

Minutes
March 25, 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	x		
Council-member Sara McGhee	x		
Council-member Michael Moran	x		
Council-member Dan Quinn		x	

MONTHLY THOUGHTS:

If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.

Wayne Dyer

NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2025:

1. 2025-12 Resolution to appointment Madelin Dafoe as new Court Clerk to replace Laurann Beliveau.
Motion CM Moran second CM McGhee
Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent
2. Historian presentation.

Town Historian Louisa Ruby discussed the future of the Gallatin Reformed Church, which was designated a National Historic Site in 2021.

The congregation reached out to Louisa to explore options for the Church and Church Hall once they cease functioning as a religious institution.

Supervisor Reilly noted that the Town would be responsible for maintaining the cemetery. However, he clarified that the Town could not assume ownership of the Church building while it remains in religious use. He suggested transferring ownership of the buildings to a nonprofit organization and pursuing private funding and grant opportunities for their preservation.

3. Discussion on Town Hall repairs.

The board discussed the possibility of dividing the building rehabilitation into smaller, individual projects.

Councilmember Jorve expressed concern that handling the project piecemeal with multiple contractors might reduce accountability and lead to inefficiencies.

Councilmember Moran suggested that both interior and exterior upgrades could provide long-term benefits for the town.

The board also discussed forming a strategy to implement either a staged or comprehensive rehabilitation approach.

4. Short-Term Rental Registration and Expected Tax Revenue

With the March 25 deadline for registration of short-term rental (STR) properties in Gallatin, the Town Board anticipates receiving tax revenue from The County. Granicus, the firm contracted by the County to administer the STR's, has estimated that there are between 60 and 70 STRs in Gallatin. The resulting revenue will be distributed in the same manner as sales tax.

5. Solar Project -Depending on the rehab of the Town Hall the NYSERDA grant funds will be used for ground or a roof mount system.

6. Gallatin Fire District

Supervisor Reilly attended a recent meeting of the Gallatin Fire District Commissioners. He reported that the GFD is exploring the possibility of dissolution due to ongoing difficulties in recruiting commissioners and the need for them to serve on their respective boards.

The Town Board discussed how such a dissolution could impact individual tax rates.

There was also discussion about the possibility of recruiting Town residents to serve as commissioners to help continue the district.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS

MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION

1. Review of February 2025 Minutes for Errors/Clarifications Resolution
2025-13 Approve February 2025 Meeting Minutes and posting of any completed Committee minutes.
Motion CM Moran second CM McGhee
Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent
2. Bill Review of Non-Recurring items - Resolution 2025-14 approves February 2025 bills for payment.

General	24-38	\$8,208.85
Highway	17-30	\$32,680.57

Motion CM Moran second CM McGhee
Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent
3. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report Resolution 2025-15 approves February 2025 Financial reports.

Motion CM Moran second CM McGhee
Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent
4. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report
5. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer
6. Clerk Reports
7. Assessor Comments
8. Climate Smart Task Force Update - CAC Update- April 26th CAC presentation on NRI at the Taghkanic State Park
9. Meeting date change to April 22, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OLD BUSINESS

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