

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 09, 2020

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 9th day of January, 2020 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	Philip Canterino	Councilmember
	Richard Florio	Councilmember
	George Lyons	Councilmember
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilmember

Also Present:	Richard Golden, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Addition: Item #1 Rename a Portion of Harriman Drive.

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

Brad Barnhorst voiced his opinion to reject renaming Harriman Drive.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. RENAME A PORTION OF HARRIMAN DRIVE TO LEGOLAND BLVD.

Supervisor Bloomfield received a letter from Hayley Coriaty, Community Relations, Sales & Marketing Coordinator for Legoland. She is requesting support from the Town of Goshen to rename 0.63 miles along Harriman Drive to LEGOLAND Boulevard. This will not affect all of Harriman Dr., meaning the neighbors and their addresses- Glen Arden, BOCES, Elant or Arcadia Hills residents. Harriman Dr. will be listed on the Route 17 Exit 125 highway road signage. She noted all of the benefits for Orange County in renaming a portion of this road. They are proposing a bill to New York State Senator Jen Metzger to approve the renaming of Harriman Dr., which is a state road.

Supervisor Bloomfield wrote a letter of support from the Town to Senator Jen Metzger and would like input from the Board Members.

Councilperson Lyons motioned for discussion to support. Councilperson Florio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilperson Lyons prefers not to act on this tonight. It came in late and he would like a chance to review the letter.

Councilperson Canterino agreed with Councilperson Lyons. He isn't sure if we should start naming roads after independent businesses. Once again it is not our call. It is a state road. He feels that the Town should have been contacted before other government entities.

Councilperson Lyons retracted his motion. Councilperson Florio retracted his motion.

In conclusion, this topic has been tabled for the next meeting.

2. DISCUSS AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2020 TO PROVIDE FOR ALTERNATE MEMBERS (MAX 2) TO THE TOWN OF GOSHEN PLANNING BOARD FOR PURPOSES OF VACATION AND DISABILITY RELIEF.

The purpose of this local law is to aid in achieving a quorum at Planning Board meetings in case members are ill, away on vacations, or have a conflict of interest requiring no participation in a review of a particular application before the Board. In such instances that a quorum cannot be achieved, official business cannot be conducted which will necessarily delay action on applications and may impede adherence to legally mandated deadlines.

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to hold a public hearing to discuss Introductory Local Law #1 of 2020 on February 13, 2020 at 7:30 pm, or as soon thereafter, at Goshen Town Hall, 41 Webster Avenue, Goshen, NY. Councilperson Canterino seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Philip Canterino	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Richard Florio	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Vote: Resolution passed by a vote of 5 to 0

3. INFORMATION: RECEIVED LETTER, DATED 1/6/2020, FROM THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES REGARDING A HEIGHTENED ALERT FOR POSSIBLE CYBER ATTACKS.

There is currently a heightened risk of cyber-attacks from hackers affiliated with the Iranian government. The Iranian government has vowed to retaliate against the United States for the death of Qassem Soleimani. While there are no specific, credible, reports of Iranian cyber-attacks, all regulated entities should be prepared to respond to any suspected cyber incidents.

4. INFORMATION: SENT LETTER TO STEVE NEUHAUS, O.C. EXECUTIVE, TO ENCOURAGE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASING ADJACENT LAND TO THE O.C. VETERANS CEMETERY FOR FUTURE EXPANSION.

A stated, for information only.

5. DISCUSS AND APPROVE A REQUEST BY POLICE CHIEF MCDOWELL TO HIRE RETIRED NEW YORK STATE POLICE SENIOR INVESTIGATOR JAMES POST AS A PART-TIME TOWN OF GOSHEN POLICE OFFICER.

Councilperson Canterino made the motion to approve a request by Police Chief James McDowell to hire James R. Post as a Part-Time Town Police Officer effective January 09, 2020, at the current prevailing wage. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Florio, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

6. INFORMATION: THE TOWN OF GOSHEN WAS SERVED A LAWSUIT: SHERYL EISNER VS. GOSHEN HUMANE SOCIETY, INC., TOWN OF GOSHEN AND TOWN OF GOSHEN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REGARDING INCIDENT AT 44 POLICE DRIVE, GOSHEN, NY.

This occurred on January 19, 2019 at 44 Police Drive- Highway parking lot. The plaintiff was getting out of her car and fell on a slippery surface, sustaining injuries.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. REPORT AND DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF THE NYS GRANT TO REPLACE THE TOWN HALL ROOF.

Councilperson Newbold spoke with representatives of Senator Jen Metzger, who seems to be moving slowly on the grant application. He will continue working to find a speedy solution for obtaining the funds.

**2. DISCUSS AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO GO OUT FOR BIDS FOR TWO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS:
(1) GOSHEN SENIOR CENTER ADA ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS CDBG FY-2018 AND
(2) GOSHEN TOWN HALL (WEBSTER AVENUE ENTRANCE) ADA ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS CDBG FY-2019.**

TOWN OF GOSHEN
Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOWN'S ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS FOR THE TOWN HALL (FY-2019) AND SENIOR CENTER (FY-2018) ADA ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Kenneth Newbold
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Philip Canterino
DATED: January 9, 2020

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen actively pursues grant opportunities for the betterment of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board sought funds under the Orange County Community Development Block Grant for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility improvements at Town Hall (FY-2019) and the Town Senior Center (FY-2018); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen has a contract with, and has received funding from, the County of Orange for this public improvement, the plans and specifications for which have been prepared.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Goshen authorizes the advertisement for bids in connection with the Town's Town Hall and Senior Center ADA Accessibility Improvements Projects to be published once in the Times Herald Record and the Independent Republican.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield AYE
Councilperson, Philip Canterino AYE
Councilperson, Richard Florio AYE

Councilperson, George Lyons AYE
Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold AYE

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

F. FINANCE:

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for 01-09-2020 in the amount of \$230,354.95. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Florio, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting of November 25, 2019 and Town Board meeting of December 12, 2019. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 3 AYES Bloomfield, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS
2 ABSTAIN Canterino, Florio

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Brad Barnhorst asked the current capacity of the Orange County Veterans Cemetery. Ans: we don't really know. The last estimate was 250 plots. More than originally predicted.

Councilperson Canterino noted that it was discussed at a Legislator meeting to expand the location. He doesn't know the outcome since he is no longer involved.

Secondly, he is against renaming Harriman Drive. He believes that renaming part of the road may confuse GPS users. He feels this is a bad precedent to rename a road to accommodate a business that doesn't need it.

Nick Gallo explained that Redwood Drive has four houses that border Legoland. The property behind the houses contains many dead trees. He said that in October a dead tree fell down on his neighbor's fence destroying part of it. It appears that more will eventually fall. He was promised by the Building Inspector that something will be done about the dead trees. As of this date, nothing has been done about the neighbor's fence and dead trees. Who is responsible for this? Ans: Legoland.- The Building Inspector will be contacted on this matter.

Councilperson Lyons noted the new two TV's in our meeting room are in place for applicants to show their plans, allowing for everyone to see.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to adjourn the meeting to enter into Attorney Client meeting with the intent not to return. Councilperson Florio seconded the motion. Motion carried. Time: 8:15PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk