

**MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 14, 2019  
TOWN BOARD MEETING 6:30pm**

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

	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
Supervisor John C. Reilly	√		
Council-member Donald Coons	√		
Council-member Jeffery Galm	√		
Council-member Eric Mortenson	√		
Council-member John Fraser Paterson	√		

**MONTHLY THOUGHT:**

Every election matters. Anyone that tells you otherwise doesn't understand politics. That said, not every election sends sweeping messages that are easy to discern, but every election provides lessons worth learning. – Chuck Todd (American Journalist).

Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people. - Harry Emerson Fosdick (Colgate chancellor/preacher)

Regardless of who wins, an election should be a time for optimism and fresh approaches. -Gary Johnson (Politician)

**NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2019**

1. Clean Energy- waiting for grant contracts to develop plan. Contracts should be back in January. Details of the project should start taking shape in the next 3-4 months.
2. Continued Discussion on Gallatin new TownHall / Community Center. Sketch plans/road/demo/Budgets/solar/green.
3. Discussion: The intent is to build the Town Hall/Community Center with grants, private donations and member funds from our representatives, not to raise taxes. The Town would be taking advantage of a 26 acre natural resource. If a new facility is not built funds would be needed for extensive repairs on the existing Town Hall.

Resolution 2019:43- The Board resolves to form a committee to explore the

options for a new Town Hall/Community Center at the Conservation Area, appointing Michael Moran to Chair the Committee.

Motion by Councilman Mortenson seconded by Councilman Coons

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

4. Final Scheduling of Comp Plan and Zoning Revision for 2020- Grant Finalized.  
Resolution 2019:44 Comprehensive Plan Committee Member Larry Brody was named Committee Coordinator. The first meeting will be December 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Motion Councilman Mortenson second Supervisor Reilly  
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
5. Road Improvements 2019 Final Report - Jack Gomm -2019 Chips reimbursement submitted. Jack discussed the purchase of a 105hp tractor with implements to replace the old 80hp cost approximately, \$170,000  
Discussion: there is just under \$250,000, in reserves for equipment.  
The next large equipment purchase of a plow truck is expected to be in 2024.  
The discussion of the purchase of the tractor was tabled until the December meeting.
6. Plan December Meeting.
7. Review COE process- Website FAQ. A Q and A on the building permit and inspection procedure will be put on the website for residents to further understand the process.  
Discussion of the barn collapse on Green Acres Road. FOIL requests from insurance companies have been answered.
8. Building Maintenance – Cleaning.
9. County Real ID and work harassment presentations/training. The County will be contacted to present a session on the procedure for the Real ID drivers license and workplace harassment training for town employees.
10. Taking over County Landfill monitoring/mowing/conservation area, etc. The Town is considering taking over the monitoring of the Landfill from the County. The cost is approximately \$2,500 per year.  
The bees have been prepared for winter, Councilman Paterson extracted the honey, he will put it in small jars to have available to the residents.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS**

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## **MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION**

1. Review of October 2019 Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution 2019-45:**  
Accept October 2019 minutes for filing and posting.  
Motion Councilman Mortenson second Councilman Galm  
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
2. Bill Review of Non-Reoccurring items-**Resolution 2019-46:** Approve October 2019 bills for payment.  
Motion Councilman Mortenson second Councilman Galm  
Vote 5 Yes 0 No
3. Highway Superintendent Comments:Read and Filed
4. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer :Read and Filed
5. Clerk Report:Read and Filed
6. Assessor Comments
7. Historian Comments
8. Supervisors report: RFP for Town Attorney

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MONTHLY BUSINESS**

Motion to Adjourn Councilman Mortenson second Councilman

## **OLD BUSINESS ARCHIVE 2019**

1. Church Road issues.
2. Town Files project: basement files cleaned up, stored safely and digitized
3. Review of town capital repair needs -2019-roof/painting.
4. Official town Map- Progress Update
5. Historic Sign repair
6. Community Food Pantry proposal
7. New Town signs- design and purchase plan 2019-continued.
8. Purchase of Solar speed sign-Jack Gomm will look into the purchase/check with Ancram to see which units they purchased.
9. Get sprinkler proposal for Town Highway Garage