

TOWN OF GALLATIN
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2013
6:30 PM

- I. SUPERVISOR GARRICK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM.
- II. SUPERVISOR GARRICK, COUNCILMAN COONS, COUNCILMAN PATERSON
COUNCILMAN MORTENSON AND COUNCILMAN GALM WERE ALL PRESENT.
- III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2013 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE ADDRESSED THE BOARD WITH CONCERNS OF
NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES THAT HAVE BECOME A HEALTH HAZARD DUE TO EXCESS
REFUSE AROUND THE HOUSE, UNLICENSED VEHICLES, FENCES ALONG THE
PROPERTY FENCE LINE FALLING OVER INTO NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES
TOWN ATTORNEY WARREN REPLANSKY STATED THAT THIS LAW WOULD ADD A
LAYER OF ENFORCEMENT TO THE NEW YORK STATE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
CODE.

COUNCILMAN MORTENSON EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN THAT THE LAW EXCEEDS THE
NEEDS OF A RURAL COMMUNITY.

COUNCILMAN PATERSON STATED THAT HE AGREED WITH THE INTENT BUT HE WAS
CONCERNED THE LAW WAS VAGUE AND OVER REACHING.

MR. REPLANSKY STATED THAT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MAKES A
RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWN BOARD, IT IS THE DECISION OF THE BOARD TO
ACT. THIS APPLIES IN ONLY THE MOST EGREGIOUS CASES.

ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN PATERSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GALM AND
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GALM SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PATERSON
SUPERVISOR GARRICK CALLED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:00PM, TO DISCUSS THE
EMPLOYMENT OF A CERTAIN PERSON.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT JACK GOMM AND SUPERVISOR ELECT JOHN REILLY
WERE INVITED INTO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MORTENSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GALM
AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:30 PM

- IV. REVIEW OF THE DECEMBER 2013 BILLS.
- V. SUPERVISOR GARRICK READ THE NOVEMBER 2013 MINUTES. ON A MOTION BY
COUNCILMAN GALM SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MORTENSON AND CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY THE NOVEMBER 2013 MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED.
- VI. SUPERVISORS FINANCIAL REPORT- ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MORTENSON
SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COONS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE NOVEMBER
2013 SUPERVISORS REPORT WAS FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.
- VII. THE TOWN CLERK REPORT WAS READ AND FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
- VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. OFFICE OF THE AGING- NO REPORT.

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- B. COLUMBIA COUNTY REPORT-. DECEMBER FULL BOARD RESOLUTION LISTING FILED IN CLERKS OFFICE, 2014 COUNTY TENTATIVE BUDGET FILED IN CLERKS OFFICE.
- C. PLANNING- READ AND FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.
- D. ZONING- READ AND FILED IN THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE.
- E. HIGHWAY- READ AND FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE. THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE ONGOING PROCESS OF CLOSING NEAR RD E. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDANT JACK GOMM WILL MEET WITH TOWN ATTORNEY WARREN REPLANSKY TO DISCUSS THE CLOSURE.
ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GALM SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COONS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ETHAN SANTOS WAS HIRED AS A FULL TIME HIGHWAY WORKER. AT \$16/HR FOR 6 MOS PROBATION, WITH HEALTH INSURANCE. \$17 AFTER PROBATION.
- F. ZEO/BUILDING INSPECTOR- READ AND FILED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.
- G. ASSESSOR- PRELIMINARY MARKET ANALYSIS.
- H. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS- NO REPORT
- I. HISTORIAN- READ AND FILED.
- J. JUSTICE COURT- NO REPORT
- IX. CORRESPONDENCE- ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MORTENSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GALM AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE RESOLUTION PROVIDED BY THE GALLATIN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION TO EXTEND THE COMMENT PERIOD AND PROVIDE THE TOWN OF GALLATIN WITH MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED EXTENDING OF POWER LINES THROUGH THE TOWN OF GALLATIN WAS PASSED.
- X. PUBLIC COMMENT- ANNE FECCI THANKED SUPERVISOR GARRICK FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE TOWN.
STEPHANIE DINGMAN ASKED IF HER BROTHER ROBERT WASN'T HIRED AS A HIGHWAY WORKER BECAUSE THEIR FATHER IS THE TOWN JUSTICE. SUPERVISOR GARRICK RESPONDED THAT WAS NOT THE CASE, A MORE QUALIFIED CANDIDATE WAS HIRED.
- XI. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN COONS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MORTENSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE BILLS WERE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS.
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| GENERAL VOUCHERS | 282-300 | \$10,954.92 |
| HIGHWAY VOUCHERS | 138-151 | \$41,609.88 |

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XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. HOEFER RD- TOWN ATTORNEY WARREN REPLANSKY WILL DRAFT A MEMO ON THE PROCEDURE FOR THE TOWN TO TAKE OVER A PRIVATE ROAD. THE BOARD DISCUSSION INCLUDED CREATING A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT TO PASS THE COSTS BACK TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE ROAD. TITLE SEARCHES AND SURVEYS OF THE PROPERTY ALONG THE ROAD WOULD NEED TO BE DONE.
ALL RESIDENTS OF THE ROAD WOULD HAVE TO COOPERATE.
THE ROAD WOULD HAVE BE 3 RODS (49 FT)
- B. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GALM SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COONS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY LOCAL LAW 2, 2013 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LAW WAS PASSED.
- C. COUNCILMAN MORTENSON WILL GATHER MORE INFORMATION ON SOLAR POWER COMPANIES AND BRING IT TO THE BOARD AT A LATER MEETING.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS- NO

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT- NO COMMENT

XV. ON A MOTION MY COUNCILMAN MORTENSON SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GALM AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:25 PM