

**Gallatin Town Board Minutes
February 13, 2020
6:30pm**

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

	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
Supervisor John C. Reilly	√		
Council-member Nichole Martini	√		
Council-member Pat Odell	√		
Council-member Eric Mortenson	√		
Council-member John Fraser Paterson	√		

MONTHLY THOUGHTS:

While it is February one can taste the full joys of anticipation. Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch. Patience Strong

Conservation is a positive exercise of skill and insight, not merely a negative exercise of abstinence and caution. Aldo Leopold

NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2020

1. Final Reserves review and discussion.
Resolution 2020-5 The Board resolves to set the final 2020 reserves.
 Motion CM Mortenson second CW Martini
 Vote 5 Yes 0 No

Unallocated Cash \$250,000
 Highway Equipment \$300,000
 Capital Improvement Fund \$200,000
 Snow Emergency \$25,000
 Unemployment-removed
 One Time Reserve-Comprehensive Plan-Zoning Law \$25,000
 Conservation Area-\$30,000

Resolution 2020- to approve adjustments to 2019 budget reconciliation. Tabled - March meeting.

2. Presentation on Power Line Update and Case to date -Pam Kline
3. Safe at Home -Pat Odell update and presentation. Councilwoman Odell discussed the formation of a new committee to address the concerns of our Senior population. Interested residents should contact the Town Hall to volunteer.
4. Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Update on Committee Meeting –The comprehensive plan committee will be creating a Town wide Survey with the assistance of the Planner. The results of the survey will act as a guide for the update. The Comprehensive Plan updates will be posted on the Town website gallatin.yourtownhub.com
5. Apiary Update and budget allocation – Inspection of the hives showed no activity. Councilman Paterson identified mites in the hive and thinks the varroa mite is in the hive and responsible for the bees dying. It takes time to get rid of the mite; the treatment is oxalic acid vapor which is an organic compound.

Resolution 2020-6: The Board approves spending up to \$500 to replenish the hives at the Gallatin Conservation Area..

Motion CM Mortenson second CW Martini

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS

MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION

1. Review of January 2020 Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution 2020-7: Accept January 2020 minutes for filing and posting.**
Motion CM Mortenson second CM Paterson
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
2. Bill Review of Non-Reoccurring items- **Resolution 2020-8 Approve January 2020 bills for payment.**
Motion CW Odell second CM Paterson
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
3. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report
Resolution 2020- 9 On the Recommendation of the Highway Superintendent the Board resolves to sign the Shared Services Agreement with Columbia County.
This agreement covers a 5 year period and covers manpower, equipment and property.
4. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer –read and filed
5. Clerk Reports- Read and filed. 2020 Tax payments by the end of January were at 77%.
6. Assessor Comments- Exemptions due March 2.
7. Supervisors report

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION ON MONTHLY BUSINESS

Supervisor Reilly asked Councilwoman Odell to compare benefits with other towns, the county and private businesses for the 2021 budget.

Assemblywoman Didi Barrett's office was consulted for help with the State Retirement system. The window for the Town to enter the system was 1970-72. To enter now the Town and employee would have to pay into the system from date of hire. The State Constitution states that a Town cannot enter as a whole going forward. There would have to be an amendment to the constitution to change this.

Discussion of fluctuation in the issuing of traffic tickets in Gallatin.

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT
Motion CM Mortenson second CW Odell.