

October 10, 2006 – Regular Meeting

The Town Board met in regular session this date at 6:45 PM at the Gardiner Meeting Hall. Supervisor Zatz presided with Councilmen Katz and Bialecki and Councilwoman Kern present. Councilwoman Lemmon was absent due to illness. Attorney David Brennan was also present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Supervisor Zatz, seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried, the Board entered executive session at 6:45 PM for the purposes of discussing a contract and union negotiations. Attorney David Brennan was present during this time.

LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:25 PM the Board left executive session on motion of Councilwoman Kern, seconded by Councilman Katz and carried.

REGULAR SESSION

Board member entered regular session at 7:30 PM. There were approximately 18± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 14 – Classics Under the Gunks at Kiernan Farm, Bruynswick Road from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. All proceeds will be donated to the Gardiner Library Building Fund. This event is sponsored by the Gardiner Association of Businesses.

October 14 – AARP Craft Fair at the St. Charles Church Hall from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

October 28 – Craft Fair and Luncheon at the Gardiner Reformed Church from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING AR-80 MORATORIUM EXTENSION

At 7:35 PM the Town Clerk read the legal notice for a local law to extend the AR-80 Moratorium for six months. Supervisor Zatz read the scope of the law and then opened the hearing to the audience for questions or comments.

Pam O'Dell – stated that the moratorium was not good for the Town. It blocks development and the legal use of property. She is opposed to the extension.

There were no other comments or questions. Board members agreed to keep the hearing opened until next month so they may review the Ulster County Planning Board recommendations.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW TO AMEND PART 1203 UNIFORM FIRE PROTECTION BUILDING & SAFETY CODE

New York State has amended the State law with reference to the above captioned law. They are requiring all towns to adopt these changes as a local law. They have provided each municipality with a sample. Building Inspector Don Otis and attorney David Brennan have tweaked the law to conform to the Town of Gardiner. Town Board members received the final draft earlier today in their mailboxes. A public hearing was scheduled for December 5, 2006 at 7:15 PM. The Town Clerk was instructed to send a copy to the Ulster County Planning Board and the Town of Gardiner Planning Board for their review.

MOHONK PRESERVE PARKING

The Town Board received a letter from Mohonk Preserve asking that the Town address the parking situation up by the lookout and along the Trapps area. The NYS Department of Transportation is reluctant to review the signage already in place which allows for 30 minute parking at the lookout and the State Police and Sheriff just don't have the time to issue parking tickets. They have requested of the Town Board to allow their park rangers to issue tickets on behalf of the Town. Hank Alacandri of Mohonk Preserve was present and stated that it is clear that those visiting Mohonk is a big part of the problem and the rangers are in a good position to do the parking enforcement. They are asking the

Town to deputize the rangers, although they are not looking for them to become employees of the Town or any reimbursement for their services. No decisions were made.

2007 BUDGET

Supervisor Zatz handed out a new budget with revised figures. The only changes made were to the salaries. A 4% increase was applied to all employee wages. Mr. Zatz reminded Board members of the scheduled budget meeting for Monday October 16.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

Earlier this evening Town Board members interviewed candidates for the opening on the Planning Board. They were Joseph Hayes, James Wild, John Friedle and Jennifer Murphy. A motion was made by Councilman Bialecki to appoint Joseph Hayes. A second was made by Councilwoman Kern. Supervisor Zatz and Councilman Katz voted nay. Motion fails. A second motion was made by Councilman Katz, seconded by Supervisor Zatz to appoint James Wild. Council members Bialecki and Kern voted nay. Motion fails. It was agreed that the Board would address this at the October 16 budget meeting.

ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Councilman Bialecki handed out the preliminary working draft for the use table in the AR-80 Zone. The committee is currently discussing density issues. Mr. Bialecki reviewed the proposed use table and explained what each district will represent.

FINANCIAL REPORTS REVIEW

Supervisor Zatz reviewed the reports received from bookkeeper Darlene Halstead, from trial balances to revenue detail reports to expenditure detail reports.

CLAIMS

Claims were approved for payment on motion of Councilwoman Kern, seconded by Councilman Katz and carried. They are listed on Abstract #10 as follows: General Fund voucher #662-720 \$34,176.71; Highway Fund voucher # 220-247 \$62,489.28; Sewer District #1 voucher #48-54 \$4,165.16; Gardiner Light District voucher #8 \$300.51; Library Fund voucher #87-99 \$2,417.10; Capital Town Hall voucher #31-50 \$52,662.95.

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Resolution No. 121 – Supplemental Appropriation in General Fund – Offered by Councilman Bialecki Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2006 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$80.00 in Acct No. 00.07.8160.465 Transfer Station Mowing, \$170.00 in Acct No. 00.01.1440.460 Professional Services, \$308.00 in Acct No. 00.01.1620.102 PS Labor Capital Town Hall, \$3,473.00 in Acct No. 00.05.6140.401 Home Relief and \$131.00 in Acct No. 00.01.1620.106 PS Buildings & Grounds. Further Resolved, said moneys to be taken from the unexpended balance in the General Fund. Seconded by Councilman Katz and carried.

Resolution No. 122 – Transfer within General Fund – Offered by Councilman Katz Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2006 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$1,554.00 from Acct No. 00.01.1220.401 Supervisor Secretary Confidential to Acct No. 00.01.1220.401 Supervisor Secretary. Seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

Resolution No. 123 – Supplemental Appropriation in General Fund – Offered by Councilwoman Kern Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2006 Annual Budget, General Fund, is hereby amended to provide for supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$178.00 in Acct No. 00.07.8030.465 Engineer Sidewalk.
Further Resolved, said moneys to be taken from the unexpended balance in the Hamlet #32 Fund.
Seconded by Councilman Katz and carried.

Resolution No. 124 – Transfer within Library Fund – Offered by Councilwoman Kern Resolved, pursuant to Section 112, Town Law, the 2006 Annual Budget, Library Fund, is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of \$752.85 from Acct No. 19.06.7410.410 Library Acquisitions Books to Acct No. 17.06.7410.201 Library System Tech.
Seconded by Councilman Bialecki and carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Tony Osborne – Status of the meeting in executive session with respect to the cell tower. Supervisor Zatz stated that the Board directed the attorney to review what options the Town may have at this point.
Pam O’Dell – Status of the Library building with the fire department. Supervisor Zatz stated that no word has come from either the Library or the fire department.

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