

A regular Meeting of the Town Board of Guilderland was held at the Town Hall, Route 20 McCormick's Corners, Guilderland, NY, on the above date at 7:30 pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call by Anna Russo, Deputy Town Clerk, showed the following to be present:

- Councilman Forte
- Councilwoman Slavick
- Councilman Pastore
- Councilman Maikels
- Supervisor Runion

**ALSO PRESENT:** Richard Sherwood, Town Attorney

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Supervisor Runion welcomed everyone to the evening's meeting and asked for a motion accepting the minutes of the October 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 Town Board meeting.

**MOTION #199** Councilman Forte moved to **ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 TOWN BOARD MEETING.** Councilman Maikels seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

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| Councilman Forte     | Aye |
| Councilwoman Slavick | Aye |
| Councilman Pastore   | Aye |
| Councilman Maikels   | Aye |
| Supervisor Runion    | Aye |

Supervisor Runion mentioned a consumer alert sent by the Governor's Office that an email, offering, for a fee, to help people apply for the STAR program. This is a deceptive email and there is no need to pay for help.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – NO PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**7:30 PM – 2014 TOWN BUDGET**

**Deputy Town Clerk, Anna Russo, read the legal notice.**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing has been scheduled for November 7th, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the Guilderland Town Hall, Rte.20 Guilderland, N.Y. for the purpose of presenting the preliminary 2014 budget for the Town of Guilderland.

A copy of the budget is available for inspection by any interested person at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM. to 4:30 PM

DATED: October 1, 2013

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GUILDERLAND

ROSEMARY CENTI, RMC  
TOWN CLERK

Supervisor Runion stated that the Town Board has summary sheets for the budget. Total budget for the various water extensions, our Section Eight Grant Program, all of the town wide funds, Highway funds is a total of thirty two million, one hundred and eighty nine thousand, eight hundred and ninety three dollars. (\$32,189,893.00)

As far as the tax rate goes, the general tax rate fund is dropping from .25 per thousand dollars of assessed evaluation, to .24 per thousand dollars of assessed evaluation. That is a 4% decrease in the tax rate.

He also stated that the Highway Fund is remaining the same as last year which is \$1.00 per thousand dollars of assessed evaluation.

He stated that there had been a lot of discussion regarding the NYS mandate for retirement. He further stated that he had received new projections from the State regarding the Town's contributions. Since 2011 the retirement contribution has been increasing at the rate of about 111% per year, which has been difficult for the Town to keep up with.

The Town was looking at a \$400,000.00 increase in retirement contributions for 2014; however, the Town has received a revised projection of approximately \$300,000.00 for retirement contribution.

The Town is passing that benefit savings along to the tax payer by reducing the line from .09 per thousand of assessed evaluation to .06 per thousand of assessed evaluation.

He further stated that in 2013 the Town had used approximately \$200,000.00 in the appropriated fund balance towards the taxes to be levied. Last year, the Town saw the fund balance increase by approximately two million dollars.

He stated that as a result, the Town, as a part of the 2014 Budget, would be passing this savings of approximately \$200,000.00 in appropriated fund balance to the tax payer.

He stated that the Town fund balances were substantial and that retuning a portion of that fund balance along to the taxpayer is the prudent thing to do in this economy.

The one other change made today was to change a few things in the Attorney Line and to reorganize some of the duties as a result of the election of a third Town Judge.

There will be a total of two attorneys and a reorganization of duties.

**MOTION #200** Councilwoman Slavick moved to **CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014 TOWN BUDGET**. Councilman Maikels seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**MOTION #201** Councilman Maikels moved to **ADOPT THE 2014 TOWN BUDGET AS SUBMITTED**. Councilman Forte seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye

Supervisor Runion            Aye

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

Item #1 on the agenda concerned considering setting a public hearing on a request of Steve Halse to re-zone 6120 State Farm Road from R-15 (Residential 15) to MR (Multiple Residence). Supervisor Runion read the memo from Town Planner, Jan Weston. (P 83A)

The Town also received a recommendation from the Albany County Planning Board which stated that it deferred to local consideration.

**Tabled pending review by the Zoning Review Committee**

Item #2 on the agenda concerned Authorizing the Supervisor to sign a consent for the Town to accept a parcel of land to be forever wild in the Last Will and Testament of Doris Nunes Collins located on Gardner Road. It is a thirty acre parcel. Supervisor Runion stated that it was his understanding that in the Last Will and Testament the land was to be left to the Adirondack Research Center of NY but that they were no longer capable of accepting the property. A petition was being filed in the Surrogates Court to change the designation from the Research Center to the Town of Guilderland as the beneficiary of the property. The Town would maintain the property as forever wild as well.

Bruce Nelson stated that their property abutted this property and asked what could happen on the property.

Supervisor Runion stated that it would be left wild and there would not be any paved parking improvements. There may be trails, which would not be inconsistent of forever wild lands. Further discussion was held. Supervisor Runion asked Mr. Nelson if he had the documents, and he stated that he did.

**MOTION #202** Councilman Pastore moved to **AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A CONSENT FOR THE TOWN TO ACCEPT A PARCEL OF LAND TO BE FOREVER WILD IN THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DORIS NUNES COLLINS LOCATED ON GARDNER ROAD.** Councilwoman Slavick seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**MOTION #203** Councilwoman Slavick moved to **AWARD THE BIDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT.**

**ITEMS CONSISTED OF:**

**WWTP MEDIA FILTER REPLACEMENT TO J-SQUARED INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$419,500.00.**

**WWTP BLOWER REPLACEMENT TO TRINITY CONSTRUCTION INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,743.00.**

**BUS GARAGE REPLACEMENT GENERATOR TO KINSLEY POWER OF COLONIE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,425.00.**

**PUMP STATION CONTROL PANEL TO TROY INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,537.00.**

Councilman Maikels seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**All bids were awarded to low bidders. Budgeted items.**

**MOTION #204** Councilwoman Slavick moved to **AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A COLLECTOR'S WARRANT FOR THE GUILDERLAND WATER DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$547,605.21.** Councilman Maikels seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**MOTION #205** Councilman Pastore moved to **WAIVE THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE FOR 4056 CHAUCER PLACE DUE TO DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY FIRE.**

Councilman Maikels seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**MOTION #206** Councilman Pastore moved to **APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO AUCTION VARIOUS ITEMS ON THE WEB SITE.**

Councilwoman Slavick seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**MOTION #207** Councilwoman Slavick moved to **CANCEL THE NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 TOWN BOARD MEETING.** Councilman Maikels seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**MOTION #208** Councilwoman Slavick moved to **ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 TOWN BOARD MEETING at 8:23 PM.** Councilman Maikels seconded the motion and it was carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Forte	Aye
Councilwoman Slavick	Aye
Councilman Pastore	Aye
Councilman Maikels	Aye
Supervisor Runion	Aye

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Rosemary Centi, RMC  
Town Clerk**