

**AGENDA  
 FEBRUARY 15, 2022 IN PERSON MEETING 6:30pm  
 TOWN BOARD MEETING**

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

	PRESENT	ABSENT	ZOOM
Supervisor John C. Reilly	x		
Council-member Nichole Martini	x		
Council-member Pat Odell	x		
Council-member Michael Moran	x		
Council-member Dan Quinn	x		

**MONTHLY THOUGHTS:**

You can design and create and build the most wonderful place in the world. But it takes people to make the dream a reality.

**Walt Disney**

Someone asked me, if I were stranded on a desert island what book would I bring... 'How to Build a Boat.'

**Steven Wright-Comedian**

**NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2021**

1. Review Cash Reserve 2021
2. Establish 2022 Reserves at February Meeting - Storm Emergency Conservation Area-Buildings-Highway Equipment  
**Resolution 2022-7: The Town Board has established the following amounts in cash reserves:**  
 Motion CM Martini Second CM Moran  
 Vote 5 Yes 0 No  
 Highway Equipment - 500k  
 Capital Buildings - 700k

Storm Emergency - 25k  
Conservation Area- 25k  
Comprehensive Plan - 25k  
Unappropriated fund balance - 53,272

3. **Resolution 2022-8**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COLUMBIA COUNTY RESOLUTION 244-2021  
AGAINST HATE**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Gallatin supports the Columbia County Resolution 244-2021 Against Hate

**WHEREAS**, recently as a nation we have witnessed an increase in violence based upon a person's religion, race, gender identities, sexual orientation, nationalities, economic status, and political affiliations; and

**WHEREAS**, similar actions and displays of hatred and discrimination Have transpired in recent times within our local communities;

**THEREFORE, BEIT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Gallatin does hereby on the behalf of the Town of Gallatin residents affirm Columbia County's aforementioned resolution that violence of any kind is unacceptable, and does further condemn any act of aggression, hostility or violence based upon race, religion, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, age, economic status, or political affiliation against any member of our community or visitor to our Town.

Motion Councilmember Odell  
Second Councilmember Quinn  
Vote 5 Yes 0 No

4. Town Hall Update and Planning: Budget, Bonding and \$250,000 Grant timing. Community fund-raising idea.  
The Town can not fundraise directly. Any fundraising for the Town Hall/Community Room would have to go through a not for profit such as the Gallatin Residents Association.  
Councilmember Moran will investigate if there is interest in the Court Building by the State Police,  
Discussing on bonding a portion of the costs of the renovation.  
**Resolution 2022-9:** The Town Board resolved to have the supervisor explore and report on the legal and financial costs of a bond in the amount of \$500,000 for the construction of a community room at the Town hall. The Supervisor to report back at the March meeting on engagement of Bond counsel and the source of Bond financing  
Motion CM Moran second CM Odell.  
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
5. Update on Court Building: Clerks budgets and furnace/gas repairs  
Court furnace regulator on underground propane tank needs replacement- Spring repair.  
Resignation of Court Clerk Gwen Greene, the Justices will share one Court Clerk at approximately 21 hr/week salary of \$22,000/yr. Salary to be revisited at the end of the year.

6. Appoint a New Planning Board Member for term ending 2022  
**Resolution 2022-10:** The Town Board appoints Fraser Paterson to Planning Board for the completion of the open term until 12.31.2022.  
 Motion CM Odell second CM Moran  
 Vote 5 Yes 0 No
7. The Comprehensive Plan survey is almost complete. It will be sent to the Town Board for review.
8. Councilmember Martini continued the discussion of costs, placement, and qualifications for commemorative flags for Town Veterans.
9. CAC members reported on;  
 Production of an online newsletter,  
 Hosting public events for community engagement  
 Hosting a community workday at the conservation area on Earth Day April 23-24  
 Discussion of a date for the Town wide roadside clean up.
10. Considering the conduct complains in Ancram, the board discussed if there was a need for a Committee on Civil Behavior. The Town does not have an Ethics Board to review complaints, the County Ethics Board is used if necessary.  
 Discussion if there needs to be an email that can be used where an employee can register a complaint.

#### **REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS**

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#### **MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION**

1. Review of January 2021 Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution 2022-11 Approve January 2022 Meeting Minutes and posting of any completed Committee minutes.**  
**Motion CW Odell second CM Moran**  
**Vote 5 Yes 0 No**
2. Bill Review of Non-Recurring items- **Resolution 2022-12 to approve January 2022 bills (done by digital abstract review) for payment.**  
**Motion CM Moran second CW Martini**  
**Vote 5 Yes 0 No**
3. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report- Read and filed
4. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer -Read and filed
5. Clerk Reports- Read and filed- Tax collection as of Jan 31, 78%
6. Assessor Comments-Exemptions due March 1
7. Supervisors report - update on County matters as applicable.

#### **REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON OLD BUSINESS**

**MEETING ADJOURNED BY RESOLUTION OF THE GALLATIN TOWN BOARD**