

**AGENDA
 SPRING 2020 DIGITAL MEETING
 TOWN BOARD MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO FLAG- Stated by each Town Board Member
2. ROLL CALL

	REVIEW	COMMENT	
Supervisor John C. Reilly			
Council-member Nichole Martini			
Council-member Pat Odell			
Council-member Eric Mortenson			
Council-member John Fraser Paterson			

MONTHLY THOUGHTS:

There are more things ... likely to frighten us than there are to crush us - Seneca.

When written in Chinese, the word 'crisis' is composed of two characters. One represents danger and the other represents opportunity - John F. Kennedy

I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts -Abraham Lincoln

NEW BUSINESS SECTION 2020

1. Approve permanent hiring of Joseph Sassu (Highway) and Lonnie Vater (Court)
 Resolution 2020-10 to approve two Town permanent employees. YES___ NO___

2. Approve Budget adjustments from 2019 to account for additional sales tax revenue and transfer expense lines to balance inter-account shortfalls and over funding amounts. See attached sheet.

Resolution 2020-11 to approve 2019 budget adjustments YES ___ NO ___

3. The Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Committee will be delayed as the schedule is dependent on public hearings that encourage large public participation. The Grant will allow for a longer term schedule and the Planner’s contract can be reworked to allow for a longer term. The Supervisor proposes a suspension of the Committee meetings until June 1, 2020 and public hearings starting in August 2020 at the earliest.

Resolution 2020-12 to approve delay of Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Law update.

YES ___ NO ___

4. The Budget Officer recommends to the Town Board to reduce the Town surplus cash flow reserve from the prior \$250,000 level to \$200,000 for the year 2020 to account for sporadic revenue generation and the current use of the fund in the first quarter of 2020.

Resolution 2020-13 to approve decrease in unallocated cash reserve to minimum of \$200,000 from \$250,000.

YES ___ NO ___

5. The Budget Officer recommends to the Town Board to reduce the Town Capital Improvements Reserve by \$50,000 and the Highway Equipment Reserve by \$50,000 to establish a “Covid-19 2020 Emergency Reserve” to account for expected sales tax and court revenue shortfalls. The Highway Equipment Reserve would be replenished first, followed by the unallocated cash limit and then finally the Capital Improvements Reserve from any unexpected funding in 2020-2021. This Covid-19 Reserve Fund will sunset 12/31/2020 and the funds dispersed back together sources as detailed above unless extended by the Town Board.

Resolution 2020-14 to approve decreases in two reserves and establish a Covid-19 emergency reserve as detailed above.

YES ___ NO ___

6. The Supervisor proposes to disband the Town Community Center Committee feasibility committee for 2020 as the project is heavily reliant on state congressional commitments and private donations, the former of which is expected to be eliminated in the state budget amendments and the latter is not feasible for the near future. The Town Board thanks Chairman

Mike Moran and the committee for the valuable work to date gathering input from the Town on the project options and feasibility.

Resolution 2020-15 to disband the Town Community Center committee for 2020.

YES ___ NO ___

7. The Budget Officer recommends that the Town Board and Highway Superintendent set up a provisional Highway 284 plan for 2020 to account for any unanticipated shortfalls in revenue and CHIPS funding. As a contingency, the Highway Superintendent and Town Board agree to shift budgeted road repairs and improvements (toppings) to roads that can fit the criteria for one layer oil/chip toppings. The Highway Superintendent recommends review of Pond and Snyderville Roads which combined will equal 3.85+ miles of topping for 2020 which combined with the elimination of a short section of Sigler Road related to the 2020 improvements, will account for meeting the annual 4 mile goal of repair and topping.

Resolution 2020-16 to amend the Highway 284 Plan for 2020 for Covid-19 flexibility.

YES ___ NO ___

8. The Supervisor proposes to repurpose the Bank of Greene County \$750 Grant from site planning at the Conservation Parcel to a Town Hall permanent Food Pantry establishment in 2020-2021. The Grant will be used in planning a permanent pantry or, in the alternative, a historic artifact storage cabinet at the Town Hall.

Resolution 2020-17 to repurpose a grant as detailed above.

YES ___ NO ___

9. The Supervisor proposes that The Town Board finalize the use of the Smart Energy Communities Grant of \$30,000. The Committee formed to recommend the use of this grant stated as their first preference that a solar installation be installed to address Town energy needs. The Town Board initially resolved to place such an array on the existing Town Hall or the proposed Community Center. After review of the current Town Hall electric billings, they are not sufficiently high enough to justify a solar array and the Town Community Center project has been postponed. In order to meet pending grant deadlines, the Supervisor seeks Board approval to approve/execute a proposal from a family owned Gallatin based company, that can work during the lockdown, to propose a solar array at the Town Highway Garage. The Town received a proposal for approximately \$27,350 worth of installed solar panels that would cover the annual

energy costs of the Highway Garage which are estimated at \$4,200-\$5,000 annually. The proposal from Hudson Valley Wind and Solar would also include an additional \$4,250 NYSERDA grant to pay for the installer overhead and profit and the Town would reserve the \$2,650 grant surplus for any additional electric or roof work. The proposal is currently under review by NYSERDA-CEC (Clean Energy Communities).

Resolution 2020-18 to finalize the CEC grant to install a solar array on the Town Highway Garage as detailed above.

YES ___ NO ___

10. In light of the State mandated “Stay in Place” order extending until May 15, 2020, the Supervisor proposes to suspend the Planning Board, ZBA and other committee meetings until June 2020 unless there is an urgent matter the Committee Chair deems necessary to handle by digital meeting (ZOOM, Hangouts etc) or with safe distancing at Town Hall p[arkign lot with public present but safely distanced.

Resolution 2020-19 to adjust committee and board meetings as detailed above.

YES ___ NO ___

11. The Town Board recognizes that the Columbia Paper has decided to publish as a digital only paper and the Town Board resolves to temporarily name the Register Star as the only official Town paper for public notices if such are legally required to be placed in a paper still published in paper form. The resolution will sunset upon renewal of paper publication of the Columbia Paper.

Resolution 2020-20 to limit the Town paper to the Register Star for 2020.

YES ___ NO ___

12. Review of the Solstice-Gallatin Solar Farm Initiative for residents to join other existing solar farm communities and monies earned to be used towards a clean energy project in Gallatin.

YES ___ NO ___

REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS (BY EMAIL)

MONTHLY BUSINESS SECTION

1. Review of March- April 2020 Minutes for Errors/Clarifications **Resolution not needed as meetings cancelled. Any other Committee/Board minutes posted**
2. Bill Review of Non-Recurring items- **Resolution 2020-21 Approve April 2020 bills (done by digital abstract review) for payment.**
3. Highway Superintendent Comments/Report- to be added in paper form-
4. Comments of Code Enforcement Officer - to be added in paper form
5. Clerk Reports- To be added in paper form
6. Assessor Comments To be added in paper form
7. Supervisors report published as an introduction to the Town Board meeting on the Town website

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MEETING ADJOURNED BY RESOLUTION OF THE GALLATIN TOWN BOARD