

TOWN OF GALLATIN
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2011

- I. SUPERVISOR SCHEER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM.
- II. SUPERVISOR SCHEER, COUNCILMAN SORMAN AND COUNCILMAN TOIGO WERE ALL PRESENT. COUNCILMAN NEAR AND COUNCILWOMAN NEAR WERE ABSENT.
- III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG.
- IV. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SORMAN SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TOIGO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 11, 2011 TOWN BOARD MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.
- V. SUPERVISORS FINANCIAL REPORT- ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SORMAN SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TOIGO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE SUPERVISORS REPORT WAS READ AND FILED
- VI. THE TOWN CLERK REPORT WAS READ AND FILED
- VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. OFFICE OF THE AGING- NO MEETING UNTIL APRIL 2012.
 - B. COLUMBIA COUNTY REPORT- THERE IS A ZERO INCREASE IN COUNTY TAXES. FUND RESERVES AND UNEXPENDED BALANCE AND AN INCREASE IN SALES TAX ACHIEVED THIS ZERO INCREASE.
 - C. PLANNING- READ AND FILED, ATTACHED.
 - D. ZONING- NO MEETING OF ZONING BOARD.
ZONING REGULATIONS.
** THE TOWN IS LEAD AGENCY PART 1 OF THE FULL EAF HAS BEEN COMPLETED, ATTACHED. A COPY WILL BE FILED WITH COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING. RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE BY COUNTY PLANNING AND NYS AG AND MKTS. THE COMMENTS WILL BE REVIEWED. THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 27TH AT 5:30PM TO APPROVE THE FINAL ZONING AND SUBDIVISION LAWS. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SORMAN SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TOIGO THE PART 2 EAF WAS APPROVED WITH A NEGATIVE DEC. SUPERVISOR SCHEER, COUNCILMAN SORMAN, COUNCILMAN TOIGO VOTED YES, COUNCILMAN REILLY ABSTAINED.
 - E. HIGHWAY- THE BOARD HAS DEFERRED DISCUSSION ON THE PURCHASE OF A NEW HIGHWAY TRUCK. THE NEW BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PURCHASE WITH HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDANT BILL COONS.
 - F. ZEO/BUILDING INSPECTOR- READ AND FILED, ATTACHED.
 - G. ASSESSOR- 100% EQUALIZATION RATE WILL BE MAINTAINED.
 - H. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS- NO REPORT.
 - I. HISTORIAN- NO REPORT.

** THIS DISCUSSION WAS HELD IN THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS PORTION OF THE 12/13/11 MEETING. IT IS REPORTED IN THE ZONING SECTION FOR CLARITY.

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VIII. CORRESPONDENCE: TAX CAP INFORMATION ATTACHED.

LETTER FROM MARINER TOWER, ATTACHED.

ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SORMAN SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TOIGO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN NEAR AND COUNCILWOMAN NEAR EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2011 WAS ACCEPTED. LETTER ATTACHED.

ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN TOIGO SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SORMAN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY JOHN REILLY WAS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: MR. LOU GALM, QUESTIONED THE TIMING OF THE NEARS RESIGNATION, THE BOARD STATED THAT THEY COULD NOT SPEAK FOR THE NEARS. MR. ERIC MORTENSON THANKED THE BOARD FOR LEAVING ONE SEAT OPEN TO BE APPOINTED BY THE NEW BOARD. MR. STEPHEN BOGDANFFY ALSO THANKED THE BOARD FOR LEAVING ONE SEAT OPEN. COUNCILMAN SORMAN WELCOMED THE INCOMING BOARD AND STATED THAT THIS WAS A TIME FOR BRINGING THE TOWN TOGETHER. HE VOLUNTEERED HIS SERVICE IF NEEDED.

X. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SORMAN SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TOIGO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE BILLS WERE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS.

GENERAL VOUCHERS	247-264	\$ 9,181.29
HIGHWAY VOUCHERS	108-120	\$ 24,681.40

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- DOUG PASSERI PRESENTED HIS INFORMATION ON CHURCH RD TO THE BOARD. ATTACHED. MR. PASSERI STATED THAT HE HAS OWNED HIS CHURCH RD PROPERTY FOR 10-12 YEARS. IN 1920-30 HE STATED THAT THE TOWN ABANDONED THE ROAD AS A QUALIFIED ABANDONMENT AND IT CEASED TO BE A ROW. MR. STEPHEN BOGDANFFY THOUGHT THE ROAD WAS ABANDONED IN 1928. A ROAD CLOSED SIGN WAS IN PLACE BY 1932 WHEN 4 ROADS WERE CLOSED. COUNCILMAN REILLY ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY OTHER MEANS OF ACCESS. MR. PASSERI STATED THAT OTHER ACCESS WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT. MR. PASSERI ALSO CITED SECTIONS 205 AND 186 OF NEW YORK HIGHWAY LAW. ATTORNEY WARREN REPLANSKY WILL REVIEW FOR THE JANUARY MEETING.

THE LIVINGSTON AND TAGHKANIC FIRE CONTRACTS WERE SIGNED.

XII. NEW BUSINESS- REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 5TH AT 6:30PM.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT- COUNCILMAN ELECT DONALD COONS AND SUPERVISOR ELECT TOM GARRICK THANKED THE BOARD FOR THEIR SERVICE

XIV. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SORMAN SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TOIGO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:15.

