

**Minutes**  
**August 11, 2016**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING 6:30PM**

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 THOUGHTS:**

We think that democracy can change a lot of things, but we're being fooled, because democracy is not the election. We've been taught that democracy is having elections. And it isn't. Elections are the most horrendous aspect of democracy. It's the most mundane, trivial, disappointing, dirty aspect.

Gael Garcia Bernal

Popularity should be no scale for the election of politicians. If it would depend on popularity, Donald Duck and The Muppets would take seats in senate.

Orson Welles

It is enough that the people know there was an election. The people who cast the votes decide nothing. The people who count the votes decide everything.

Joseph Stalin

**NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2016**

1. Rethink Policy and Procedures Manual.  
The Town's payroll company Paychex will be contacted for a quote for

Employee handbook and HR Compliance.

2. Proposal to re-name Near Road crossing Taconic to Ten Neighbors Rd.
3. **Resolution 2016-49: Resolution Changing the Name of a Portion of Near Road to Ten Neighbors Road.**

Motion Galm Second Mortenson  
Vote 5 yes 0 no

4. Presentation for potential zoning code modification- Residential Sprinkler systems.  
Councilman Galm gave a presentation on the effects of having fire sprinklers in residences. The board discussed the potential change in the zoning code.  
More research of residential sprinklers and zoning codes of other communities will be looked at.
5. Update on Completed GIS mapping and web site use
6. Town Email addresses proposal. Simon Locke will be contacted for a proposal to create town e mail address for town employees.
7. Broadband committee

**Resolution 2016-50-** Creation of a Gallatin Broadband Committee.  
Motion Mortenson second Paterson  
Vote 5 yes 0 no

Residents Pat O'dell and Jim Glomb volunteered for the committee.  
Broadband meeting, Wed, August 17th at 7pm at Ghent Town Hall

8. Review of Fire Recruiting Meeting- Fireworks vote-September Meeting
9. Review Summer Recreation policy- September Meeting.
10. Preliminary Walk through budget for September workshop

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS**

Ben Maron came before the board on Hoefler Rd. He said the Hoefler Road parcel owner John Hoefler would be contacted by the residents to see if he would donate the road parcel. The board stated that a new survey of the road would have to be done. A road association would have to be created and agree

on a special road taxing district.

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## **MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION**

1. Review of July Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution 2016-51:**  
**Accept July minutes for filing and posting.**  
**Motion Coons second Mortenson**  
**Vote 5 yes 0 No**
2. Bill Review of Non-Reoccurring items- June 2016 **Resolution 2016-52:**  
**Approve July 2016 bills for payment.**  
**Motion Coons second Mortenson**  
**Vote 5 yes 0 No**
3. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report - read and filed
4. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer –read and filed
5. Clerk Report-read and filed
6. Assessor Comment's –read and filed
7. Historian Comments

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MONTHLY BUSINESS**

## **OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION**

## **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**