

Minutes
April 18, 2023 IN PERSON/HYBRID MEETING
6:00PM TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
6:30PM-TOWN BOARD MEETING

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

	PRESENT	ABSENT	ZOOM
Supervisor John C. Reilly	✓		
Council-member Jeff Jorve	✓		
Council-member Pat Odell	✓		
Council-member Michael Moran	✓		
Council-member Dan Quinn	✓		

MONTHLY THOUGHTS:

The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year.

Mark Twain

NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2023:

1. Continue Town Comp Plan Workshop and plan next steps
 The draft plan was sent to Columbia County Planning for review.
 The board requested a spreadsheet of the raw data with the numbers of responses to the survey questions.
 Public Hearing scheduled for Comprehensive Plan June 20.

2. Town Hall Project Monthly Update
 Discussion of floor plans, adding a new L shaped wing off of the Schoolhouse, renovating the existing buildings.
 A presentation of CPL’s recommendation of their best fully thought out plan at the May or June meeting.

3. Fire Commissioner representative Lisa Mortenson updated the board on the Gallatin Fire Commissioners preliminary research and process of reducing the fire district population by returning the Livingston, Ancram and Pine Plains Fire Districts back to their individual district towns. Since Milan and Taghkanic are fire companies they would remain with the Gallatin District for now.

This move would give Gallatin residents in the Livingston, Ancram and Pine Plains Fire Companies the opportunity to vote on the commissioners and budget directly and the end result would be differing fire taxes for Gallatin residents

4. **Resolution 2023-19 accept the resignation of Court Clerk Tracey Paterson and approve the appointment of Laurann Beliveau and Shaye Witkus as Court Clerks with a salary of \$12,500 yr. based on 12 hours @20/hr.**

Motion Councilmember Odell second Councilmember Moran

Vote 5 yes 0 no

5. **Resolution 2023-20 Purchase 2 Nuk's (Bee's) for the Conservation Area at a cost of \$230 each.**

Motion Councilmember Moran second Councilmember Jorve

Vote 5 yes 0 no

REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS

MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION

1. Review of March 2023 Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution 2023-21 Approve March 2023 Meeting Minutes and posting of any completed Committee minutes.**

Motion Councilmember Odell second Councilmember Moran

Vote 5 yes 0 no

2. Bill Review of Non-Recurring items - Resolution **2023-22 approves March 2023 bills (done by digital abstract review) for payment.**

General #56-73 \$13,065.07

Highway # 24-35 \$18,837.12

Motion Councilmember Quinn second Councilmember Moran

Vote 5 yes 0 no

3. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report **Resolution 2023-23 approves March 2023 Financial reports**

Motion Councilmember Quinn second Councilmember Moran

Vote 5 yes 0 no

4. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report-read

5. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer-read

6. Clerk Reports-read

7. Assessor Comments-the 2023 tentative assessment roll has been filed

8. Climate Smart Task Force Update - CAC Update. The building of the deer enclosure at the Conservation Area will be April 22, clean up day April 23.

- Preparation for SCST events at the Gallatin Transfer Station on May 6 and May 13 from 9 am to 1 pm. A draft email to Jolene Race at the Columbia County DPW is attached for review and approval to send regarding permission to use the Transfer Station. Members of the Gallatin, and possible Ancram SCST will be at the event to distribute information, answer questions, etc. regarding Clean Heating, Cooling and Energy Efficiency, Community Solar, and Electric Vehicle campaigns.
- A scoping document has been prepared for the relaunch of Gallatin's Community Solar Campaign. A copy of the scoping document is attached for your information. Once approved by NYSERDA, the CSCT will work with Solstice to market to both National Grid and Central Hudson customers in Gallatin. Once 10 residents have enrolled in Community Solar, Gallatin will be eligible for a \$5,000 grant
- The taskforce will be working on a scoping document to educate the benefits of electric vehicles, which will lead to opportunities for additional grants for our town.

Climate Adaption and Resiliency Plan (CARP) Report

- The Local Leadership, Outreach and Process Questionnaire was completed except for identifying a community stakeholder. All municipal stakeholders were identified, and emails were sent to each of them explaining their role in the process. After outreach to the community for volunteers to be community stakeholders, one person volunteered. As no others have been identified, we will move forward with that volunteer.
9. Supervisors report - update on County matters as applicable.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON OLD BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURNED BY RESOLUTION OF THE GALLATIN TOWN BOARD