

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 27, 2020
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 27th day of February, 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:	Kelly Naughton, Esq.	Attorney
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:34 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was called in the passing (February 25, 2020) of Joseph R. Donovan.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Item #1 under Old Business is not ready for discussion.

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

Debra Corr (inaudible) referenced Item #1.

Susan Cleaver (inaudible) referenced Item #1.

D. REPORTS

Councilperson Canterino reported for the Highway Dept. In a meeting it was discussed to put a back-up-system for sewer in Hambletonian Park just in case a leak occurs. A test was run and a six inch pipe broke. It is hydrologically sealed and was repaired. Now they have both systems working. On another note, the Highway Dept. has an ample supply of salt & sand left over. We will have extra for next year. The new Dial-A-Bus rules & regulations have been implemented. Time will tell how effective they are. Everything is running well.

Councilperson Lyons as liaison to the Goshen Chamber of Commerce: reported from a meeting that County tourism is doing well, bringing in revenue high in numbers. Also discussed was revenue generated from film production in our area. Today's Times Herald Record had a full page on "Hudson Valley film production skyrockets". In addition, he reminded everyone the County transfer station is now accepting electronics. He announced Senator Jennifer Metzger will hold an open house tomorrow at her new office, located at 90 North Street, Middletown. The public is invited.

Councilperson Florio reported for the Joint Recreation Committee. Improvements are being made to the Little League field. Still working on the bathroom at Erie Street Park. Summer camp registration begins on April 1. The Spring Egg Hunt will be held April 4 at the Myron Urbanski Park. The event is free to children 12 years old and under.

Councilperson Newbold reported on a meeting with the Senior Citizen Commission. The rental fee is raised from \$200 to \$400. One of the reasons was inappropriate behavior (loud noises) reported to the Village Police. The St. Patrick's Day luncheon will be held on March 11th. The event will be catered by Catherine's. Advanced reservation with \$18.00 payment are required. Soon the ADA doors will be installed. We are looking to obtain a grant for painting inside the Senior Center. On another note, he attended the Orange County Community grant meeting last week. Everyone from HUD has retired or moved on. Therefore, there is total confusion with procedures for filing new grants. The Town will spend the grant money already received by the end of 2020. He has been working with Orange & Rockland's Instant Lighting Incentive Program to replace lighting in the Town Hall with LED energy saving lights, which will reduce the lighting energy cost up to 90%. He is also working to replace lighting in the Senior Center with LED lights. The Town Hall base-expense would be around \$900.00 and the Senior Center base-expense around \$92.00. It would pay for itself in about 6 weeks.

Supervisor Bloomfield reported on the Police Dept. Officers responded to a called in from a son concerned about not hearing from his Father in a couple of days. Police did a house check and took the ill Father to the hospital. Secondly, followed up on a resident complaint of speeders on Scotchtown Ave. – the Police Chief placed a speed check sign in front of the resident's home. Next, the speed check sign will be placed on Owens Road and then on Arcadia Hills Rd. A call came from a neighbor to check on an open door in the next house. Upon a thorough Police check it was determined the wind might of blown the door open. The Police contacted the owner, who was at work, of the situation.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP MONITORING PROGRAM, AND ASSOCIATED WATER SAMPLING, OF CERTAIN WATER BODIES IN THE TOWN AS RECOMMENDED BY WILLIAM A. CANAVAN, P.G., LSRP, OF HYDRO ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ TBA.**

This item is not ready for discussion.

- 2. DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO INSTALL A MISSION COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (RADIO VERSUS CURRENT LAND LINE TELEPHONE), A RADAR LEVEL SENSOR WITH FLOAT BACKUP AND A NEW CONTROL PANEL IN THE HAMBLETONIAN PARK SEWAGE PUMP STATION. THE TOTAL COST IS \$17,167.40. THIS WORK IS BEING DONE ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS TO CORRECT A PUMP "CONTROL FAILURE" AND TO PREVENT FUTURE SEWAGE OVERFLOW.**

Recently, the Hambletonian Park pump station failed. TAM was called in to vacuum the immediate area of the wet well and grounds. Repairs were made to the pump controller. The pump controller failure was reported to the NYS DEC. To prevent this from happening again, it was determined to install a Mission Communications system, radar level sensor with float backup and a new control panel. The Town would contact Orange & Rockland utilities regarding a new overhead electrical service.

Councilperson Canterino made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign necessary documentation to install a Mission Communications System, radar level sensor with float backup as stated on an emergency basis to correct a pump "control failure" not to exceed \$17,167.40. Councilperson Lyons 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.

3. **INFORMATION: PLEASE SEE A RECAP OF SIGNIFICANT WATER/SEWER CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOMPLISHMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOSHEN TOWN BOARDS (2006 - PRESENT) AND A NEW INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED WITH THE VILLAGE FOLLOWING ARBITRATION OF SEWER CHARGES (2008).**

Supervisor Bloomfield reviewed the "Town of Goshen Water & Sewer Infrastructure Strategic Planning Process." This document is available in the Clerk's office for review during normal business hours.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **THE TOWN HAS PROCESSED AND FORWARDED AN APPLICATION TO NYS SENATOR METZGER'S OFFICE FOR A \$100,000 SAM GRANT TO GO TOWARDS CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATER STORAGE TANK IN ARCADIA HILLS. WE ARE ALSO IN CONTACT WITH PERSONNEL REGARDING THE "WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT (WIIA)" FOR FURTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

For information.

2. **REVIEW AND APPROVE SISTER ANN DALY, A MEMBER OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION AND LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE HOSPICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS TOWN NOMINEE FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL 99TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT WOMEN OF DISTINCTION.**

Assemblyman Colin Schmitt sent a letter asking if the Town of Goshen had nominee for the 99th Assembly District *Women of Distinction* event. This women is to be worthy of recognition for her impact to the community for the greater good and known for her conscientious efforts to make a difference through civic, religious, educational or other community based efforts. The Town of Goshen is nominating Sister Ann M. Daly. She is well-known for her contributions to the community. As Director of Hospice she has helped hundreds of people with their grief and care giving of loved ones. She is a member of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary from 1958-Present. A teacher for 10 years, Hospice Director of Planning & Education Foundation 1982-1988, present Chaplain Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, Inc. and Chaplain LAOH- Monroe 2009 to present.

Councilperson Florio made the motion to nominate Sister Ann M. Daly for the 99th Assembly District *Women of Distinction* Award. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion.

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

3. **INFORMATION: NUGENT & HAEUSSLER, P.C. ARE ON SITE THIS WEEK TO GATHER INFORMATION FOR THE TOWN OF GOSHEN ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT.**

As stated, for information only.

G. FINANCE:

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for 02/27/2020 in the amount of \$123,811.04. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

Councilperson Newbold asked the Board members to give a brief personal testimony about Joseph R. Donovan.

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (in summary)

Nick Gallo (1) to be reassured, maintenance of a water district is paid for by the residents of that district (2) the Hotel Tax with Merlin - Developers Agreement-Host Community Fees asked for clarification (3) replace trees behind his house according to the Host Community Benefit Agreement (4) Legoland asked for 20 nights of fireworks- park closes at 8PM – what time will the fireworks go off (5) parkland fees available- update – will the JRC consider Arcadia Hills for a basketball pocket park and (6) how I & I of sewage is calculated per household.

Debra Corr (1) knowledge of the backed-up sewer system leakage at Craigville Park (2) according to her research, the Town is responsible to clean up Case Cemetery (*put together a written request for the Town*) (3) requested live streaming of the meetings (4) requested Wi-Fi for public use (5) Corona Virus in the Hudson Valley- will Stewart Airport screen passengers coming in- especially for the opening of Legoland and (6) asking for the delayed opening of Legoland to protect the citizens of Goshen from possible virus contamination which could become a “major problem” (handed out articles on Corona Virus).

Susan Cleaver (1) result of the sample promised to be taken out of the sewer main on Old Chester Road (*no answer*) (2) wants to be notified of spills at Craigville Park- living downstream of the Park (3) incorrectly reporting the impact of a spill to the Craigville Park baseball field and (4) NYS lists 10 State Standards to legally operate a pump station, not done in Hambletonian Park, where are they.

Dmitry Ryjov (1) complaint of neighbor's farmhouse occupant (2) sewage running above ground onto lawn/ and farm lands (3) perceives other violations on this property and (4) issues with possible custody of children.

Susan Cleaver (1) referenced Section 209C of the Town Law pertaining to construction of sewer system and (2) there is no map filed of Hambletonian Park district sewer system available anywhere.

J. ADJOURNMENT: 9:15PM

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to adjourn to enter into Attorney Client meeting. Councilperson Florio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk