

TOWN OF GALLATIN
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 12, 2012

- I. SUPERVISOR GARRICK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:00 PM.
- II. SUPERVISOR GARRICK, COUNCILMAN REILLY, COUNCILMAN GALM, COUNCILMAN COONS AND COUNCILMAN PATERSON WERE ALL PRESENT.
- III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

DISCUSSION WITH CHURCH RD. RESIDENTS

- SUPERVISOR GARRICK OPENED THE DISCUSSION WITH THE CHURCH RD RESIDENTS. HE EXPLAINED THAT CHURCH RD, A GALLATIN TOWN RD. IS A USER ROAD. THE ROAD IS ONE OF THE LAST DIRT ROADS MAINTAINED BY THE TOWN.
- HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDANT BILL COONS STATED THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE ROAD. THE NEEDED ROAD IMPROVEMENT IS A MULTI STEP PROCESS. FIRST DITCHES, CULVERTS AND DRAINAGE ARE IMPROVED, NEXT THE ROAD BED BASE IS GRAVELED AND FINALLY THE ROAD IS OIL AND STONED.
- THE RESIDENTS PRESENT THEN VOICED THEIR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS.
 - THE COSTS OF MAINTENANCE OF CHURCH RD WAS QUESTIONED
 - WHETHER THE RESIDENTS WILL BE COMPENSATED IF ANY OF THEIR LAND IS TAKEN TO WIDEN THE ROAD
 - WHY THE ROAD NEEDS TO BE WIDENED ON THE CURVE FOR SAFETY OF THE SNOW PLOW, WHEN IT HAS BEEN PLOWED FOR MANY YEARS WITHOUT INCIDENT.
 - THE BOARD WAS THANKED FOR OPENING UP THE DIALOG WITH THE RESIDENTS BUT MOST OF THE CHURCH RD RESIDENTS WANT TO MAINTAIN THE RURAL CHARACTER OF THE ROAD.
 - IN A SEVERE WINTER THE SNOW ON THE ROAD SIDES WOULD NARROW THE ROAD SO THAT EMERGENCY VEHICLES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PASS EACH OTHER.
 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS WOULD INCREASE VEHICLE SPEED
 - RURAL CHARACTER WAS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
 - THERE IS NO CENSUSES FROM THE RESIDENTS ON EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT FOR THE ROAD

COUNCILMAN REILLY WAS CONCERNED IF THERE WAS A LAWSUIT IT WOULD BE A LIABILITY TO THE TOWN TO HAVE JUST ONE UNPAVED ROAD.

.SUPERVISOR GARRICK STATED THAT ONE OPTION COULD BE TURNING THE ROAD BACK TO THE RESIDENTS. HE THANKED THE RESIDENTS FOR THEIR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS AND WOULD KEEP THE DIALOG OPEN ON THE MAINTENANCE ISSUES OF CHURCH RD.

- IV. REVIEW OF THE JUNE 2012 BILLS. SUPERVISOR GARRICK READ THE MONTHLY BILLS.
- V. SUPERVISOR GARRICK READ THE MINUTES. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GALM SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN PATERSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE JUNE 2012 MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED.

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- VI. SUPERVISORS FINANCIAL REPORT-ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN GALM SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COONS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE SUPERVISORS FINANCIAL REPORT WAS ACCEPTED, FINANCIAL REPORT ATTACHED.
- VII. THE TOWN CLERK REPORT WAS READ AND FILED.
- VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- A. OFFICE OF THE AGING- FOR INFORMATION ON APPLYING FOR FOOD STAMPS LYNN KUTSKI 518-828-9411 CAN BE CONTACTED BY PHONE TO START THE PROCESS.
- B. COLUMBIA COUNTY REPORT-SUPERVISOR GARRICK DISCUSSED THE FUTURE RENOVATIONS TO THE COLUMBIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE.
- C. PLANNING- A BALLOON TEST FOR THE PROPOSED CELL TOWER ON WILMER HILL WILL BE CONDUCTED, INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE TOWN WEBSITE. PLANNING BOARD REPORT ATTACHED
- D. ZONING- NO REPORT.
- E. HIGHWAY- READ AND FILED, ATTACHED.
- F. ZEO/BUILDING INSPECTOR-READ AND FILED, ATTACHED.
- G. ASSESSOR- ON GOING FILE MAINTENANCE FOR THE 2013 ROLL.
- H. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS-
1. WORK IS STARTING ON THE COURT ATTIC STAIRCASE.
 2. COUNCILMAN REILLY WILL DRAFTS A BUILDING USAGE POLICY.
- I. HISTORIAN- THE BOY SCOUT PROJECT FOR THE SNYDERVILLE CEMETERY HAS NOT STARTED, THE PROJECT IS WAITING ON APPROVAL FROM THE SCOUT COUNCIL.
- J. JUSTICE COURT-NO REPORT
- VIII. CORRESPONDENCE:
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: RESIDENT TERESA JOHNSTON REPORTED THAT THE GATE AT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY LANDFILL ON GALLATINVILLE RD HAS BEEN BROKEN, SUPERVISOR GARRICK WILL HAVE THE HIGHWAY DEPT REPAIR IT. RESIDENT LOU GALM INQUIRED ON WHEN THE COUNTY WILL TURN OVER THE LANDFILL LAND TO THE TOWN.

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- X. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN REILLY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GALM AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY THE BILLS WERE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS.

GENERAL VOUCHERS	142-162	\$ 7,397.12
HIGHWAY VOUCHERS	50-61	\$ 66,804.14

- XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DEAN KNOX- COLUMBIA COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPT WILL BE CONTACTED ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A TOWN WIDE SPEED LIMIT.
- XII. NEW BUSINESS- CONGRESSMAN GIBSON WILL HOST A BROADBAND MEETING AUGUST 14 AT COLUMBIA GREENE CC.
- XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT- NO
- XIV. ON A MOTION BY COUNCILMAN REILLY SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN COONS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:55PM.