

**Minutes**  
**JULY 20, 2021 MEETING 6:30pm**  
**TOWN BOARD IN PERSON MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ 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 Michael Moran	x		
Council-member John Fraser Paterson	x		

**MONTHLY THOUGHTS:**

On an exhausted field, only weeds grow. Henry Sienkiewicz – Polish Novelist

**NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2021**

**3. Town Meeting Going Forward:**

We will look at tech as part of budget- County examples – many towns are in person only. Some are doing streams, no one else continuing interactive.

**4. Pandemic Funds:**

We activated a SAM account and are approved for funding of 170,000 half in July 2021 and half in July 2022,

**5. Comprehensive Plan Committee:**

Resolution 2021-33 Motion to appoint Councilwoman Martini as liaison to Comprehensive Plan review committee.

Motion Councilwoman Odell second Councilman Moran

Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 absent

Resolution 2021-34 Motion to appoint Councilman Paterson as liaison to the CAC  
Motion Councilman Moran Second Councilwoman Odell  
Vote 3 Yes 1 abstain 1 absent

- Review of interested members and next step or appointments. The board requested more time to review the candidates for the Comprehensive Review Committee and the ZBA. A special meeting will be called to appoint the new members.

6. **Town Committee and Board Reports:** Town Hall Renovation:

At a minimum extensive repairs and upgrades to the Town Hall are needed.

Additional office and file storage space

The schoolhouse will be repaired.

The Town Board will be the lead on the project.

Funds available \$250,000 Assembly Member grant funds

\$300,000 in reserves

\$170,000 in pandemic reimbursement funds.

Bonding can be considered the current rate is 1.5% for 10 years.

- The community sign-up effort with Solstice, could have helped us to qualify for a grant had we submitted a Scoping Document prior to the community outreach effort. We may still be able to qualify if we complete and submit the Scoping Document and get ten more households to sign up.
- .If we provide the last two years' worth of energy usage to Tara, she will help us enter it and train the Board's designee to enter the data ongoing. This too will help us qualify for additional grant dollars.
- We may be able to earn points for the rooftop solar that was installed at the Highway department, depending upon the date of installation.

7. **CAC Note:** In April of 2019, the Town Board resolved to form a Clean Energy Committee (CEC) to work with the CAC already in place, followed by discussions to combine the efforts of the CEC and CAC into one working committee, it is suggested that the CAC take on the task of identifying and implementing the most logical high impact activities for our town

8. Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act, permits the establishment of dispensaries for adult-use cannabis in Towns and Villages across the State. Towns can opt in or out or do nothing. In Gallatin this would come under the FCID process since there is no commercial or business district in Gallatin.

9. Resolution 2021-35 Granting the Gallatin Town Court permission to apply for and submit a J-Cap Grant application for up to \$30,000 to the Unified Court System for replacing the awning over the courthouse back door, replace all outside lighting with LED lights and line the parking lot.

Motion Councilmember Moran Second Councilmember Odell

Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 absent

### **MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION**

1. Review of Board and Committee Minutes for Errors/Clarifications Resolution 2021-36  
Approve June 2021 Meeting Minutes and posting of any completed Committee minutes.  
Motion Councilmember Moran second Councilmember Paterson  
Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 absent
2. Bill Review of Non-Recurring items- Resolution 2021-37 to approve June 2021 bills  
(done by digital abstract review) for payment.  
Motion Councilmember Odell Second Councilmember Paterson  
Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 absent
3. Financial Statement Monthly Review- Resolution 2021-38 to approve June 2021  
Financial Reports (done by digital review)  
Motion Councilmember Odell Second Councilmember Paterson  
Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 absent
4. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report- Read and Filed
5. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer – Read and Filed
6. Clerk Reports- Read and Filed
7. Assessor Comments-Read- As Inventory grows the tax burden is stretched out and the tax  
rate per thousand drops.

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

Town resident John Locke asked the board's advice on creating an artist residency program and studio rentable space on his property. The board advised Mr. Locke to go to the Planning Board for advice how to proceed. This would come under the FCID process.

**MEETING ADJOURNED BY RESOLUTION OF THE GALLATIN TOWN BOARD**  
**Motion Councilmember Odell second Councilmember Moran**