

**MINUTES
 APRIL 9, 2016
 TOWN BOARD MEETING 9AM**

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:

Though I do not believe that a plant will spring up where no seed has been, I have great faith in a seed. Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect wonders

- Henry David Thoreau

To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves

--Mahatma Gandhi

There are no happier folks than plant lovers and none more generous than those who garden --Ernest "Chinese" Wilson

NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2016

1. Reserve Resolutions:

Resolution 2016—19 The Gallatin Town Board resolves to instruct Town CPA to remove the following items from the monthly and annual financial report:

A. Tax Stabilization Reserve Account of \$100,030.92 as such reserve was never established in a lawful manner and funds to be returned to the General Fund- Unencumbered Capital.

B. Parkland Reserve account under “trust and agency” in the amount of \$25,691.57 as such reserve is not a category of reserves recognized by the NY State Comptroller and The Town of Gallatin does not own or operate a designated “Parkland.” The funds to remain in Trust and Agency Account earmarked simply for use in public access recreation projects.

C. Building Reserve in the amount of \$100,151.69 as such reserve was never established in a lawful manner, the category does not match a NY Comptroller allowed reserve and funds to be returned to the General Fund-Unencumbered Capital.

Motion Mortenson second Coons

VOTE YES 5 NO 0

Resolution 2016-20:

The Gallatin Town Board creates, by Resolution a \$50,000 reserve for unexpected Snow and Ice Removal and Road Repair Reserve (GML Section 6-f) to pay for the cost of removal of snow and ice from public thoroughfares and public places of a Town of Gallatin, and the cost of repairing and maintaining roadways to the extent that such damage was caused by the removal of snow and ice. Such reserve to be listed on the Town Budget and Monthly Worksheet.

Motion Mortenson second Paterson

VOTE YES 5 NO 0

Resolution 2016-21:

The Gallatin Town Board creates, by Resolution a \$50,000 reserve for the payment of “retirement contributions,” which are defined as all or any portion of the amount payable to either the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System or other authorized NY State Plan pursuant to Sections 17 or 317 of the Retirement and Social Security Law. Such reserve to be listed on the Town Budget and Monthly Worksheet.

The Town will contribute a 3% match. The funds will be retroactive to January 1, 2016.

Motion Galm second Mortenson

VOTE YES 5- NO 0

Resolution 2016-22:

The Gallatin Town Board states:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the “Gallatin Capital Improvements Reserve Fund” (hereinafter “Reserve Fund”). The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of a type of capital improvement. The type of capital improvement to be financed from the Reserve Fund is the improvement, construction, reconstruction of Town Buildings, to in particularly including a future Town Hall Community Room, Town Court Parking Lot and Town Hall parking area and landscaping. The Amount of the reserve account shall be \$100,000.

The chief fiscal officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The chief fiscal officer may invest the moneys in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of Gallatin. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund. The chief fiscal officer shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the Reserve Fund and shows the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund, interest earned by the fund, capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of the fund, the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund and the total assets of the fund, showing cash balance and a schedule of investments, and shall, at the end of each fiscal year, render to the Board a detailed report of the operation and condition of the Reserve Fund.

Except as otherwise provided law shall make expenditures from this Reserve Fund made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of this governing board and such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law or any other law, including a permissive referendum if required by subdivision 4 of Section 6-c.

The Town Clerk will post notice of this reserve in the Town paper with appropriate description for any resident wishing to petition for a referendum on this Reserve creation and allocation.

Motion Mortenson second Galm

VOTE YES 5 NO 0

Resolution 2016-23:

The Gallatin Town Board states:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the “Gallatin Capital Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund” (hereinafter “Reserve Fund”). The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of a type of equipment needed to operate the Town Highway functions. This reserve is planned to purchase a new Truck Body, replace a Highway pickup/plow truck, replace the 1997 International Plow Truck, replace the 2004 International Plow truck and replace the 2000 Tri-axle Dump Plow truck. These replacements will be tracked from time to time in the Town Board minutes with accumulated amounts noted by the Town Board in reserve worksheets. The Amount of the reserve account shall be \$225,000. This reserve will be added to by the Town budget and by transfer on unnumbered revenues on an annual basis.

The chief fiscal officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The chief fiscal officer may invest the moneys in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of Gallatin. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund. The chief fiscal officer shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the Reserve Fund and shows the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund, interest earned by the fund, capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of the fund, the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund and the total assets of the fund, showing cash balance and a schedule of investments, and shall, at the end of each fiscal year, render to the Board a detailed report of the operation and condition of the Reserve Fund.

Except as otherwise provided law shall make expenditures from this Reserve Fund made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of this governing board and such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law or any other law, including a permissive referendum if required by subdivision 4 of Section 6-c.

The Town Clerk will post notice of this reserve in the Town paper with appropriate description for any resident wishing to petition for a referendum on this Reserve creation and allocation.

Motion Mortenson second Coons.

VOTE YES 5 NO 0

The Town Board notes that the above reserves will leave an amount of approximately \$250,000 in unencumbered cash reserves for budget contingency purposes and approximately \$15,000 for unemployment claims and other minor amounts kept for grants, planning board and logging escrows.

2. **Resolution 2016-24:** The Gallatin Town Board appoints the Town supervisor as FOIL appeals officer.

Motion Galm second Mortenson

VOTE YES 5 NO 0

3. Update on Fire Department GIS project by Councilman Patterson. The sources of water to fight fires will be mapped and will be available to the fire companies on a map and on google earth.

4. Solar issues update- Conservation Area has no 3 phase electric nearby making the instillation of a large solar array difficult and costly.

5. **Resolution 2016-25:** The Gallatin Town Board resolves to pay Islay Communications and additional \$200 for the addition of maps on the Town Website. These funds will come from the Greenway Grant.

Motion Mortenson second Galm

VOTE YES 5 0 NO

6. **Resolution 2016-26:** The Gallatin Town Board resolves to add an additional \$100 if needed for the addition of GIS information to the website.

Motion Mortenson second Galm

VOTE YES 5 0 NO

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS

MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION

1. Review of March Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution 2016-27: Accept March minutes for filing and posting.**
Motion Mortenson second Paterson
Vote 5 yes 0 no
2. Bill Review of Non-Reoccurring items- March 2016 **Resolution 2016-28: Approve March 2016 bills for payment.**
Motion Mortenson second Paterson
Vote 5 yes 0 no
3. Supervisors Review of County Items: Broadband between schools and libraries could result in communities in between benefiting from access to high speed internet. CHIPs funds will be increased this year to about \$124,000.
4. Clerk Report: read and filed.
5. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer: read and filed.
6. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report: read and filed.
7. Assessor Comment's: read and filed.
8. Court Actions/Comments
9. Historian Comments –Tim McHenry commented on the GRA genealogy project which will be able to be on the website.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MONTHLY BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION

1. DEC Agreement - fish stocking.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT
Motion Mortenson second Paterson.