

Minutes
JUNE 24, 2020 DIGITAL MEETING
TOWN BOARD MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO FLAG- Stated by each Town Board Member
2. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent	Late
Supervisor John C. Reilly	x		
Council-member Nichole Martini	x		
Council-member Pat Odell	x		
Council-member Eric Mortenson		x	
Council-member John Fraser Paterson	x		

MONTHLY THOUGHT:

People who enjoy meetings should not be in charge of anything.

Thomas Sowell - Economist

NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2020

1. Review of Three Town Solar initiatives.
 - a. Final approval received from NYSERDA for solar project for solar at the highway garage. Councilman Paterson wanted to make sure of the load on the highway garage roof; part of the bid package engineer will verify the load on the roof. Any surplus funds will go to solar lighting for the Town Hall parking lot
 - b. Solstice project joint venture for Gallatin residents. Link for more information posted on website. Over 20 residents expressed interest in first week. Solstice will fund a town wide informational mailing in July to all residents. For each sign up \$100 to town \$100 for residents and 10 % savings on electric bills (supply and delivery). If solar is already in place homeowner does not qualify. Sign up one per meter.
 - c. Parking lot solar lights. There is a need to get the lights away from the Town Hall Building and light the dark parking lot. Funds from Solstice and excess funds from the solar project at the highway garage will fund this project.

2. Discussion to allow the Supervisor to send a simple clarification letter to the Court chambers of Judge Koweek concerning the Town Board 2018 resolution on Church Road. Debate on any new resolution if any to take place at the July Meeting.
Supervisor Reilly briefed the new Board members on the existing road issues stemming from the 1928 Town Board resolution.

Resolution 2020-23: To allow the Supervisor to send a clarification letter to the Court chambers of Judge Koweek concerning the Town Board 2018 resolution on Church Road.

Motion NM second FP

Yes 4 No 0 Mortenson absent

REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS (Email/Zoom Comment)

Sigler Road Closure Discussion

Residents of Sigler Rd inquired about the closure of one leg of Sigler Rd, Supervisor Reilly and Highway Superintendent Gomm explained that the off ramping made for a dangerous road for plowing and motorists, the snow gets pushed back onto Gallatinville Rd. creating a hazardous condition.

Gallatinville Rd was blind creating a hazard when cars coming down ramp from Sigler did not stop.

Sigler Rd motorists will have the right of way. Stop will be on Gallatinville to avoid stopping on a hill.

The closure will not be reversed and the land will be given back to the abutting landowner.

To improve the roadway, more sight lines will be cleared; the right hand turn roadway will be marked with a line for a more gradual right hand turn. Additional pipe was added for drainage. Edges of road will be marked.

Sigler Road Noise Complaint

Sigler Road residents brought the issue of the noise at random times a day from loud gunfire to the Town Board again.

The Town has tried numerous times to facilitate Town, County and State, intervention. There are no violations of town or county ordinances, there is no violation the law. From town perspective remedy is civil suit for public nuisance.

The noise ordinance has been reviewed, it would be difficult to spot legislate a noise ordinance. If there is a violation after hours the residents were advised to file a complaint to the sheriff or state troopers.

The town has no more recourse to address the problem. Gallatin does not have the authority or jurisdiction to remedy.

MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION

1. Review of Spring 2020 Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution 2020-24 Approve Spring 2020 Meeting Minutes and posting of any completed Committee minutes. Motion Councilman Paterson second Councilwoman Martini**
Yes 4 No 0 Mortenson absent

2. Bill Review of Non-Recurring items- **Resolution 2020-25 to approve May 2020 bills**

**(done by digital abstract review) for payment. Confirmation by email
Motion Councilwoman Odell Second Councilman Paterson
Yes 4 No 0 Mortenson absent**

3. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report CHIPS. CHIP's funding can be reduced by 20% or more depending on the State budget and revenue. Highway Superintendent Gomm informed the board that the current tractor was repaired and should be good for a few more years.
4. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer-Filed
5. Clerk Reports-Filed
6. Assessor Comments
7. Supervisors report - update on County matters as applicable. County is working its way through the fiscal issues due to Covid.
County has borrowed at a very low rate funds necessary for budgeting.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON OLD BUSINESS (Email/Zoom Comment)

**Future project: Welcome to Gallatin Signage
The bees at the conservation area are in good shape**

**MEETING ADJOURNED BY RESOLUTION OF THE GALLATIN TOWN BOARD
Motion to adjourn Councilman Paterson second Councilwoman Odell**