

Minutes
JANUARY 26, 2021 DIGITAL MEETING 6:30pm
TOWN BOARD MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ DIGITAL 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:

If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading. – Lao Tzu (ancient philosopher)

NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2021

1. Review Cash Reserve predictions from December 2020. 4th Quarter sales tax \$99,000
2. Approve Hourly Salaries
 - Working Highway Forman-\$22.50/hr
 - MEO 1-\$19.50
 - MEO 2-\$19.00
 - Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector \$15.00/hr
 - Board Secretaries- \$13,50/hr
 - Building Cleaning-\$25.00/hr.

Resolution 2021-1 – The Town Board approves hourly salaries.
 Motion CW Odell Second CM Moran
 Vote 5 Yes 0 No

3. Establish Reserves at February Meeting - Storm Emergency Conservation Area-Buildings-Highway Equipment. Attached
- 4 Adopt Resolution for Senior/Disability Exemption 2021-2

TOWN OF GALLATIN
RESOLUTION # 2021-2
REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, SENIOR CITIZEN & DISABLED
EXEMPTIONS DATE: 1.26.2021

At the regular monthly meeting of the Gallatin Town Board, duly called and held on the 26th day of January 26, 2021, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by:

Councilman Moran

Seconded by:

Councilwoman Odell

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW EXEMPTIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2020 (Part B, Subpart D) signed by Governor Cuomo on December 28, 2020, every governing body of an assessing unit and local assessor shall extend to the 2021 assessment roll, the renewal of the exemptions received on the 2020 assessment roll pursuant to sections 467 (senior citizen) and 459-c (limited income disability) of the real property tax law; and

WHEREAS, no renewal application shall be required of any eligible property owner who received either exemption on the 2020 assessment roll in order for such eligible property owner to continue receiving the exemption at the same amount received on the 2020 assessment roll unless the eligible property owner determines their income has changed in a manner that would grant them a greater exemption than was present on the 2020 assessment roll;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the foregoing, if the assessor has reason to believe that a potentially eligible property owner has since (after the 3/1/2020 taxable status date and prior to the 3/1/2021 taxable status date) changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed, sold the property, or is now deceased, the assessor may require a renewal application in his/her sole discretion.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Gallatin hereby authorizes the exemptions referenced above (senior citizen & limited income disability) for the 2021 assessment roll without submission of a renewal application unless otherwise required by the assessor.

Upon the question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted “Aye” or “Nay” for said Resolution:

Roll Call Vote:

The Resolution, having been approved by a majority vote of the Town Board, was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Gallatin, New York.

Dated: January 26, 2021



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5. Pick a Mission - Board Member and Town Goals 2021 -Updates as needed

The board discussed their goals for 2021. Supervisor Reilly discussed wanting more Town wide in person gatherings. He is donating his salary back to help pay for a gathering. 2 Supervisor Reilly also want to concentrate on plans to make repairs on the Town Hall and make it more usable to serve the Town.

Councilman Moran also wants to work on Town Hall improvements, Comprehensive Plan revisions, the Conservation Area and a Welcome Packet to new residents.

Councilwoman Odell would like to work on better communication and reaching residents that do not have internet and a Welcome Packet.

Councilman Paterson wants to continue working on the Conservation Area, trails and signage.

Councilwoman Martini also wants to support town wide Communication and programs to honor Town Veterans.

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. REORG Board and Committee List- Posted on Website

Resolution 2021-3 The Town Board Resolves to accept the 2021 Appointments.

Motion CM Moran Second CM Paterson

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

Resolution 2021-4 Councilman Moran will draft a step-by-step process on procedure to appoint non-elected board and committee members, to be presented at the February 2021 meeting.

Motion CW Odell second CM Paterson

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

Resolution 2021-5 The Town Board Resolves that Notice will be given to all Board and Committee members in November that all mandated training must be completed by Dec 31 or they will not be reappointed.

Motion Supervisor Reilly second CM Moran

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

Zoning Board Member Tom Garrick will be given until Feb 1 to complete the State Mandated Harassment Training.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS (Email/Zoom Comment)

MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION

1. Review of December 2020 Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution 2021-6 Approve December 2020 Meeting Minutes and posting of any completed Committee minutes.**
Motion CM Moran second CW Martini
Vote 5 Yes 0 No

2. Bill Review of Non-Recurring items- **Resolution 2021-7 to approve December 2020 bills (done by digital abstract review) for payment.**
Motion CM Moran second CW Martini
Vote 5 Yes 0 No

3. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report
4. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer
5. Clerk Reports
6. Assessor Comments
7. Supervisors report - update on County matters as applicable.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON OLD BUSINESS (Email/Zoom/Live Comment)

MEETING ADJOURNED BY RESOLUTION OF THE GALLATIN TOWN BOARD