

Minutes
DECEMBER 19, 2019
TOWN BOARD MEETING 6:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO FLAG
2. ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
Supervisor John C. Reilly	√		
Council-member Donald Coons	√		
Council-member Jeffery Galm	√		
Council-member Eric Mortenson	√		
Council-member John Fraser Paterson	√		

MONTHLY THOUGHT:

Manners are the lubricating oil of an organization. It is a law of nature that two moving bodies in contact with each other create friction. This is as true for human beings as it is for inanimate objects. Manners- simple things like saying 'please' and 'thank you' and knowing a person's name or asking after her family enable two people to work together whether they like each other or not. – Peter Drucker, Business Management Author

No better words than "thank you" have yet been discovered to express the sincere gratitude of one's heart, when the two words are sincerely spoken. Alfred Montapert, Philosopher.

NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2019

1. Continued Discussion on Gallatin new Town Hall / Community Center. Sketch plans/road/demo/Budgets/solar/green. Town Supervisor Newsletter 2020.
 - a. A questionnaire will be sent to town residents in the spring for input on the Town Hall/Community Center. So far the committee is Michael Moran, David Itkin, and Harry Franklin. A grant request will be made to the Bank of Greene County to help cover the costs of the survey and mailing. Residents interested in being on the committee should contact the Town Hall.
 - b. A newsletter to the town seniors with information concerning programs available on the county level and information on the "Safe at Home" program will be mailed in December.

- c. Town of Gallatin Solar Project submitted under solicitation Clean Energy Communities Program has been reviewed by NYSERDA.
As a result of this favorable review, NYSERDA is interested in further pursuing the proposal. Contracts will be sent to the Town.
2. Approval of Comp/Zoning Committee planner proposal
Resolution 2019-47: The Town Board Approves the contract with Nan C. Stolzenburg d/b/a Community Planning & Environmental Associates, for a sum not to exceed \$17,125.
Motion CM Mortenson Second CM Galm
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
3. Road Improvements/Equipment review 2019 Final Report - Jack Gomm
Two candidates were offered the highway worker position, both declined after receiving either a higher salary or better health insurance benefits elsewhere. Highway Sup't Gomm discussed the replacement of the 30 year old tractor with a John Deere over rail mower, the 2019 price is \$173,000. The increase in January is expected to be 3-4%. Rental of a tractor would be about \$2,100/week. The old tractor could bring \$10-13k at auction. The new tractor could be used as shared services the other towns.
Motion to approve the purchase a John Deere over rail mower was made by CM Galm.
Vote 3 No 2 Yes
CM Paterson-No
CM Galm Yes
Supervisor Reilly No
CM Mortenson No
Councilman Coons Yes
Motion failed
4. Thank You's- The board presented Councilman Galm and Councilman Coons with certificates of appreciation and a gift for their years of dedicated service to the Town.
5. Terry Porter was appointed to Columbia County Planning Board for a term of 3 years.
6. The 2020 County Chargeback for EMS services is \$50,648

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS

MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION

1. Review of November 2019 Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution 2019-48: Accept November 2019 minutes for filing and posting.**
Motion CM Mortenson second CM Coons
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
2. Bill Review of Non-Reoccurring items-**Resolution 2019-49: Approve**

November 2019 bills for payment.

Motion CM Coons second CM Paterson

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

3. Highway Superintendent Comments: above #3
4. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer: Read and Filed
5. Clerk Report: Read and Filed
6. Assessor Comments: Renewal Exemptions have been sent out, due back March 1
7. Historian Comments: Town Historian Dolores Weaver informed the board that she was retiring as Town Historian. The board invited her back for the January meeting to express their appreciation.
8. Supervisors report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MONTHLY BUSINESS

Motion to adjourn Councilman Coons Second Councilman Galm

OLD BUSINESS ARCHIVE 2019

1. Church Road issues.
2. Town Files project: basement files cleaned up, stored safely and digitized
3. Review of town capital repair needs -2019-roof/painting.
4. Official town Map- Progress Update
5. Historic Sign repair
6. Community Food Pantry proposal
7. New Town signs- design and purchase plan 2019-continued.
8. Purchase of Solar speed sign
9. Get sprinkler proposal for Town Highway Garage
10. Taking over County Landfill monitoring/mowing etc
11. Real Id/Workplace Harrassment/Violence
12. COE Website FAQ - Website and Communications 2020
13. Building Maintenance - Cleaning update – budget and role