

TOWN OF GALLATIN  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2013  
6:30 PM

- I. SUPERVISOR GARRICK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM.
- II. SUPERVISOR GARRICK, COUNCILMAN COONS, COUNCILMAN PATERSON  
COUNCILMAN MORTENSON AND COUNCILMAN GALM WERE ALL PRESENT.
- III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG.
- IV. REVIEW OF THE OCTOBER 2013 BILLS.
- V. SUPERVISOR GARRICK READ THE SEPTEMBER 2013 MINUTES. ON A MOTION BY  
COUNCILMAN MORTENSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COONS AND CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY THE OCTOBER 2013 MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED.
- VI. SUPERVISORS FINANCIAL REPORT- ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MORTENSON  
SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COONS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE OCTOBER  
2013 SUPERVISORS REPORT WAS FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.
- VII. THE TOWN CLERK REPORT WAS READ AND FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
- VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. OFFICE OF THE AGING- NO REPORT.
  - B. COLUMBIA COUNTY REPORT-. ANCRAM SUPERVISOR BASSIN IS GATHERING MORE  
INFORMATION ON THE SAFETY ZONE FOR THE COLUMBIA COUNTY AIRPORT, THIS A  
HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT FOR THE FAA DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS.
  - C. PLANNING- READ AND FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.
  - D. ZONING- NO REPORT
  - E. HIGHWAY- READ AND FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE. THE BOARD  
DISCUSSED THE ONGOING PROCESS OF CLOSING NEAR RD E. ON A MOTION BY  
COUNCILMAN MORTENSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GALM AND CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY THE BOARD WILL START THE PROCESS OF CLOSING NEAR RD. EAST
  - F. ZEO/BUILDING INSPECTOR- READ AND FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.
  - G. ASSESSOR- STAR REGISTRATION IS ONGOING FOR THE BASIC STAR EXEMPTION.
  - H. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS- NO REPORT
  - I. HISTORIAN- TOWN HISTORIAN DOLORES WEAVER COMMENDED NICK HEDGES ON  
THE WORK HE DID AT THE SNYDERVILLE CEMETERY.
  - J. JUSTICE COURT- NO REPORT
- IX. CORRESPONDENCE-NO
- X. PUBLIC COMMENT- NO

TOWN OF GALLATIN  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2013  
6:30 PM

- XI. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN COONS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MORTENSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE BILLS WERE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS.

GENERAL VOUCHERS	247-281	\$ 13, 269.47
------------------	---------	---------------

HIGHWAY VOUCHERS	124-137	\$ 43,746.63
------------------	---------	--------------

- XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. TOWN ATTORNEY REPLANSKY LED THE BOARD THROUGH A DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LAW. THE PROCESS USUALLY STARTS WITH A COMPLIANT TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. AFTER AN INVESTIGATION IF THERE IS A VIOLATION, AN ORDER OF COMPLIANCE IS ISSUED. A TIME FRAME FOR COMPLIANCE IS ESTABLISHED BEFORE AN APPEARANCE TICKET IS ISSUED. IF THE PROPERTY OWNER CAN NOT BE LOCATED OR IF THEY FAIL TO COMPLY WITH COURT ORDERED REMEDIES THIS LAW WOULD GIVE THE TOWN THE POWER TO REMEDY THE VIOLATION AND CHARGE TO COSTS TO THE OWNER THROUGH THE TAX BILL OR OTHER MEANS. COUNCILMAN MORTENSON DID NOT LIKE THE FIREWOOD COMPONENT OF THE PROPOSED LAW, HE THOUGHT MANY PARTS OF THE LAW WERE OVERREACHING. COUNCILMAN COONS POINTED OUT THE EXCESSIVELY LONG GRASS AROUND A HOUSE IS A FIRE HAZARD. ATTORNEY REPLANSKY STRESSED THAT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE IS PART OF NYS LAW, FINES TO REMEDY ARE NOT. COUNCILMAN PATERSON COMMENTED THAT NYS LAW DID NOT HAVE TO BE REITERATED IN THE LOCAL LAW. COUNCILMAN GALM STATED THAT THE SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS RIGHTS SHOULD BE UPHELD AND NOT SUFFER FOR A NEIGHBOR IN VIOLATION OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LAW. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE DREW WEAVER FELT THAT SOMETHING IS NECESSARY FOR HIM TO ENFORCE NYS CODE WHEN THERE IS AN ABSENT PROPERTY OWNER. THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LOCAL LAW WILL BE AT 6:30 PM AT HE DEC 12<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.
- B. NICK HEDGES PRESENTED HIS EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT TO RESTORE THE SNYDERVILLE CEMETERY. FULL REPORT FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK OFFICE.
- C. ANCRAM FIRE CONTRACT- ON A MOTION BUY COUNCILMAN GALM SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MORTENSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE 2014 ANCRAM FIRE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED.
- D. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MORTENSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GALM AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE BOARD AUTHORIZED SUPERVISOR GARRICK TO SIGN THE CHARGEBACK AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT TO NORTHERN DUTCHESS PARAMEDICS.

TOWN OF GALLATIN  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2013  
6:30 PM

- E. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN PATERSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MORTENSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY LAND SURVEYOR LYNDON CHASE WILL BE HIRED TO SURVEY THE LANDFILL SITE ON GALLATINVILLE RD FOR \$1,600.
- F. HOEFER ROAD RESIDENT SAM CONKLIN WILL ARRANGE FOR THE HOEFER RD RESIDENTS TO MEET WITH THE BOARD TO DISCUSS THE PROCESS OF CONVERTING HOEFER RD TO A TOWN MAINTAINED RD. AN INFORMAL MEETING WILL BE ARRANGED WITH THE RESIDENTS OF BROOKSIDE LANE ALSO.
- G. COUNCILMAN MORTENSON WILL ARRANGE FOR SOLAR COMPANY MONOLITH TO MAKE A PRESENTATION AT THE FEB 201 MEETING.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS-

- A. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MORTENSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PATERSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TAGHKANIC RESIDENT ALICE PLATT WAS RECOMMENDED FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING.
- B. COUNCILMAN PATERSON COMMENTED ON CONCERNS FROM RESIDENTS OF JACKSON CORNERS RD ON THE EXCESSIVE SPEED BY DRIVERS. SUPERVISOR GARRICK WILL CONTACT THE GALLATIN RESIDENT DEPUTY TO SIT ALONG JACKSON CORNERS ROAD TO SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC.
- C. COUNCILMAN PATERSON VOICED THE CONCERN OF A TOWN RESIDENT IF THE TOWN HAS OR COULD HAVE A LOCAL LAW THAT WOULD REQUIRE PEOPLE TO HAVE WRITTEN PERMISSION TO HIKE, HUNT, FISH ETC. COUNCILMAN GALM SAID WHILE HE WAS A STATE TROUPER HE SUMMITED PAPER WORK TWICE AND REQUESTED THE STATE TO ADAPT SUCH A LAW. ALL IN VEIN IF THERE WAS SUCH A LAW THERE WOULD BE MORE PENALTIES WHEN TRYING TO PROSECUTE.
- D. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT JACK GOMM REPORTED THAT JAMIE ROBINSON RESIGNED FROM HIS POSITION.

ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MORTENSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GALM AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE HEALTH INSURANCE BUYOUT AND STIPEND WILL BE PRORATED.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE PROCEDURE FOR A NEW HIRE. TOWN ATTORNEY REPLANSKY WILL BE CONTACTED TO CLARIFY THE DUTY OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT- NO COMMENT

- XV. ON A MOTION MY COUNCILMAN MORTENSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PATERSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:10 PM