

**MINUTES
JULY 28, 2020 DIGITAL MEETING
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

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

	REVIEW	COMMENT	
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:

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.” – John Steinbeck

“Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.” — **Marie Curie**

NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2020

1. Update Town Solstice initiative-Goal of 100 residents sign up and \$10,000 towards the parking lot solar light project. First check from Solstice for \$1500 was received. There will be a town-wide mailing to inform residents about Solstice.
Highway Garage Solar Roof Project.-Commencement of construction is expected in August.
2. Continued Discussion - Supervisor sent a follow up letter to the Court chambers of Judge Koweeck/Judge Nichols concerning the Town Board 2018 resolution on Church Road. Discussion of issue as needed - letter was sent to clarify 2018 resolution.
3. Future Town Board meetings format. Digital or live/digital hybrid? Significantly higher attendance at May and June digital meetings. Potential for more community involvement.
Hybrid meeting in person if computer issue.
Opening the Town Hall- issue is the capability and budget to constantly clean and sanitize.
Temperature taking is not practical or accurate, who would administer, objective, protocols.

The September meeting might be a hybrid meeting if protocols can be followed.
Risk of people who are carriers- if there is liability if someone contracts Covid- the town insurance carrier will be contacted for advice.

4. Town Clean Up Day with Covid precautions. Adapt instructions for residents to follow.
Tentatively scheduled for Nov 7.

Resolution 2020-27- Schedule Fall Cleanup Day November 7, 2020 with Covid-19 Protocols.

Motion CM Mortenson Second CM Paterson

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

5. Restarting Comprehensive Plan Review Process.

The impact of increased interest in Gallatin houses, rentals and land needs to be taken into consideration. Community input and roundtable are important to the review process. The Comprehensive Plan Review will be postponed until January to increase public participation.

The Solar law on ground mounted vs roof mounted systems needs additional review.

Resolution 2020-28 The Board resolves to Restart Comprehensive Plan Review for January 2021

Motion CM Mortenson Second CW Odell

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

6. Gallatin Budget outlook. State and County Budget reduction levels.

Court revenue trending below expectations.

Second quarter sales tax 18 percent below 2019. Tobacco settlement funds 18% less.

CHIPs expected to be down 20%.

Tax interest and penalties up slightly above budget, building permits currently at budget.

7. State of repairs- Town Hall roof needs repair

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

Larry Brody said for the record that he was informed the letter from the Town to Judge Koweek was unsolicited and unread. Supervisor Reilly stated that the Town had been informed by the court(s) that the letter was received but nothing regarding its solicitation or state of review. Mr. Brody's attorney followed up with letter stating the same sentence as Mr. Brody and that was put in file.

MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION

1. Review of June 2020 Minutes for Errors/Clarifications

Clarification to the June, 2020 Minutes, upon completion, the Sigler Rd ramp will be put back to its natural state.

Resolution 2020-29 Approve June 2020 Meeting Minutes and posting of any completed Committee minutes.

Motion CM Mortenson second CW Martini

Vote 5 yes 0 No

2. Bill Review of Non-Recurring items- **Resolution 2020-30 to approve June 2020 bills (done by digital abstract review) for payment.**

Motion CM Mortenson second CW Martini

Vote 5 yes 0 No

3. Highway. The highway department will continue to improve the Sigler Rd turn.
4. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer-Read and Filed
5. Clerk Reports-Read and Filed
6. Assessor Comments 2 small claims assessment cases have been filled.
7. Supervisors report – update on County matters as applicable.

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

For noise to be in violation of noise ordinance, the event must be continued duration. Sigler Rd gunfire is not considered against the noise ordinance by sheriff because of the short duration of each individual shot.

Dog barking must also be of continued duration and unprovoked.

Sigler Road residents asked the Town to consider shooting duration of event instead of individual shots.

MEETING ADJOURNED BY RESOLUTION OF THE GALLATIN TOWN BOARD

Motion Councilman Mortenson seconded Councilman Paterson