

**MINUTES  
 JANUARY 14, 2016  
 RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
 GENERAL MEETING 6:30 PM**

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

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

**MONTHLY THOUGHTS:**

I prefer winter, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape — the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it, the whole story doesn't show. ~Andrew Wyeth.

To shorten winter, borrow some money due in spring. ~W.J. Vogel

Executive Session –Contractual discussion with Council.

Motion Mortenson second Galm

Re enter Regular Meeting Motion Mortenson second Coons.

**3. SPECIAL TOPIC: 2016 APPOINTMENTS**

1. **Resolution 2016-1** The Town Board resolves to approve the 2016 Town wide appointments as listed on the attached appointment list in its entirety (Highway Sup't voted on separately)

MOTION Paterson second Galm

**VOTE** YES 5 NO 0

Motion by Paterson second Galm - Reappoint Highway Superintendent for 2 year term.

Vote YES 3—NO 2

Paterson-Yes

Galm-Yes

Reilly- Yes

Mortenson-No

Coons-No

Discussion on pay scale for new court clerk Jay Gieseler. Due to short notice of the appointment pay scale for the new appointment will be discussed at a special meeting on January 21, 7pm

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON APPOINTMENTS AND REORGANIZATION**

### **NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2016**

1. Insurance Renewal- recommend renewal with current carrier.

**Resolution 2016-2-** Resolution to renew insurance providers - Fingar Insurance and NYMIR. Appraisal forthcoming

**VOTE** YES 5 NO 0

2. Presentation by DEC Representative on stocking Gallatin waterways. Guest is Dennis Wischman of the DEC.

Presentation and discussion on the Public Fishing Rights and Cooperative Agreement on public fishing. Mr. Wischman discussed the programs for the public to gain access to the Roe Jan for fishing only. The board will consider a Cooperative Agreement to provide stream access in the Conservation area instead of a permanent easement.

3. Presentation on Website progress by Simon Locke. Further discussion on transitioning to the new website. The board discussed the potential advertising on the site, Town Attorney Warren Replansky will be contacted for his opinion. The board also discussed controls on public comment on the site to prevent abuse. Simon said all comments and content of the site would be reviewed and approved by the Town.

The social media website IMBY requested the Town Board look at the site that was created for Gallatin. They will attend the special meeting Jan 21.

4. Review of Court House Parking Lot proposal. The board reviewed Highway Superintendent Gomm's suggestions. The Town Engineer will be asked for a recommendation on the alignment of the parking lot. The work will be done by the highway dept. this spring/summer.

5. 2015 Review and 2016 Goals

The Town Hall driveway closure was discussed. The board was polled on how to go forward.

- Coons- Reopen with signage for no left turn.
- Mortenson-- Reopen with signage for no left turn
- Paterson-Remain closed
- Galm-- Reopen with signage for no left turn
- Reilly-Close

The board instructed Highway Sup't Gomm to reopen the driveway after this winter and install signage for no left turn.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS**

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**MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION**

1. Review of November Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution 2016-3: Accept December minutes for filing and posting.**

**Motion Mortenson second Paterson**

**VOTE** YES   5   NO   0  

2. Bill Review of Non-Reoccurring items- November 2015 **Resolution 2016-4: Approve December 2015/January 2016 bills for payment.**

**Motion Mortenson second Coons**

**VOTE** YES   5   NO   0  

3. Supervisors Review of County Items: Committee appointments for Supervisor Reilly: Finance and Chair of Economic Development.

4. Clerk Report: Filed

5. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer: Filed

6. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report: Filed.

7. Assessor Comment's : Filed

8. Court Actions/Comments

9. Historian Comments :Filed

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MONTHLY BUSINESS**

### **OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION**

1. Hoffer Road: Escrow amounts to be set by Town Engineer and Attorney.
2. Emergency radio Update
3. Generator Update

Discussion on the basic needs of the Highway Garage for the generator vs a generator to power the entire building. The recommendation from the Town Engineer and Highway Sup't was to size the generator to power the entire building. Councilman Mortenson commented he had also requested a quote for the basic needs generator. The quotes received were for the entire building. The board was polled on what they wanted in a quote before accepting a bid. Mortenson –Abstain for not having information on the smaller generator Paterson- Quote should be on basic needs also Galm-Whole building generator Coons –Whole building generator Reilly- Whole building generator. The board will review the quotes on the whole building generator.

Resolution 2016-5 to purchase a 30 W generator with a 5 year warranty from B & K Electric for \$14,766.25

Motion Galm second Reilly

Vote: 3 Yes –2 No

Paterson-No

Coons-Yes

Mortenson-No

Reilly- Yes

Galm- Yes.

4. Conservation parcel update-Lou Galm

The parking area is before the gate which will remain closed.

The DEC has Wood Duck and Blue Bid nest boxes that can be installed.

### **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT Coons second Mortenson.**

**MINUTES  
JANUARY 21, 2016  
SPECIAL MEETING 7:00 pm**

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

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

Meeting called to order to continue discussion of newly appointed Court Clerk position and salary.

The 2016 A1110.1 salary line for the Justice Court is:  
 \$16,792- Justice (2)  
 \$16,146-Clerk  
 \$1,000-Stipend  
 \$2,500 Assistant

Councilman Mortenson spoke to Special Council David Dellehunt for clarification of the clerk position.

The Town Board could not remove a clerk- This was not the intention of the board- an additional clerk was added at the request of Judge Denenberg.

The Town Board can set salary.

The board will honor Judge Denenberg's request for a court clerk, court clerk Dora Schultz will remain clerk for both justices. Jay Gieseler will clerk for Judge Denenburg, until such time as Judge Schultz gives his recommendation.

The court staff will meet with special council Dellehunt to go over court procedures and technology.

Councilman Paterson recommendation \$16,146 + \$ 2,500 additional for training

for clerk Dora Schultz. \$4286.0 for clerk Jay Geisler  
Councilman Mortenson and Coons- \$17,146 for Dora - \$4286.50 for Jay

Resolution 2016-6 to set salary for Dora Schultz \$16,146 + \$1,000 stipend =  
\$17,146

Jay Geisler \$4036 + \$250 = \$4286 and add do a budget adjustment to A1110.1  
budget line of \$1,900.

Approval of \$ 500 for Jay to attend the Association of Towns clerk training in  
New York City.

Motion Mortenson second Paterson

Vote 5 Yes 0 No

Presentation by IMBY-Enid Fetterman.

IMBY is a social media site that reposts articles and information about the Towns  
in Columbia County.

During the presentation she questioned the town's decision to change websites to  
Townhub. The legality of the advertising composed was questioned.

The board reiterated that they would check with council before proceeding with  
any contract with Townhub.

Motion to adjourn Coons second Paterson.