

**Minutes**  
**APRIL 11, 2019**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING 6:30pm**

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

	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
Supervisor John C. Reilly	√		
Council-member Donald Coons	√		
Council-member Jeffery Galm	√		
Council-member Eric Mortenson	√		
Council-member John Fraser Paterson	√		

**MONTHLY THOUGHTS:**

From there to here, from here to there, funny things are everywhere!

Dr. Seuss

**NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2019**

1. Presentation by Jill Falchi for Clean Energy Communities. Presentation attached.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12 ADOPTING AN ENERGY BENCHMARKING POLICY FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN OF GALLATIN (attached)  
 Motion Councilman Mortenson Second Councilman Galm  
 Vote 5 Yes 0 No
3. Discuss adopting Unified Solar Permit. Also attached is the Unified Solar Permit Template, which would need to be amended with the Town's information. Supervisor Reilly will work with the Town's Code Enforcement Officer to complete the permit application.

Resolution 2019-13 WHEREAS, New York State has developed a unified solar photovoltaic permitting process designed to streamline municipal permitting which will reduce costs for solar projects and support the growth of clean energy jobs across the state, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gallatin is desirous of participating in the unified permitting process, thereby increasing the Town's eligibility for various incentives and grants through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Gallatin adopts the New York State Unified Solar Permit as attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately and a copy of this resolution, with Exhibit 1, shall be provided to the Code Enforcement & Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Motion Councilman Galm Second Councilman Mortenson  
Vote 5 Yes 0 No

4. Discussion the Clean Energy Upgrades Action as a result of the Town's LED lighting upgrades and audit potential. The Highway Garage energy audit was in 2013. The Town Hall and Court audit was in 2015 within the qualification timeframe. The difference in energy usage will be compared to document the energy savings.
5. Charging station discussion continued – Jill to present pros and cons. Discussion of locations and time needed for a charge for “topping off”. Further discussion of the possibility of a collaborative effort with the Town of Taghkanic on a charging station near the new West Taghkanic Diner.  
Jill Falchi is going to see if this would be feasible.
6. Resolution 2019-14 The board resolves to form a Clean Energy Committee to work with CAC already in place.  
Motion Councilman Mortenson second Councilman Paterson  
Vote 5 Yes 0 No

Volunteers are:

- a. Jim Glomb
- b. Jacob Rieper
- c. Tim McHenry
- d. Deborah Maine
- e. Jamie Cloud
- f. Bill Robinson
- g. David Hess
- h. Greg Lock

Discussion- combining efforts of CEC/CAC into one working committee.

7. Camp Road Bridge repair- Discussion on whether to close the Camp Road bridge or repair it. Closing it would reroute traffic to Beaver Rd more curvy route with a blind curve. There was also discussion of increased response time for emergency vehicles.  
The cost for deck replacement would be approximately \$105,000.  
Resolution 2019-15 The Board Resolves to repair the Camp Road Bridge  
Motion Councilman Galm seconded by Councilman Coons  
Roll Call Vote - 5 Yes 0 No  
Councilman Galm-Yes  
Councilman Paterson-Yes  
Councilman Mortenson-Yes  
Councilman Coons-Yes  
Supervisor Reilly-Yes
8. New Town signs- design and purchase plan 2019-continued
9. Town Conservation Area Plan/Progress  
Conversation Area Entrance Sign is in the process of being installed.  
The hives for the Conservation Apiary will be placed in May  
Presently Columbia County is responsible for the yearly testing of the landfill site at a cost of \$2,000/yr. At some point in the future the responsibility for the testing and

mowing of the cap will be turned over to the town.

- i. Trail Plan- Hire volunteer trail blazer group
- j. Apiary plan
- k. Kayak landing
- l. Storm Pavilion
- m. Landfill mowing
- n. Sign dedication date

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS**

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### **MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION**

1. Review of March 2019 Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution 2019 16: Accept March 2019 minutes for filing and posting. Motion CM Galm second CM Mortenson Vote 5 Yes 0 No**
2. Bill Review of Non-Reoccurring items-**Resolution 2019-17 Approve March 2019 bills for payment. . Motion CM Galm second CM Mortenson Vote 5 Yes 0 No**
3. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report- Read and filed. Highway Superintendent Gomm would like to purchase an asphalt roller and tow pac.  
Resolution 2019-18- The Highway Superintendent is authorized to purchase an asphalt roller and tow pac not to exceed \$15,000.  
Motion Councilman Mortenson second Councilman Galm  
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
4. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer-Read and Filed. The Code Enforcement Officer will schedule the Energy Code classes as soon as possible as part of the requirement for a climate smart community.
5. Clerk Report-Read and Filed
6. Assessor Comments- Tentative Assessment Roll will be filed March 1.
7. Historian Comments
8. Supervisor's report- In the NYS Budget the Aid to Municipalities was eliminated, it is proposed to replace the funds with sales tax from internet sales.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MONTHLY BUSINESS**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Church Road issues.
2. Town Files project: basement files cleaned up, stored safely and digitized
3. Town Hall septic tank.
4. Review of town capital repair needs -2019
5. Review of Bridge repair plan 2019 -Road change discussion Sigler/Camp

6. Official town Map- Progress Update
7. Town Community Center Project- 2019 goals.- school house
8. Historic Sign repair
9. Community closet redo
10. Community Food Pantry proposal- Greg Gellina

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**  
**CM Coons second CM Galm**