

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION**  
**January 22, 2013**

**MINUTES**

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2013 at Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	Philip Canterino	Councilman
	George Lyons	Councilman
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
	Louis Cappella	Councilman

Also Present:	Dennis Caplicki	Town Attorney
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:30 p.m., and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. REVIEW A PROPOSED ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH THE GOSHEN HUMANE SOCIETY, TO INCLUDE DOG CONTROL SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME.**

Supervisor Bloomfield asked Attorney Caplicki to review the contract with the Board. Attorney Caplicki stated that what the Board has in front of them is a copy of the proposed agreement between the Town of Goshen and the Goshen Humane Society. He explained, that under this agreement, the Humane Society would not only be servicing the shelter, but would also be acting as the Town's Dog Control Officer. He stated that the cost would be twenty four thousand, four hundred dollars (\$24,400) per year. He said since the Board is receiving this tonight, he would suggest the Board take the time to review it, and make any changes they would like. He said then it could be voted on at Thursday's meeting.

(A copy of the entire agreement may be reviewed in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours).

Attorney Caplicki stated he would give a copy to the Humane Society's attorney to review. Supervisor Bloomfield stated he would deliver one to Rick Bosley. If everything is agreeable, it could be passed at Thursday's meeting. The Councilmen discussed the agreement, and Councilman Lyons questioned a section of Schedule A that stated the Humane Society reserves the right to reject, capture and transport any dog to be brought to it's shelter. Supervisor Bloomfield explained that in the case of dangerous dogs, sick dogs, etc. where it is not wise to take them to the shelter, it might be necessary to take them to a vet or make other decisions. He also stated that this is a no kill shelter.

Councilman Lyons also questioned B under #4 in Schedule A "Any veterinary expenses incurred by Humane Society as a direct or indirect result of the capture or delivery of any dog brought to the Humane Society by a member of GHS and/or law enforcement shall be paid directly to the Humane Society by the Town upon presentation of a valid invoice in such form as is acceptable to the Town."

Upon clarification by the Board to the Attorney, it was decided that this paragraph will be deleted from the agreement. The Humane Society will assume all of these expenses.

**2. DISCUSS EXCESSING THE DOG CONTROL VAN:** Supervisor Bloomfield reported it is being used by the Humane Society at this time as it is equipped with a cage, etc. Attorney Caplicki said upon signing of the agreement, the van can be abandoned to the Humane Society. There was a short discussion about the value of the van, or if it should be put out to bid. Supervisor Bloomfield said they would decide later.

**3. UPDATE INFORMATION/PLANNING REGARDING ASBESTOS REMOVAL FROM THE SALESIAN SCHOOL BUILDING:** Supervisor Bloomfield asked Councilman Lyons to report on this. Councilman Lyons reported he had asked for cost estimates from Quest, who agreed to send us some figures at no cost. He stated the Board had the estimates from Asbestos Corporation of America in their packets. He reviewed the following:

Scope of Work: The scope of work for this project is the removal and disposal of the following asbestos-containing materials:

Option No. 1: Removal and disposal of all asbestos-containing materials from the interior and exterior of Building, including demolition of entire structure and foundations. Price for Option No. 1 - \$1,242,000.00.

Option No. 2: Demolition of entire structure and foundation, including disposal as friable asbestos waste. Price for Option No. 2 - \$1,480,000.00.

The Board discussed at length the cost, and Councilman Lyons said he had asked for clarification from the Asbestos Corporation of America, and he presented the Board with the response he had received. The response explained in detail the work that would be done for each option. It also suggested other options. Councilman Lyons stated that he would ask Mr. Rodriguez, Director, Field & Technical Services, from Quality Environmental Solutions & Technologies, Inc. to gather some other cost estimates from additional contractors. He said this would give the Board a better idea of the cost involved, and we could begin the bid process if we choose to do so.

The Board continued to discuss the various methods and what work will be done in each. Councilman Lyons will continue to receive cost estimates, and will keep the Board informed.

**4. DISCUSS TOWN OF GOSHEN TOW POLICY:** Supervisor Bloomfield asked Attorney Caplicki to bring the Board up to date on this. Attorney Caplicki stated at this time the status is the same. Councilman Cappella referred to a letter the Board had received from Attorney Alan Lipman, representing three of the Towing Companies. He said under heavy duty towing, according to the letter, there is a question about what a heavy duty truck should be able to do. He asked Mr. Adamis if he had the equipment to do heavy duty. Mr. Adamis answered yes. Councilman Cappella asked if his truck was what New York State would accept? Mr. Adamis said his equipment can get the job done. Councilman Newbold referred to a section of the letter that "Indeed, I am advised that when Adamis shows up to respond to a "heavy Duty" Tow, Adamis calls in an out of town Tow company to handle the job." Mr. Adamis stated "that is not true". He stated that "this is done by owner's request." Attorney suggested the Clerk give Mr. Adamis a copy of Mr. Lipman's letter.

The Board discussed at length the various reasons for the tow lists, and how the Police Department asked for some kind of guidelines from the Board, as it was getting to be such a problem. The question of the three companies in question, Chet's Garage, Inc., Hambletonian Towing, Inc. and K-Team Towing & Recovery Inc. not being separate corporations, but having a connecting tie of some kind, and should be considered as one instead of three. Supervisor Bloomfield said the Board will continue working on this, and will address it again on Thursday.

**5. DISCUSS PURCHASING COMPUTER INSURANCE:** Councilman Lyons addressed the Board reporting that Greg Townsend, our insurance broker said they are now recommending covering computers for computer fraud. He explained that in 2008, New York State passed a law called the New York State Technology Law § 208. He said basically if you have information such as social security numbers, driving licenses, etc., and someone penetrates this, the information is leaked out. He said if this happens, you have to do various things to compensate these people. Councilman Lyons said the fee for this will be approximately \$ 2,900. The Board discussed some of the aspects of such insurance. Councilman Lyons will have the clerk copy the law for all the Board Members, that they can review the law, and better understand the need.

**6. AS INFORMATION: THE ORANGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, EDWARD DIANA, ANNOUNCED "SAVE A LIFE" GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>.**

Supervisor Bloomfield said he wanted to call attention to this program, which has been successful in many of the Towns and Villages. He said he told the County Executive that the Town of Goshen would support his efforts.

**7. FURTHER DISCUSS PENDING LOCAL LAW #1-2013 REGARDING POLICE DISCIPLINE:**

Attorney Caplicki reported the Local Law #1 that the Board has in front of them, is basically the format that the Town of Walkkill adopted, which was attacked, and upheld by the Court of Appeals. Attorney Caplicki said he felt it would be best to use the same format, rather than branch out in some different direction, that might be challenged. He went on to review the Law with the Board. (A complete copy of the law is available for the public's review in the Town Clerk's Office during regular working hours.) Supervisor Bloomfield said the Public Hearing is to be held on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**8. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUEST BY GOSHEN ROTARY CLUB TO HOST THE 2013 GREAT AMERICAN WEEKEND 5K AND 10K ROAD RACES ON JULY 6, 2013:** Supervisor Bloomfield explained the Board received the request from the Rotary, and it is the same as in prior years. Councilman Lyons made a Motion to approve the request from the Goshen Rotary Club to host the 2013 Great American Weekend road races, to be held on July 6, 2013. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business Councilman Canterino made a Motion to go into Executive Session, with intent not to return to discuss with Dennis Lindsay, P.E. summary for cost estimates for connecting Maplewood Village Subdivision water and sewer facilities with Hambletonian onsite systems, and P.D. personnel case update. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 8:35 p.m.

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Valma Eisma, Town Clerk

