

The chairperson of the Planning Board shall designate one or more of the Alternate Members appointed by the Town Board to substitute for a Regular Member on any application, matter, or period of time a Regular Member is absent or unable to participate on an application or matter before the Planning Board. When so designated, the Alternate Member shall possess all the powers of a Regular Member of the Planning Board, including, but not limited to the power to vote. Such designation shall be entered into the minutes of the initial Planning Board meeting at which the substitution is made.”

Attorney Golden summarized the role of the alternate member who can vote when there is a conflict of interest and vote whenever there is an absence. The alternate fully reviews all materials and participates in discussions just as a regular member. However they cannot vote unless they are sitting in place of the absent member.

Random comments:

Councilperson Canterino questioned the number of Planning Board members present for a quorum – does this validate the alternate position. Look at past records to see how many times there was not a quorum. It is unlikely four people would be out at the same time.

Residents inquired if there is not a quorum to reschedule the meeting, member absence limitations, Board membership requirements to include training of the alternate member. Reynell Andrews who was a past member on the Planning Board for many years never recalled a time when a quorum was not present.

Councilperson Canterino motioned to close the public hearing for Introductory Local Law #1 of 2020. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

Supervisor Bloomfield called for comments from the Board.

Councilperson Florio to clarify, we are actually hiring another person who is already in place.

Councilperson Canterino asked do you have quorum issues with other land boards. How is this different from the other land boards?

Supervisor Bloomfield said this alternate is for continuity of knowledge, knowing the step-by-step process.

Councilperson Lyons questioned the extent of voting rights of the alternate. The alternate is an additional cost, being member number 8. In the past, alternates *only* came in when there is a conflict of interest. However, it was hard for the alternate to catch-up on previous meetings.

Councilperson Newbold questioned voting privileges of a board member who has missed meetings and the alternate who has no voting privileges. Everyone gets paid for attending a meeting.

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to accept Local Law No. 1 of 2020 as stated. Supervisor Bloomfield seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 3 to 2.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS A RECAP OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN 2018 AUDIT CONDUCTED BY NUGENT & HAEUSSLER, P.C. PRESENTED BY CHRISTINE CAVALIERE, TOWN BUDGET OFFICER.

Christine Cavaliere summarized Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. audit report for the year ending December 31, 2018. Financial highlights reported: (1) *“The assets of the Town of Goshen exceeded its liabilities at the close of the calendar year 2018 by \$2,924,493 (net position) of this amount \$3,551,006 (restricted net position) must be used to meet the government’s ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors in specific areas such as Town Outside Village, Highway, Water and Sewer needs.*

(2) Revenue, as reflected in the governmental funds statement, is \$9,655,789. (3) The governmental expenditures are \$8,821,871. (4) As of the close of the current calendar year, the Town of Goshen's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$5,979,675. (5) At the end of the current calendar year, unassigned fund balance for the General funds was \$1,529,214 or 31% of the total General Fund expenditures. (6) The Town of Goshen's total bonds and notes payable debt decreased by \$190,000 (8.5%) during the current calendar year."

Opinioned in the document: "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the fiduciary fund of the Town of Goshen, as of December 31, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America." Mrs. Cavaliere stated "That's basically as good as it gets. It's a clear opinion. If there was any problems it would be a qualified opinion."

For more information, this document is available in the Clerk's office for review during normal business hours.

2. DISCUSS PROPOSED "PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT" AND CONTRACTS BETWEEN ORANGE COUNTY, THE GOSHEN CENTRAL SCHOOLS, TOWN OF GOSHEN, SOUTH GOSHEN SOLAR, LLC AND GLENMERE LAKE SOLAR, LLC AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION.

In summary: South Goshen Solar, LLC and Glenmere Lake Solar, LLC have a 15 year PILOT agreement. Details of the "Payment In Lieu Tax Agreement" for each project are available in the Clerk's office for review during normal business hours.

Councilperson Canterino made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the presented documents as negotiated between the County, Town and School District. Councilperson Lyons 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: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

3. INFORMATION: BIDS FOR DEMOLITION OF 6 LARCHWOOD DRIVE WILL BE OPENED ON MARCH 5TH AND CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED BY THE TOWN BOARD MARCH 12TH.

As stated, for information only.

4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE "LOW BID" SUGGESTED BY MUNICIPLE ENGINEER SEAN HOFFMAN FOR INSTALLATION ADA ACCESSIBLTY IMPROVEMENTS AT GOSHEN TOWN HALL AND THE GOSHEN SENIOR CENTER

Supervisor Bloomfield read the list of bidders with their total bid as follows: (1) Billman Ross & Associates, Inc. \$42,000.00 (2) Watt Construction \$66,000.00 and (3) Foremost Development \$76,900.00.

In a letter to the Town Board, Town Engineer Sean Hoffman, P.E. wrote: "Summary-In conclusion, we believe you received competitive proposals, the low bidder, Billman Ross, has the capability to perform the work, and if Attorney Golden advises the bid documents are legally sufficient and funds are available, an award may be made to the low bidder."

Councilperson Kenneth Newbold made the motion to accept the low bid of \$42,000.00 and award it to Billman Ross & Associates, Inc. of Middletown, NY. Councilperson George Lyons 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: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. BEGIN DISCUSSION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF A PROJECT TO REPLACE THE ARCADIA HILLS WATER STORAGE TANK. THE FIRST PLANNING MEETING WAS HELD JANUARY 31ST WITH THE SUPERVISOR, PHILIP CANTERINO (CO-CHAIR WATER/SEWER), BRODERICK KNOELL, JOE KLOPCHIN AND SEAN HOFFMAN IN ATTENDANCE. SEAN IS REQUESTING EXPENDITURE, NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000, TO CONDUCT TWO SOIL BORING/ANALYSIS AT THE LOCATION WHERE THE NEW TANK WILL BE LOCATED.**

Councilperson Canterino made the motion to authorize Sean Hoffman, P.E., to conduct two soil boring/analysis at the location where the new tank will be at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion.

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: Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

- 2. SET A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON THE VARANO SOLAR PROJECT APPLICATION TO BE ATTENDED BY THE TOWN BOARD, TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS BOARD FOR 7:30 P.M. ON MARCH 5TH AT TOWN HALL, 41 WEBSTER AVE.**

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to set a joint public hearing on the Varano Solar project with the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals on March 5th at 7:30PM at the Town Hall, 41 Webster Ave. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

- 3. INFORMATION: ORANGE COUNTY IS NOW ACCEPTING ELECTRONICS FOR RECYCLING AT THE ORANGE COUNTY LANDFILLS (NEW HAMPTON, NEWBURGH AND PORT JERVIS). ALL ITEMS ARE COST FREE EXCEPT A \$20.00 CHARGE FOR TELEVISIONS.**

As stated, for information only.

- 4. REVIEW AND APPROVE A "MOBILITY DEVICE AND PERSONAL HYGIENE POLICY" FOR THE TOWNS OF GOSHEN/CHESTER DIAL-A-BUS.**

Councilperson Canterino stated that a set of rules and regulations are being implemented for safety/technical issues. This is to keep the passengers safe, the driver safe and for mobility device safety. For more information, this Policy is available in the Clerk's office for review during normal business hours.

Councilperson Canterino made the motion to adopt the "Mobility Device and Personal Hygiene Policy". Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

- 5. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS BRODERICK KNOELL TO PUBLICLY SELL/AUCTION A 2003 NEW HOLLAND GRADER.**

In a memo sent by Highway Superintendent Broderick Knoell, stating that in 2005 the Town purchased a used road grader for various purposes. Since 2005 there has been a steep increase in traffic on our rural roads. This makes it more difficult to utilize the grader for ditching purposes due to the excessive length of the work zones required. He is recommending that the town publicly sell, or auction, the road grader and repurpose the proceeds towards equipment that can provide more productive services into the future.

Councilperson Canterino made the motion to approve the request from the Highway Superintendent to publicly sell / auction a 2003 New Holland Grader. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion.

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

G. FINANCE:

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P check runs as of 01/31/2020 amounting to \$209,280.67 and Accounts Payable check run for 2/13/2020 in the amount of \$2,382,848.42. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to approve the Town Board meeting minutes of 01/09/2020 and Town Board meeting minutes of 01/23/2020. Councilperson Florio seconded the motion.

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

Councilperson Newbold announced he has been working with Orange & Rockland's Instant Lighting Incentive Program to replace lighting in the Town Hall, which will reduce the lighting energy cost up to 90%. It would pay for itself in about 6 weeks.

I. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (in summary)

Susan Cleaver (1) complaint about Verizon tearing apart the roadway (2) asking for the test results from HydroEnvironmental Solutions, Inc. William. Canavan (3) Hambletonian Park sewer line completed, one line leaking sewer in the park. (4) Heritage sewer pipe leaking on Old Chester Rd. & pump station (5) need a license (from DEC) for the Heritage sewer plant operation – not on file - criteria not met, and (6) update for a hotel tax.

Debra Corr (1) revisit minutes from September 11, 2008 (2) Stop creation of water loop through all of Orange County (3) revisit PILOT programs – unaffordable to live here (4) need a Ward System in this Town (5) term limit of the Chairman of the Planning Board and (6) documents discussed at meetings to be on line for viewing.

Dan Nilsen (1) recorded speeders on Scotchtown Ave. past his home and (2) asking for a reduction of speed limit with camera for enforcement.

Sandra Rothenberg (1) the Case Cemetery (SBL 3-1-28) on Sarah Wells Trail is abandoned (2) Town Zoning Law, Chapter 97, Section 97-54 eludes to the Town's responsibility for the upkeep of this cemetery. (3) she is creating a group of volunteers to clean up this cemetery and (4) asking for help from the Town Highway Dept. when needed.

Nick Gallo (1) referenced water testing of the Otterkill & Black Meadow Creek in 2008 – where to find the results (2) apply for water/sewer grants (3) his water bill for the past quarter – billing period is shortened by 2 weeks (4) still paying \$80.00 for inflow – no improvement. (5) construction signs still up on Arcadia Rd. and (6) Town purchased 16 lots last year to take them off the market – what will be done with the lots – basketball park?

J. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Florio made the motion to adjourn the meeting to enter into Attorney Client meeting with the intent not to return. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Time: 9:45PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk