

**Minutes**  
**MAY 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:**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead - Scientist

Excellent teachers showered on to us like meteors: Biology teachers holding up human brains, English teachers inspiring us with a personal ideological fierceness about Tolstoy and Plato, Art teachers leading us through the slums of Boston, then back to the easel to hurl public school gouache with social awareness and fury.

Sylvia Plath- Poet

The problem with public school is not overcrowding in the classroom. The problem is not teacher unions. The problem is not underfunding or lack of computer equipment. The problem is your damn kids.

P. J. O'Rourke-Comedian

**NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2019**

1. School Budget Presentation and short Q&A- Pine Plains School Superintendent – Dr. Martin Handler- understand your school tax at work in Gallatin.  
 Dr. Handler Discussed the 3 proposals on the May 21, 2019 Ballot
  1. Approval of the 2109-20 Budget- \$32,928,878. This budget carries a 1.32% increase over 2018-19. This will result in a 2.52% Tax Levy increase.
  2. Purchase of three Busses- the purchase will be with excess funds from the 2018-19 budget.
  3. Approval of the Capital Reserve

2. A few words with our Town CPA on the filed Gallatin Annual State Financial Report  
The Town is in very good financial shape.  
**Resolution 2019-18:** Supervisor Reilly will work with the Town CPA to fix the AUD to reflect the reserves. The unemployment reserve will be eliminated and funded through the unallocated reserves.  
Motion CM Mortenson second CM Paterson  
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
  
3. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION: “Broadband for All”-** Gallatin progress report by GTel, a local provider of phone/cable and internet that participated in the NY State broadband capital grant program and then went the extra step to attempt to connect 100% of Gallatin. We will see where we are in construction and perhaps hear estimations on rollout first of cable, then house connections then turn on of the GTel system through different areas of the Town.  
The mainline should be complete by the end of the year this will cover 95% of the Town. There will be a total of 60 miles of fiber, 39 miles are presently complete. The majority of the town will be “lit” by the first quarter of 2020.
  
4. Presentation of petition of concerned citizens of Sigler Road. A group of residents from Sigler Road addressed the board with a complaint of continuous and repeated firing of guns by a neighbor.  
Firing a gun is not a violation of the noise ordinance since it was not constant. Resident Deputy Kilmer was in attendance. He said he understood that the situation was frustrating, but there were no illegal conditions found. The shooting was not within 500 feet from a dwelling.  
Suggestions to the neighbor were to limit his shooting around the business hours of the neighbor’s hair salon and not to shoot daily. It was also suggested that he build something to shield the noise.  
The board stressed that this was not a Town Board issue it was a civil or police matter.
  
5. Update on grant timing/planner proposal and Comprehensive Plan committee actions. A Greenway Grant will be submitted by the September deadline.  
**Resolution 2019-19:** The Town Clerk will draft a Greenway Grant Application for the revisions to the Comprehensive Plan for a fee of \$600, to be paid from excess funds.  
Motion CM Mortenson second CM Galm  
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
  
6. Clean Energy Certification -update on progress from April 2019 meeting. The documentation on the Energy Upgrades to the Town Hall and Court are being collected to see if they meet the 10% energy saving goal for one of the action items.
  
7. Charging station shared service plan update- Taghkanic – Route 82- On going discussion.
  
8. Community Closet – Sharing Medical Equipment Plan. Discussion of location and accessibility. The access to the Town Hall basement could be improved for loading of the equipment.

9. Camp Road Bridge repair discussion – The Highway Sup't is in touch with the DEC to see if a permit will be required.
10. New Town signs- design and purchase plan 2019-continued.
11. Town Conservation Area Update- the Bees come this Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm
12. Radios for the Town Highway Department. Due to the lack of cell service and geography of Gallatin, radio communications for the Highway Department is very spotty. Councilman Galm and Highway Sup't Gomm are talking to various companies and Colombia County 911 to try to remedy the situation in the most cost effective way.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS**

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#### **MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION**

1. Review of April 2019 Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution 2019-20: Accept April 2019 minutes for filing and posting.**  
Motion CM Mortenson second CM Galm  
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
2. Bill Review of Non-Reoccurring items-**Resolution 2019-21 Approve April 2019 bills for payment.**  
Motion CM Mortenson second CM Galm  
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
3. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report- Columbia County Engineer Dean Knox will assist the Town with a design for Sigler Rd intersection.  
Discussion of applying a single oil and chip to a test road.
4. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer: filed
5. Clerk Report- filed
6. Assessor Comments- Grievance Day May 28.
7. Historian Comments
8. Supervisors report

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS ARCHIVE 2019**

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**

Motion CM Coons second CM Mortenson