

January 2, 2007 – Organizational Meeting

The Organizational Meeting for 2007 was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Zatz at the Gardiner Meeting Hall. Also present were Councilwomen Lemmon and Kern and Councilmen Katz and Bialecki. There were approximately 21± audience members.

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman Katz announced this evening that a \$100,000 grant was awarded to the Town of Gardiner from the State for the purchase and repair of the Gardiner portion of the Rail Trail. This allows Mr. Katz to continue with the purchase process and to move forward with a professional assessment of value on the land. Councilman Katz intends to put a group together to administer the grant.

HIGHWAY BID ACCEPTANCE

Superintendent of Highways Charles Haynes recommended to the Town Board the acceptance of all materials from Callanan Industries except Item 4 material, from Grosso Material all washed screenings and tailings, from TJ Trucking top soil and all hauling by TJ Trucking. He rejected the bids for sand from 209 Sand & Gravel and the salt from International Salt. Salt will be obtained from the State OGS bid. Board members accepted his recommendation on motion of Councilman Katz, seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

COMPENSATION FOR BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Resolution No. 1-- Offered by Councilwoman Kern

Resolved, pursuant to Section 523 of Real Property Tax Law, those persons serving as members of the Board of Assessment Review who attend 2007 Grievance Day procedures and subsequent deliberations shall be compensated at the rate of \$10.24 per hour to be paid by voucher.

Seconded by Councilman Katz and carried.

COMPENSATION FOR USE OF AUTOMOBILE

Resolution No. 2- Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law that public officials and employees authorized to use their privately-owned vehicles for official duties shall be reimbursed at the rate of 44.5¢ per mile for the use of their personal vehicles payable upon itemized voucher claim.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Resolution No. 3 -- Offered by Councilman Katz

Resolved, pursuant to Section 62 of Town Law, that Regular Meetings of the Town Board during 2007 shall be held on the first and second Tuesday of each month, except for the months of July and August when only one meeting will be held the second Tuesday and except for the month of November when the workshop meeting shall be scheduled for the first Thursday, and

Further Resolved, that these meetings shall be held at Gardiner Town Hall, Gardiner Firehouse #1 and/or the St. Charles Church Hall, and

Further Resolved, that Regular Meetings shall commence at 7:00 P.M., local time and Workshop Meetings may commence at 7:00 P.M. unless otherwise announced.

Seconded by Councilman Bialecki and carried.

2007 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Resolution No. 4 -- Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the following schedule of official Holidays for town officers and departments is hereby adopted:

Martin Luther King Day, Mon., Jan. 15
President's Day Obs., Mon., Feb. 19
Good Friday, Fri., Apr. 6 or as otherwise chosen as a floating holiday
Memorial Day Obs., Mon., May 28
Independence Day, Weds., July 4
Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 3
Yom Kippur, Fri., Sept. 21
Columbus Day, Obs., Mon., Oct. 8
Election Day, Tues., Nov. 6
Veterans Day, Obs., Mon., Nov. 12
Thanksgiving Day, Thurs., Fri., Nov. 22, 23
Christmas Day, Tues., Dec. 25
New Year's Day, Tues, Jan. 1, 2008
Seconded by Councilman Katz and carried.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY

Resolution No. 5 -- Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Section 64 of Town Law, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner hereby designates to the following banking institutions as official depositories for the Town in accordance with the Investment Policy and other approved agreements:

Key Bank of N.Y.
Key Trust Company
Federal Reserve Bank of N.Y.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO FILE REPORT TO STATE COMPTROLLER IN LIEU OF ANNUAL REPORT

Resolution No. 6 -- Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Section 29 of Town Law, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor in lieu of filing an Annual Report as required under Section 29 (10) to file a copy of the Report to the State Comptroller with the Town Clerk as required after the close of the fiscal year, and

Further Resolved, the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish a notice of said report in the official newspaper.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK -- Jean Savago

Resolution No. 7-- Offered by Councilwoman Lemmon

Resolved, pursuant to Section 30 of Town Law, the Town Board hereby concurs with the Town Clerk's appointment of a Deputy Town Clerk who shall serve without compensation and shall enjoy limited powers and duties with respect to issuance of licenses and permits and acceptance of fees and filings on behalf of the Town Clerk during normal business hours, and

Further Resolved, Jean Savago is hereby named Deputy Town Clerk.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK – Jewell Turner

Resolution No. 8 -- Offered by Councilwoman Kern

Resolved, pursuant to Section 30 of Town Law, the Town Board hereby concurs with the Town Clerk's appointment of Jewell Turner as Deputy Town Clerk to be compensated at the rate of \$15.17 per hour to be paid bi-weekly, and

Further Resolved, that the Deputy Town Clerk shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Clerk and shall enjoy limited powers and duties with respect to issuance of licenses and permits and acceptance of fees and filings on behalf of the Town Clerk during normal business hours.

Further Resolved, that Jewell Turner shall be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a full time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Katz and carried.

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO ENGAGE LEGAL COUNSEL

Resolution No. 9 -- Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to engage an Attorney for the Town on a contractual basis in matters of legal counsel and representation on a case by case basis with all claims for service to be paid by voucher and to serve at the pleasure of the Board, and

Further Resolved, that the following persons or firms are hereby authorized to represent the Town:

- Paul T. Kellar, Esq. of Kellar & Kellar, PC
- Kevin Young, Esq. of Young, Sommer, PC

Seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

AUTHORIZING PLANNING BOARD AND ZBA TO ENGAGE LEGAL COUNSEL

Resolution No. 10 -- Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the Town Board hereby consents and authorizes the Town Planning Board and Town Zoning Board of Appeals to engage an Attorney, to provide legal opinion and advice in matters pending before these Boards, with all claims for service to be itemized and paid by voucher, and

Further Resolved, that the following person or firms are hereby authorized in such matters to represent the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Paul T. Kellar, Esq. of Kellar & Kellar, PC
- Kevin Young, Esq. of Young, Sommer PC

Seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO ENGAGE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

Resolution No. 11 -- Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent are hereby authorized to engage a Professional Engineer for the Town on a contractual basis in matters of professional review of applications which come before the Board, and in matter of public works authorized by the Board, with all claims for services to be paid by itemized voucher,

Further Resolved, that the following person or firm is hereby authorized to represent the Town:

- John Tarolli, P.E.
- Morris Associates, Inc.
- David Clouser and Associates

Further Resolved, that the Town Planning Board, as part of the subdivision and site plan review authority is hereby authorized to engage a consulting engineer to be selected by the Planning Board, with the understanding that such technical review services will be reimbursed to the Town by the applicant, with claims subject to audit by the Town Board.

Seconded by Councilman Katz and carried. Councilwoman Kern voted nay.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR SEWER DISTRICT

Resolution No. 12 -- Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the firm of Morris Associates, Inc., Poughkeepsie, N.Y., be and hereby is designated as consulting engineer for the operation of the plant, routine testing and

laboratory services, and other professional services associated with the operation and maintenance of the sewer system, and

Further Resolved, that Morris Associates, Inc., is hereby designated licensed operator of the plant and;

Further Resolved, that said professional services shall be billed on an hourly basis to be submitted by voucher claim subject to approval by Supervisor and audit by the Board.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR – Donald Otis

Resolution No. 13 -- Offered by Councilwoman Kern

Resolved, pursuant to Section 138 of Town Law, that Donald Otis be and hereby is appointed part-time Town Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Gardiner to be compensated at the rate of \$18.96 per hour to be paid bi-weekly and said salary does not include allowance for use of his personal automobile for official business and mileage will be paid upon submission of a voucher on a monthly basis, and

Further Resolved, that the Town Building Inspector shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board pursuant to Town Law, and

Further Resolved, that Mr. Otis is appointed with the full knowledge and understanding that he shall be required to meet and maintain the qualifications prescribed by the Secretary of State.

Seconded by Councilman Katz and carried.

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR – Vincent Brognano

Resolution No. 14 -- Offered by Councilwoman Kern

Resolved, pursuant to Section 138 of Town Law, that Vincent Brognano be and hereby is appointed part-time Assistant Building Inspector of the Town of Gardiner to be compensated at a rate of \$ 14.13 per hour to be paid monthly and said salary does not include allowance for use of his personal automobile for official business and mileage will be paid upon submission of a voucher on a monthly basis, and

Further Resolved, that the Assistant Town Building Inspector shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board pursuant to Town Law, and

Further Resolved, that Mr. Brognano is appointed with the full knowledge and understanding that he shall be required to meet and maintain the qualifications prescribed by the Secretary of State.

Seconded by Councilman Bialecki and carried.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – Vincent Brognano

Resolution No. 15 -- Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Section 114 of the Agricultural & Markets Law and Chapter 80 of the Municipal Code, that Vincent Brognano be and hereby is appointed part-time Dog Control Officer of the Town of Gardiner, and shall be compensated at the rate of \$14.13 per hour to be paid by voucher, and to serve at the pleasure of this Board, and

Further Resolved, said Dog Control Officer shall be compensated for use of his personal vehicle at a mileage rate to be set by the Board.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

TOWN RECYCLING COORDINATOR – Merry McCall

Resolution No. 16 – Offered by Councilwoman Lemmon

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law and other statutes, that Merry McCall is hereby appointed to serve as Town Recycling Coordinator, and shall be compensated at the rate of \$ 12.11 per hour to be paid by voucher and to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Further Resolved, that Merry McCall shall be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a full-time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Katz and carried.

MUNICIPAL BOOKKEEPER – Darlene Halstead

Resolution No. 17 -- Offered by Councilman Katz

Resolved, pursuant to Section 29 of Town Law, the Town Board hereby authorizes and consents to the Supervisor's appointment of Darlene Halstead as Municipal Bookkeeper, a position allocated to the competitive class of the civil service, to receive a salary of \$18.86 per hour to be paid by voucher and to serve at the pleasure of the Supervisor.

Further Resolved, that Darlene Halstead has successfully fulfilled the requirements by passing the civil service exam and shall continue to be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a full-time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Bialecki and carried.

TOWN HISTORIAN - Carleton Mabee

Resolution No. 18 -- Offered by Councilwoman Kern

Resolved, that the Board concurs with the Town Supervisor's appointment of Carleton Mabee as Town Historian for the Town of Gardiner to serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the Supervisor.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR – Joseph Katz

Resolution No. 19 – Offered by Councilwoman Kern

Whereas, the Town Supervisor has appointed Joseph Katz as Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Gardiner pursuant to Section 42 of Town Law, and

Whereas, Town Law Section 42 states the Town Board may fix a compensation that the Deputy Supervisor shall receive,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Deputy Supervisor shall serve without compensation.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR- Greg Finger

Resolution No. 20 -- Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, that the Board concurs with the Town Supervisor's appointment of Greg Finger as Emergency Management Director for the Town of Gardiner to serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the Supervisor and;

Further Resolved, that mileage will be paid upon submission of a voucher on a monthly basis.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

SOLE APPOINTED ASSESSOR – Joy Mazzetti

Resolution No. 21 – Offered by Councilman Bialecki

The Town Board hereby authorizes and consents to the appointment of Joy Mazzetti as Sole Appointed Assessor, to receive an annual salary of \$ 36,400 to be paid monthly plus three weeks vacation per year and to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board.

Further Resolved, that Joy Mazzetti shall be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a full-time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND WAGES (GENERAL FUND)

Resolution No. 22 -- Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the following named persons are employed in the position indicated to be compensated at the annual salary or hourly wage rate indicated for the year 2007, subject to the extent of funds appropriated for said services in the Annual Budget, Town General Fund, according to the following schedule:

<u>Dept/Position</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Salary/Wage</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Pay Period</u>
P/T Planning Sec/ P/T ZBA Secretary Registrar of Vital Statistics	Margarete Wagner	\$14.33/hr	Voucher	Monthly
Assessor Fieldworker	Michelle Mosher	Fee Basis	Voucher	Monthly
P/T Tax Collector's Clerk	Maureen Gallagher	\$13.00/hr	Voucher	Bi-Weekly
P/T Justice Court Clerk - Sr. Clerk	Vivian McCord	\$13.55/hr	Voucher	Monthly
Jr. Clerk	Jean Savago	\$15.63/hr	Voucher	Monthly
Confidential Secretary	Katrina Ogno	\$13.69/hr	Voucher	Monthly
P/T Building Custodian	Laura Bendell	\$ 13.00/hr	Voucher	Bi-Weekly
P/T Building Custodian	Harry Domer	\$10.50/hr	Voucher	Monthly
P/T Park Custodian	Barbara Kobelt	\$12.39/hr	Voucher	Monthly
P/T Bldg. Dept. Sec.	Barbara Kobelt	\$12.39/hr	Voucher	Monthly
P/T Dep. Town Clerk	Jewell Turner	\$15.17/hr		Bi-Weekly
Highway Dept. Clerk	Jewell Turner	\$15.17/hr		Bi-Weekly
	Elsia Hill	\$14.48/hr		Bi-Weekly

Further Resolved, the part-time employees listed above are not eligible for health insurance benefits unless specifically authorized by the Town Board.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

CLERK – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (General Fund) – Elsia Hill

Resolution No. 23 -- Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, that Elsia Hill is hereby appointed clerk of the Highway Department, to be compensated at the rate of \$14.48 per hour to be paid bi-weekly.

Further resolved, that Elsia Hill shall be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a full time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Katz and carried.

CLERK - BUILDING DEPARTMENT (General Fund) – Jewell Turner

Resolution No. 24 -- Offered by Councilwoman Kern

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, that Jewell Turner is hereby appointed clerk of the Building Department, to be compensated at the rate of \$15.17 per hour to be paid bi-weekly.

Further resolved, that Jewell Turner shall be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a full time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

ASSESSOR FIELDWORKER – Maureen Gallagher

Resolution No. 25 – Offered by Councilman Bialecki

The Town Board hereby authorizes and consents to the appointment of Maureen Gallagher as Assessor Fieldworker, to receive a salary of \$13.00 per hour to be paid by voucher and to serve at the pleasure of the Assessor.

Further Resolved, that Maureen Gallagher shall be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a full-time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Katz and carried.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW CLERK - Raffaella Benson

Resolution No. 26 – Offered by Councilman Katz

Resolved, pursuant to Section 523 of Real Property Tax Law, that Raffaella Benson be and hereby is appointed as Clerk of the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Gardiner to receive a rate of \$12.41 per hour to be paid by voucher, and further resolved, that she shall serve at the pleasure of this Board pursuant to Town law and other statutes.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

EMPLOYEES SALARIES AND WAGES (HIGHWAY FUND)

Resolution No. 27 -- Offered by Councilwoman Lemmon

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the following positions are hereby established, to be compensated at the hourly rate to be paid bi-weekly indicated for the year 2007, Town Highway Fund, according to the following schedule:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Salary/Wage</u>	<u>O.T.</u>
Working Supervisor	Thomas Powers	\$18.46/hr	\$27.69/hr
HMEO	Wayne Otis	\$16.72/hr	\$25.08/hr
HMEO	Brian Stiscia	\$16.72/hr	\$25.08/hr
HMEO	Daniel Keegan	\$16.72/hr	\$25.08/hr
HMEO	Ronald Welz	\$16.72/hr	\$25.08/hr
HMEO	Mathew Aube	\$16.72/hr	\$25.08/hr
HMEO	Terry DePiero	\$16.72/hr	\$25.08/hr
HMEO	Adam Monteleone	\$16.72/hr	\$25.08/hr
P/T Seasonal	David LaMark	\$14.50/hr	\$21.75/hr

Further Resolved, that those persons regularly employed on a full-time basis (40 hours per week) shall be entitled to health insurance benefits.

Seconded by Councilman Katz and carried.

EMPLOYEES SALARIES AND WAGES (PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND)

Resolution No. 28 -- Offered by Councilwoman Lemmon

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the following named persons are employed in the position indicated to be compensated at the annual salary or hourly wage rate indicated for the year 2007, Public Library Fund, according to the following schedule:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Salary/Wage</u>	<u>Pay Period</u>
Library Director	Margaret Lotvin	\$37,054/Annual	Monthly
Library Assistant	Ken Green	\$19.24/hr Voucher	Monthly
P/T Info Systems Tech	Karen Vassell	\$13.50/hr Voucher	Monthly
P/T Library Clerk	Melissa Fairweather	\$ 12.00/hr Voucher	Monthly
P/T Library Clerk	Kate Prescott	\$10.00/hr Voucher	Monthly
P/T Library Clerk	Inez Seward	\$20.00/hr Voucher	Monthly

Further Resolved, the Library Director shall be entitled to health insurance benefits in addition to salary above.

Seconded by Councilman Katz and carried.

SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Resolution No. 29 - Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the annual salaries for elected Town Officials of the Town of Gardiner in the year 2007 are hereby set as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary/Wage</u>	<u>Pay Period</u>
Town Supervisor	\$36,054	Monthly
Councilman	\$ 5,737 each	Monthly
Town Justice	\$12,480 each	Monthly
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$42,000	Monthly
Superintendent of Highways	\$48,204	Bi-Weekly

Further Resolved, that each of the above elected town officials shall be paid monthly except for the Superintendent of Highways who shall be paid bi-weekly, and

Further Resolved, that the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Superintendent of Highways shall be entitled to certain health insurance and retirement benefits in addition to salary.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

MUTUAL AID - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 30 -- Offered by Councilman Katz

Resolved, the Town Highway Superintendent is authorized to make mutual aid agreements in accordance with the New York State Highway Law with surrounding Town and County Highway Departments, Fire Departments and Police Agencies.

Seconded by Councilman Bialecki and carried.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PETTY CASH FUND FOR TAX COLLECTOR

Resolution No. 31 – Offered by Councilwoman Kern

Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the establishment of a petty cash fund in the amount of \$100 for the purposes of making change during the tax collection season.

Seconded by Councilman Bialecki and carried.

RETURN CHECK CHARGE

Resolution No. 32 – Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Section 85 of the General Municipal Law that a \$20 charge be imposed on each check tendered and returned for insufficient funds.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

DEPOSITS IN INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS

Resolution No. 33 – Offered by Councilman Katz

Resolved, pursuant to Section 11, General Municipal Law, the town board authorizes the tax collector to deposit, as a temporary investment measure, all tax collections in an interest bearing account.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

AUTHORIZING BID OPENINGS

Resolution No. 34 – Offered by Councilman Katz

Resolved, pursuant to Section 103(2) of the General Municipal Law, the town board authorizes the Supervisor and/or the Town Clerk to open competitive bids on public works and purchase contract that are required to be advertised.

Seconded by Councilman Bialecki and carried.

CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING BOARD – Michael Boylan

Resolution No. 35 – Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Section 272 of Town Law, that Michael Boylan be and hereby is appointed as Chairman of the Planning Board of the Town of Gardiner who shall serve without compensation until the first day of January of the next year in accordance with Town Law.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

CHAIRMAN OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Michael Beck

Resolution No. 36 – Offered by Councilwoman Kern

Resolved, pursuant to Section 267 of Town Law, that Michael Beck be and hereby is appointed as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Gardiner who shall serve without compensation until the first day of January of the next year in accordance with Town Law.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Resolution No. 37 – Offered by Councilman Katz

Resolved, pursuant to Section 64 of Town Law, the Town Board hereby designates the Kingston Daily Freeman, Kingston, New York, as the official newspaper for the purpose of legal advertising.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

STANDARD WORK DAY

Resolution No. 38 - Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby establishes the following as standard workday for elected, appointed and hourly personnel for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Sole Assessor, five day work week, seven hour day; Superintendent of Highways five day work week, eight hour day; Council Members and Justices, five day work week, six hour day; Hourly & Salary Highway, five day work week, eight hour day; Library Director, Bookkeeper, Assessor Clerk, Assessor Fieldworker, Court Clerk, Building Inspector Secretary, Deputy Town Clerk, Building Inspector, Library Assistant, Supervisor's Confidential Secretary and Superintendent of Highway's Secretary, five day work week, seven hour day; Deputy Supervisor, Library Custodian, Court officer, Town Hall Custodian, Park Custodian, Planning Board Secretary, ZBA Secretary and Summer Recreation Employees, five day work week, six hour day.

Seconded by Councilman Katz and carried. Councilwoman Kern voted nay.

PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS COMPENSATION

Resolution No. 39 – Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, those persons serving as members of the Town of Gardiner Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, who attend monthly meetings, shall be compensated at a rate of \$45 per each meeting attended, paid by voucher.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

COURT OFFICER -- Frank Maier

Resolution No. 40 -- Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Section 20 of Town Law, that Frank Maier is hereby appointed as part-time Court Officer in the Town Justice Court, to be compensated at the rate of \$14.31 per hour to be paid by voucher, and

Further Resolved, that he shall serve at the pleasure of this Board pursuant to Town Law and other statutes.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY OF THE SUPERVISOR – Laura Bendell

Resolution No. 41 – Offered by Councilman Bialecki

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the Town Board hereby authorizes and consents to the Supervisor's appointment of Laura Bendell as Confidential Secretary to receive a salary of \$13.00 per hour and to be paid by voucher on a bi-weekly basis and to serve at the pleasure of the Supervisor.

Seconded by Councilman Katz and carried.

MOHONK PRESERVE/DOT PUBLIC COMMENT – CARRIAGE ROADS

A public comment time was scheduled for February 6, 2007 at 7:15 PM for the purpose of allowing the public to question and comment on the extension of the grant to Mohonk Preserve to renovate the carriage roads on the Preserve property. The Town has no legal or monetary obligation to Mohonk regarding this project. They are simply a Town sponsor in support of the project as required by the grant application.

GARDINER DAY COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

The Gardiner Day Committee is proposing constructing a community center in the John Moran Field adjacent to the Meeting Hall. The committee would facilitate the construction and convert the remaining field into a town green. Board members were asked to think about this for future discussion. Both Councilman Bialecki and Councilwoman Kern asked if the Town Park could be considered as a location.

PUBLIC HEARING REMINDERS

Two public hearing are scheduled on the January 9 agenda. The Senior Exemption Local Law and the Open Space Plan. Also scheduled for this meeting are the union contract discussion and the zoning revisions with Joel Russell.

TOWN HALL UPDATE

Supervisor Zatz announced that the Town is in the final stages of the building. A review of the budget this past week has shown that the project will go over the budget. Mr. Zatz read a memo to the Board about the background, history of the project, status of the construction, the Board's responsibility to the project and how the Town should proceed for future funding. Supervisor Zatz is suggesting that the Town establish a five year statutory bond in the amount of \$100,000 to \$125,000. Councilman Katz stated he was not surprised by the overage. It is impossible to building a commercial building of this size and renovate an existing building to the extent that it was renovated for \$855,000, a budget established in 2001. Councilman Bialecki would like the Supervisor to present the costs in a specific format- itemization. Supervisor Zatz stated he would do the best he can and thinks he may have it ready for next Tuesday. Board members discussed and agreed to authorize a bond not to exceed five years to cover the cost to finish the town offices, present a budget at next weeks' meeting with a final number for the bond and keep the work going. Authorization was given on motion of Councilman Katz, seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried. A second motion was made by Councilman Bialecki, seconded

by Councilwoman Kern to include in the Supervisors' presentation site work, outstanding unpaid debt, work completed to date and estimate the cost to complete the building to spec. Councilman Katz voted nay. Motion carries.

STATEMENT OF GOALS

Supervisor Zatz offered to each Board member the chance to state their goals for 2007.

Councilman Katz – He would like to complete the Rail Trail purchase and do all major improvements to the property. Mr. Katz would also like to see the construction of a Cell Tower, adopt the Open Space Plan and finish the zoning revisions.

Councilwoman Kern – She would like to see the construction begin on the Library. Ms Kern stated she regretted losing her temper at a meeting, but hopes that general integrity would not be attacked in the future. She is proud to serve with this Board.

Councilman Bialecki – He would like to see the hamlet further revitalized and is looking forward to the adoption of the Open Space Plan and the Zoning Revisions. Mr. Bialecki is inspired by all who volunteer on the Towns' various Boards and other volunteer organizations.

Councilwoman Lemmon – She would like to see the sidewalks constructed and an increase in parking in the hamlet. Ms Lemmon would also like to see more grants for the Town and bicycle access on Ulster County roads in the Town.

Supervisor Zatz – He would like to dedicate his time to community oriented efforts such as creating programs for the aging and disabled. Mr. Zatz would also like to create programs for our youth, expand on the Summer Recreation program and complete the Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Katz, seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk