

MINUTES
November 9, 2017
TOWN BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm

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	√		

Elections remind us not only of the rights but the responsibilities of citizenship in a democracy - Robert Kennedy

There are plenty of good five cent cigars in the country.
The trouble is they cost a quarter. - Franklin Pierce Adams

1. Open Public Hearing for G-Tel Franchise Agreement.
Motion CM Mortenson second CM Galm
Vote 5 Yes 0 No

Representatives from G-Tel reviewed and answered questions about the Franchise Agreement for the board and audience. This agreement is for the television portion of the service only.

Before the Franchise agreement is signed Town Attorney Warren Replansky will review it.
Close Public hearing
Motion CM Mortenson second CM Paterson
Vote Yes 0 No

Supervisor Reilly lead the board through the SEQRA Review Determination Negative Declaration
Motion CM Mortenson second CM Galm
Resolution 2017-52: The Town Board accepts the SEQRA Negative Declaration of the Franchise Award to Hilltop Communications
Motion M Mortenson second CM Paterson

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

Resolution 2017-53: The Town Board resolves to approve the Hilltop Franchise Fee agreement conditioned on final PSC review and signature by Supervisor

Motion M Mortenson second CM Paterson

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

2. Discussion on G-Tel lease for electronic hut at Gallatin Highway Dept. G-Tel would like to build a 12 x 20 building for electronic equipment at the Highway department. In return internet service will be provided to the town buildings at no cost.
Resolution 2017-54: The Town Board authorizes the Supervisor and Town Attorney to draft and enter into a long term lease agreement with Germantown Telephone (G-Tel) to allow for placement of an equipment building at the Town Highway garage parcel.
Motion CM Mortenson second CM Galm.
Vote 5 Yes 0 No

3. Open public hearing on 2018 Budget. Board Comments/Public Supervisor Reilly led the board and audience through the 2018 Town Budget.
Discussion of Tax Cap
Update on highway salaries. Hourly highway employees will receive a \$0.50/hr. raise with a \$250/yr stipend.
Update and discussion on Sales Tax and Mortgage Tax
Court Revenue update by Councilman Galm

Motion CM Galm second CM Paterson to Close Public hearing on the 2018 Gallatin Town Budget

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

Resolution 55 of 2017: The Gallatin Town Board approves the 2018 Gallatin Town Budget for filing by the Town Clerk with Columbia County.

Motion CM Galm second CM Paterson

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

4. Revaluation Update- Data Collection complete. Data verification mailers will be sent to all parcels with inventory. They are due back Dec 1. Valuation will begin soon after the data mailers are returned.
5. Clean Up day review/Gallatin Conservation Area Update Posting/Signage-property discussion. Councilman Patterson.
6. Highway Road Repair -Camp Road Bridge repair for 2018-2019
7. Gallatin CEO updates. Discussion of Resident Complaints on a County Rte. 11 property. The CEO will inform the property owner that they need to appear before the Planning Board.
Open Permit issue- The CEO will begin to work through closing the open building permits

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS

MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION

- 1. Review of October Minutes for Errors/Clarifications Resolution 2017-56:
Accept October minutes for filing and posting.
Motion CM Mortenson second CM Coons
Vote 5 Yes 0 No**
- 2. Bill Review of Non-Reoccurring items- September 2017 Resolution 2017-57:
Approve October 2017 bills for payment.
Motion CM Mortenson second CM Coons
Vote 5 Yes 0 No**
3. Supervisors Review of County Items:
4. Clerk Report:
5. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer
6. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report
7. Assessor Comment's
8. Court Actions/Comments
9. Historian Comments

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MONTHLY BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION

1. Fire District Update
2. EMG training date: Training will be held for all interested Town Employees for \$25/each.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Motion CM Coons second CM Galm.