

**Minutes**  
**February 18, 2025 IN PERSON/HYBRID 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 Jeff Jorve		xx	
Council-member Sara McGhee	x		
Council-member Michael Moran	x		
Council-member Dan Quinn	x		

**MONTHLY THOUGHTS:**

In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect. Trees can be contorted, bent in weird ways, and they're still beautiful.

Alice Walker-America Author

We must all obey the great law of change. It is the most powerful law of nature.

Edmund Burke

**NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2025:**

1. Ray Jurkowski-Columbia County Public Works Commissioner, updated the Board on the on the Rt 7 bridge project.  
 The timeframe for the County Rte. 7 road closure is approximately June 15-Oct 15.  
 Resolution 2025-6 Allow the Supervisor to sign resolution allowing the Town Hall Parking Lot to be used as access to Tinker Hill Rd.  
 Motion CM Moran Second CM McGhee  
 Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent

Update on Mill Hill Bridge replacement. Bid award in March 2025. A temporary bridge will be used while the steel deck bridge is replaced.

2. Public Hearing LL 2 2025 Fire fighters/ Ambulance workers exemption  
Open Public Hearing  
Motion CM Moran Second CM Quinn  
Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent

Close Public Hearing  
Motion CM McGhee Second CM Moran  
Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent

Resolution 2025-7 Local Law 1 2025. Local Law of the Town of Gallatin Providing Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466A &466L of the Real Property Tax Law.

Motion CM Moran Second CM Quinn  
Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent

3. Resolution 2025- 8 Resolution appointing Carol Smillie as Climate Smart Communities Coordinator for the Town of Gallatin  
Motion CM McGhee Second CM Moran  
Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent

4. Historian presentation- March Meeting

5. Final cash reserves review from 2024 - plan 2025  
With Dec bills paid and final sales tax check in and court revenue we will come out of 2024 with \$2.5 million.  
Capital Improvement reserves: to include possible bond payback - \$1.5 million.  
Highway Reserves: \$450k  
Cash: To include DASNY and retirement penalty here for now. \$750k

6. Review of CAC comments for inclusion in Zoning summary letter.  
CAC comments will be sent by Feb 28.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS**

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### **MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION**

1. Review of January 2025 Minutes for Errors/Clarifications Resolution 2025-9  
Approve January 2025 Meeting Minutes and posting of any completed Committee minutes.  
Motion CM Moran Second CM Quinn  
Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent

2. Bill Review of Non-Recurring items - Resolution 2025-10 - approves January 2025 bills for payment.

General        8-23    \$36,639.34

Highway       5-16    \$21,173.83

Motion CM Moran Second CM Quinn

Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent

3. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report Resolution 2025-11 approves January 2025 Financial reports.

Motion CM Moran Second CM Quinn

Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent

4. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report
5. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer
6. Clerk Reports
7. Assessor Comments- Final Equalization Rate 62% unchanged from 2024
8. Climate Smart Task Force Update - CAC Update- Amphibian Crossing date will be announced, weather dependent. Carole Smillie will continue to represent Gallatin on the [Columbia County Environmental Management Council](#)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON OLD BUSINESS**

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

**Motion CM Moran Second CM McGhee**