

Minutes
October 13, 2016
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	√		

MONTHLY THOUGHTS:

Balanced budget requirements seem more likely to produce accounting ingenuity than genuinely balanced budgets. Thomas Sowell

This is a small town, so everyone talks. Ironic, isn't it—so few people, so many opinions? — Katarina Bivald

NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2016

1. 6pm: Budget Workshop with town CPA Robert Patterson

2. Motion to Open Public hearing.
 Motion Paterson second Galm - Vote 5 Yes 0 No
 Supervisor Reilly reviewed the budget for the board and audience.
 The 2017 budget is within the 0.68% tax cap.
 \$32,000 should be added this year to savings for future highway repair.
 \$100,000 has been set aside for Town Building repairs and upgrades.
 \$225,000 for future Highway equipment.
 \$50,000 for storm emergencies.
 Reserves have been set for employee retirement contributions
 \$25,000 has been dedicated for the Town Conservancy Area,
 \$250,000-\$300,000 cash on hand in case of revenue shortfalls

Motion to Close Public Hearing
 Motion Mortenson second Coons - Vote 5 yes 0 No

Resolution 2016-58: The Town Board resolves to accept the proposed Budget for 2017 for certification by the Town Clerk.

Motion Mortenson second Coons

Councilman Paterson Yes

Councilman Galm Yes

Councilman Coons Yes

Councilman Mortenson Yes

Supervisor Reilly Yes

Vote Yes 5 No 0

3. Update on Policy and Procedures proposal-Supervisor Reilly will review the Paychex proposal a timetable will be set with Paychex.
4. Update on Gallatin Broadband Options-Phase II. Two to three providers are looking at Gallatin. Funding up to 80% of the capital cost may be provided through Broadband initiatives.
5. Solar Farm Stance- Code update- Present Zoning Law has no approval process or FCID definition for non-residential solar power. The Town does not have the ability to entertain a solar farm application at this time. The board requests the Town Attorney draft a Moratorium on energy applications that are outside of residential use, until the zoning code can be revised.
6. Presentation -Zoning code modification- Residential Sprinkler systems. Several residential sprinkler system installers presented information about residential fire sprinkler systems and costs.
7. Update on Planning Fees project-Councilman Paterson is in touch with the planning and zoning boards for their recommendations.
8. Review of Highway Road Improvements - Court House Lot. Clean Up Day.
9. **Resolution 2016-59** The Town Board Resolves to have the Supervisor sign the 2017 Chargeback Agreement.
Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Gallatin has determined that the County Treasurer shall charge back \$45,938 to the real property taxpayers of the Town responsible for such expenditure.
Copake Rescue Squad- \$13,375
Northern Dutchess EMS \$32,563.83
Motion Mortenson Second Paterson – Vote 5 Yes 0 No
10. **Resolution 2016-60** The Town Board Resolves to grant the Gallatin Town Court permission to apply for and submit a JCap grant application for filing/organization cabinets, a locking drive up mailbox and crowd control signage.
Motion Mortenson seconded by Galm - Vote 5 Yes 0 No

MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION

- 1. Review of September Minutes for Errors/Clarifications Resolution 2016-61: Accept September minutes for filing and posting.**
Motion Mortenson second Paterson Vote 5 Yes 0 No
- 2. Bill Review of Non-Reoccurring items- September 2016 Resolution 2016- 62: Approve September 2016 bills for payment.**
Motion Mortenson second Coons Vote 5 Yes 0 No
3. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report- Read and Filed
4. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer- Read and Filed
5. Clerk Report: Read and Filed. Board to audit Clerk/Tax Collector books at the Nov. meeting.
6. Assessor Comment's - Read.
7. Historian Comments

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MONTHLY BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS/BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSIONS

Councilman Galm reported the name change of Near Rd on the Taconic State Parkway will happen in 2017.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Motion Mortenson second Coons.