.

**Motion Coons second Mortenson**

**VOTE YES 5 - NO 0**

Reading of the Planning Board Letter on the FCID, attached.

Public Comment

- Letter from Ralph Peters-Read, letter attached. Clarification to Mr. Peters that an FCID is for a specific parcel, not to float to any parcel owned by the applicant. The FCID application was not on the parcel that is litigation.
- Thomas Garrick commented that the application was for commercial agriculture regulated by the DEC. Mr. Garrick encouraged approval of the application.
- Jan Trachtman questioned the planning board letter saying there was no charge for hunting. This was clarified by Mr. DaCosta attorney Hilary Thomas that there was a fee charged for hunting.
- Richard Trachtman express concern for the signage warning of the hunting preserve, he would like to see standard no hunting and posted signage.
- Anthony Kalkandis stated he lived 1 mile away from the site, questioned why he was not notified. It was clarified that the notification radius was 1/2 mile according to Gallatin Zoning Law.
- Mr. Spinosa expressed support for the FCID
- Anne and Adolfo Fecci were in support of the FCID and stated that Mr. DaCosta was a very good neighbor.
- Dave Vandarzee President of NYS White Tail Deer Association stated that Mr. DaCosta was a member in good standing.
- Hilarie Thomas, Mr. DeCosta's attorney read a letter outlining Mr. DeCosta's request. Letter attached.

Next steps: Local Law to be written creating the FCID. This needs to contain bulk regulations, compliance with the DEC restriction on setbacks and regulations on the operation of such facilities.  
SEQRA needed. 239M sent to County Planning for approval.  
Public Hearing to be set for the September meeting- Sep 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolution Number 2015-61.** The Town resolves to close the Public Meeting on the DaCosta FCID.

Motion Galm second Mortenson

**VOTE** YES 5- NO 0

Next Step in FCID Process- Review of Lot Line. Set Public Hearing for Local Law. Any needed Reference back to the Planning Board for Site Plan Approval.

2. GIS Presentation with Guests from Ancram. Councilman Paterson

demonstrated the latest Gallatin GIS project.

3. Highway Addition

**Resolution Number 2015- 62:** The Town Board instructs the Supervisor to execute contracts with One Way Construction for the Highway Garage addition with an anticipated start date of TBD.

Motion Mortenson second Galm

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

4. Cigarette and Tobacco Use Policy

**Resolution Number 2015-63:** Adoption of the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Policy for Town parcels: outside usage.

Motion Mortenson second Galm

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

5. Greenway Grant: GIS:

**Resolution Number 2015- 64:** The Town Board instructs the Town Clerk to apply for a Greenway Grant as attached for the Gallatin GIS project in an amount of not to exceed \$10,000 for which the Town will match in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.

6. Review Monthly Financial Report and any discussion of 2016 **Setting of Reserves.** September meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS**

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**MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION**

1. Review of July Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution 2015-65:**  
**Accept July minutes for filing and posting**  
**Motion Galm second Mortenson**  
**Vote 5 Yes 0 No**
2. Bill Review of Non-Reoccurring items- July 2015 **Resolution 2015-66:**  
**Approve July 2015 bills for payment**  
**Motion Paterson second Coons**  
**Vote 5 Yes 0 No**

3. Supervisors Review of County Items. Contract to sell Pine Haven signed.
4. Clerk Report-read
5. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer-read
6. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report-read
7. Assessor Comment's-read
8. Court Actions/Comments: Request of Justice Schultz and Court Clerk Isadora Schultz to attend NYS Magistrates and Court Clerks Conference in Niagara Falls for a cost of \$1,177.80. After a lengthy discussion the board agreed to pay \$300 each for a total of \$600.  
The board also requested that phone calls to the court be responded to in a more timely manner.  
The board discussed again, if an assistant court clerk should be hired.
9. Historian Comments- no report.

### **BOARD COMMENTS ON MONTHLY BUSINESS**

Councilman Coons questioned why the Noble Gas bill was to be paid under the general side of the budget, after discussion it will now be under highway.

Councilman Coons asked what recourse the Town had on the damage done to Tinker Hill with the instillation of new power poles. Damage to Crock and Church Roads due to logging was also brought up.

Highway Superintendent Jack Gomm requested guidance from the Town Attorney on how best to legally proceed. He felt he shouldn't just hand someone a bill for damage without the legal procedure.

Councilman Mortenson stated it was necessary to document all highway repair work and not charging for road damage was not according to the law.

The board continued a lengthy discussion on how to handle damage to town roads. Supervisor Reilly will contact the Town Attorney on how to proceed when a Town Road is damaged, if there is a bond or not.

Tentative date for Town Clean-up day November 7.

Next Board meeting September 17, due to the primary election.

### **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion Coons second Galm**

**Vote 5 Yes 0 No**