

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 26, 2015
M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 26th day of February, 2015 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	George Lyons	Councilman
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
Absent:	Philip Canterino	Councilman
	Louis Cappella	Councilman
Also Present:	John Swift	Special Counsel to Town Board
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:32 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

None at this time.

D. REPORTS:

Councilman Newbold: Thanked Broderick Knoell and the Highway Dept. for the excellent job of clearing the roads during/after the snow storms.

Councilman Lyons: Reported on the Joint Recreation Committee. The Zumba classes are continuing at the CJH Building on Tuesday's and Thursday's. The Creative writing course ended last Wednesday. The Chess program continues on Tuesday's through March 31 at the Senior Center. This program is free, open to all ages and levels of play. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 28th (11:00am) at the Salesian Park. Contact the JRC to register for this free event.

Supervisor Bloomfield: Met with the Village Mayor (Kyle Roddey) to discuss sharing of services and sharing equipment. Potentially the Village and Town would partner to determine the fate of the Salesian School building. He asked Councilman Cappella and Councilman Lyons to work with the Village on this. The Village would like our assistance to pursue a "Beautification" grant. He also commented on the receipt of the sewer bill from the Village for Arcadia Hills and Hambletonian Park. The bill for the service that the Village provides to the Town is significantly lower. This is a result of repairs

done in both of the water districts. The Town has rebuilt all of the manholes in Arcadia Hills. In Hambletonian Park line leaks have been repaired and manholes are being fixed.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION TO SETTLE JULIAN'S 4 LT CERTIORARI AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME

The following Resolution was discussed at a prior meeting. In summary; for the years listed in the Resolution (2009 – 2014) the original assessment was \$519,000 per year. The corrected assessment settlement is \$415,200 per year. An assessment reduction is in the amount of \$103,800 per year.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION**

Settling of Tax Certiorari Claim; JULIAN'S 4 LTD. v. TOWN OF GOSHEN, ET AL

SECTION 20 BLOCK 2 LOT 15

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman George Lyons

SECONDED BY: Councilman Kenneth Newbold

DATED: February 26, 2015

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York, held at Town Hall in said Town on the 26th day of February, 2015;

WHEREAS, claimant, JULIAN'S 4 LTD., having commenced tax certiorari proceedings against the Town of Goshen in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Orange for the 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 assessment years bearing Orange County index numbers 7124/09, 7364/2010, 6828/11, 5905/12, 5583/2013 and 5205/14; and

WHEREAS, it appears from the recommendations of Arnold Silver, Town Assessor, and Dennis Caplicki, Esq. and Robert M. Rametta, Esq., Counsel for the Town of Goshen in the aforesaid proceedings, and upon a thorough investigation of the claims, that any further proceedings and litigation by the Town would involve considerable expense with the attendant uncertainty of the outcome and that the settlement of the above matters, as more fully set forth below, is reasonable and in the best interests of the Town; and

WHEREAS, claimant, JULIAN'S 4 LTD., is willing to settle these proceedings without interest, costs or disbursements, in the following manner: As set forth in annexed Order and Judgment Reducing Assessments and Stipulation of Settlement;

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the proposed settlement as set forth and described above and as set forth in the annexed Order and Judgment Reducing Assessments and Stipulation of Settlement is hereby accepted pursuant to Section 68 of the Town Law and it is further;

RESOLVED, that the Assessor of the Town of Goshen; Robert M. Rametta, Esq. and Dennis Caplicki, Esq., Attorney for the Town of Goshen; and Douglas Bloomfield, Supervisor of the Town of Goshen be and are hereby authorized to take any and all steps and sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution;

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Philip Canterino	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilperson, Louis Cappella	<u>ABSENT</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 3 to 0.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE MOTION TO AMEND THE 2015 BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATION OF "A" FUND BALANCE TO THE INTERFUND TRANSFER EXPENSE LINE (A9950-200) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$318,750 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE PAYOFF OF THE HL (OPEN SPACE) – PDR SLESINSKI BAN**

The purchase BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) originated in 2009 at \$425,000 (Town's half). The principal payments were \$21,250 each year. Interest payments varied from \$7,267 to \$10,529 each year; the 2014 payment was \$7,267. The cost to convert the Ban into a serial bond in 2009 was \$9,500. Therefore, the decision was made to pay off the \$318,750 of the remaining principal early.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to amend the 2015 budget to include the appropriation of "A" Fund Balance to the interfund transfer expense line (A9950-200) in the amount of \$318,750 for the purpose of funding the payoff of the HL (Open Space) – PDR Slesinski BAN. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Philip Canterino	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilperson, Louis Cappella	<u>ABSENT</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 3 to 0.

- 2. DISCUSS AND APPROVE MOTION FOR REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE JOINT RECREATION COMMISSION FOR 3 YEAR TERMS: KATE SCHMIDT, MARIA CANTERINO AND PAUL HEPPEES**

Councilman Lyons made the motion for the reappoint to the Joint Recreation Commission for three year Terms: Kate Schmidt as of June 30, 2014, Maria Canterino as of September 30, 2014 and Paul Heppes as of November 30, 2014. Councilman Newbold seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 3 AYES Bloomfield, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS
2 ABSENT Canterino, Cappella

3. DISCUSS AND APPROVE MOTION TO ACCEPT PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER TOMMY WATSON'S RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE 02/27/2015.

Officer Watson has accepted a full-time supervisory position with the newly formed Orange County Drug Task Force.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to accept part-time Police Officer Tommy Watson's resignation effective February 27, 2015. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 3 AYES Bloomfield, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS
2 ABSENT Canterino, Cappella

4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE MOTION TO HIRE LUIS MORALES AS PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER AT \$24.90 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE 03/02/2015.

Officer Luis Morales will fill the vacancy of Officer Tommy Watson. Officer Morales is a retired NYS Police Investigator as of May 2013 after 27 years of service.

Councilman Lyons made the motion to hire Luis Morales as part-time Police Officer at \$24.90 per hour effective March 2, 2015. Councilman Newbold seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 3 AYES Bloomfield, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS
2 ABSENT Canterino, Cappella

5. INFORMATION: AMY'S KITCHEN HAS REQUESTED TO REVIEW UP-DATED PLANS FOR THEIR PROJECT IN GOSHEN. EITHER THE 03/09 OR 03/23 WORK SESSION WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE DISCUSSION.

In 2014, Amy's Kitchen business grew 20%. To meet the growing needs, Amy's Kitchen purchased the former Heinz plant located in Pocatello, Idaho. Senior representatives from Amy's have requested to meet with the Board either on 03/09 or 03/23.

G. FINANCE:

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for 02-26-2015 in the amount of \$406,452.58. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 3 AYES Bloomfield, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS
2 ABSENT Canterino, Cappella

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Geri Corey asked for clarification of the sewer billing. Supervisor Bloomfield answered: that NY Farms subdivision will contribute money to Hambletonian Park towards the water and sewer system. This amount

will be factored into the rates. Last year there was around a 10% reduction rate to the homeowners in both Arcadia Hills and Hambletonian Park as a result of the continuous improvements.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None at this time

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Lyons made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Newbold seconded the motion.
Motion carried. 8:10PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk