

**AGENDA
NOVEMBER 24, 2020 DIGITAL MEETING 6:30pm
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

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

	PRESENT	ABSENT	ZOOM
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 THOUGHTS:

People try to function in the real world - the analog world - while they're texting in the digital world, and they run into the car in front of them. It doesn't work well to be in both.

Joe Walsh - Musician

"Tweet others the way you want to want to be tweeted."

Germany Kent - Journalist

What is it that makes us trust our judges? Their independence in office and manner of appointment.

John Marshall- SC Justice

One day, the dance charts will be the biggest chart in the music world. Because we all need to dance. This planet will be a fun planet when the judges in court will end the day with a dance!

Yoko Ono

NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2020

1. Appointment to replace a judiciary opening until a Special Election in November 2021.

Resolution 2020-42: The Gallatin Town Board resolves to accept the vacating of the Town Justice position held by Town Justice Tia Denenberg- accepted with regret
Motion Councilman Paterson Second Councilwoman Odell
Vote 5-0

Resolution 2020-43: The Gallatin Town Board resolves to recognize the resignation of Board member Eric Mortenson.
Motion Councilwoman Martini Second Councilwoman Odell
Vote 5-0

Resolution 2020-44: The Gallatin Town Board resolves to appoint Eric Mortenson to the position of Gallatin Town Justice until a Special Election is held. This follows the resignation of a current justice due to personal reasons.
Motion Supervisor Reilly second Councilwoman Odell
Roll Call Vote
Supervisor Reilly-Yes
Councilman Paterson -No
Councilwoman Odell-Yes
Councilwoman Martini-Yes
3 Yes 1 No

Resolution 2020-45:To appoint Michael Moran to fill the vacant position on the Town Board until a Special Election held in 2021.
Motion Councilwoman Odell Second Councilwoman Martini
Roll Call Vote
Supervisor Reilly Yes
Councilman Paterson Yes
Councilwoman Odell Yes
Councilwoman Martini Yes
4 yes 0 no

2. Update Budget numbers and plan for December Meeting
Currently sales tax is 8% higher due to internet sales
Mortgage tax is \$34,000 double of 2019

3. Town Solar Solstice Going forward -60 + signups open slots available- In the Jan newsletter a flyer will be sent with the tax receipts to sign people up. Gallatin is 3rd in state per capita for signing up for the solar project

4. Review of requests to sign on to Joint Statement by a collection of Towns, Villages and Counties Comments related to commercial solar projects. Proposed NY Law Section 94-C provides corporations with an easier process for getting approval of wind and solar projects. If a Town has laws regulating the siting of utility scale projects, those laws can be overruled if they are found to be unreasonably burdensome in view of the CLCPA targets and the environmental benefits of the proposed major renewable energy facility". Comments on 94-C must be filed by December 7, 2020.

Add town to a joint statement that the towns can review the proposal and can have input. Add to review process for the towns input.

Resolution 2020-46 The Gallatin Town Board resolves to join the list of towns supporting review process.

Motion Councilwoman Odell second Councilwoman Martini

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

5. Request from Senator Jordan to declare the Town of Gallatin a “Purple Heart” community during this month of Veterans Day.

Resolution 2020-47 to declare Gallatin a Purple Heart Town.

Motion Councilman Moran Second Councilwoman Martini

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

6. Discussion to apply for a Bank of Greene County (BOGC) and Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) \$500 Grant for trail signage at the Gallatin Conservation Area. Larger sign at trailhead and signs along the trail and the railbed.

Resolution 2020-48- The Gallatin Town Board resolves to apply for a CLC and BOGC Grant for signage.

Motion Councilman Paterson Second Councilwoman Martini

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

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

MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION

1. Review of October 2020 Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution 2020-49 Approve October 2020 Meeting Minutes and posting of any completed Committee minutes.**
Motion Councilman Paterson Second Councilwoman Martini
Vote 5 Yes 0No
2. Bill Review of Non-Recurring items- **Resolution 2020-50 to approve October 2020 bills (done by digital abstract review) for payment.**
Motion Councilwoman Odell Second Councilwoman Martini
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
3. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report- **Resolution 2020-51 The Gallatin Town Board resolves to give retiring Highway Working Foreman Robert Coons a \$1,000 longevity bonus.**
Motion Councilman Paterson second Councilwoman Martini
5 Yes 0 No
4. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer
5. Clerk Reports
6. Assessor Comments- Exemption Materials will be mailed in December with a note to request exemptions be mailed back, not brought to the Town Hall to protect residents and staff.
7. Supervisors report – update on County matters as applicable.

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

Tim Mc Henry expressed his thanks to Justice Tia Denenberg and salute her service and musical contribution to the Town and the Gallatin Residents Association

Hon. Eric Mortenson expressed his thanks to the Town Board for the chance to serve as Town Justice. He spoke of JudgeTia's gardening and community involvement. He also commented that the Columbia County Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) will not recognize solar projects that the town does not support.

MEETING ADJOURNED BY RESOLUTION OF THE GALLATIN TOWN BOARD