

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

March 6, 2017

MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 6th day of March, 2017 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	Melissa Gallo	Councilmember
	George Lyons	Councilmember
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilmember
	John VanDerMolen	Councilmember

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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:33pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. HEAR A PRESENTATION BY JASON WEST, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OF THE WALLKILL RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE. THE ALLIANCE GOAL IS TO RESTORE THE ECOLOGICAL HEALTH OF THE WALLKILL RIVER

Jason West, Executive Director Wallkill River Watershed Alliance, distributed pamphlets explaining the alliance and its goals. The association began in 2015 and is committed to monitor, research and advocate for the Wallkill River. The river flows for 93 miles and drains 760 square miles in 61 municipalities. The Alliance membership includes groups of individuals, local governments, and regional/local non-profit organizations. The goal is to get the Legislator to fund a proposal drafted by the DEC to study the Wallkill River. He is looking for support from all of the municipalities, along the watershed, to contact the State Senators and Assembly Members to support funding the Alliance by adding it to the Environmental Protection Fund. The study will identify an extensive list of potential pollutants in the Wallkill River to name a few: nutrients from sewage, unfiltered trace elements, filtered trace elements, organic carbon, phenols, and algal toxins. Once identified, a model will be created for the DEC as to how/where pollutants can be reduced to safe levels. Estimated project cost is \$1,195,648 to be funded by the USGS and the NYSDEC.

Supervisor Bloomfield referenced the location sampling chart stating that four of the locations are in Goshen. He is interested to know where the high concentrations of nitrates and phosphorous are, since they are linked to fertilizers, detergent, waste water etc.

Councilmember Lyons asked if the municipalities will be asked for funds. Answer: No, it is funded by the USGS and the NYSDEC. Inquired if wells serviced from the river will be tested? Noted that there are two Landfills effecting the Wallkill River. Answer: The testing will target leachate (via sweeps) indicating if/what is coming from the landfills.

Councilmember Van Der Molen made the motion to support Legislative funding of the enhanced water quality monitoring and modeling in the Wallkill River watershed. Councilmember Lyons seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilmember, John Van Der Molen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>	Councilmember, Melissa Gallo	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

2. DISCUSS AND PASS MOTION TO PROCEED WITH A TOWN OF GOSHEN LAWSUIT AGAINST MMG HOLDINGS OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC., THE COUNTY OF ORANGE CLERK'S DEED OFFICE, MID-HUDSON VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION REGARDING AN ILLEGAL SUBDIVISION

In summary, it is illegal to deed a portion of one's property unless it is approved by the Municipality. This subdivision map was never approved by the Town of Goshen Planning Board and has impacted the adjacent property owner.

TOWN OF GOSHEN
County of Orange, State of New York
RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE LAW FIRM OF BURKE, MIELE & GOLDEN, LLP TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Kenneth Newbold
SECONDED BY: Councilmember George Lyons
Dated: March 6, 2017

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 6th day of March, 2017, the following resolution was introduced:

WHEREAS, Mid-Hudson Valley Credit Union foreclosed on a mortgage held by MMG Holdings of Orange County, Inc. in 2017, resulting in the County of Orange creating a new tax map reference number in the Town of Goshen, even though no subdivision map was ever approved by the Town of Goshen Planning Board or filed with the Town Goshen or the County of Orange permitting the subdivision of the original parcel, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen wishes to challenge this illegal subdivision, and the issuance of the new tax map reference number.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the TOWN OF GOSHEN hereby authorizes Burke, Miele & Golden, LLP, Goshen, New York, to prepare all necessary papers, and file in the New York State Supreme Court any legal action or actions necessary, and any appeals, at such time as is permitted by law and upon any appropriate cause of action and/or violation, against MMG Holdings of Orange County, Inc., Mid-Hudson Valley Credit Union, the County of Orange, New York, or any other appropriate party, and seeking any lawful remedies under State and local law, including injunctions, fines and penalties, to enforce the above noted violations.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilmember Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember Melissa Gallo	<u>AYE</u>	Councilmember John Van Der Molen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

3. DISCUSS AND APPROVE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BUDGET OFFICER TO OPEN A NEW BAIL CHECKING ACCOUNT

In a memo sent by Christine Cavaliere, Budget Officer, she is asking for the Town to take possession of former Town Justice Thomas J. Cione's outstanding Bail Account. He was the only signer on the account.

Councilmember Gallo made the motion for the Budget Officer to open a new Trust & Agency bank account at Sterling Bank, titled TB-Outstanding Bail. Councilmember Van Der Molen seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilmember Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember Melissa Gallo	<u>AYE</u>	Councilmember John Van Der Molen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

4. DISCUSS AND PASS RESOLUTION TO OBJECT TO ENACTMENT OF THE PROPOSED COUNTY-WIDE SHARED SERVICES PROPERTY TAX SAVINGS PLAN

Gov. Andrew Cuomo proposed that the county leaders be required to draft plans for consolidating local government services. Local leaders are advised to develop cost-saving shared services plan. Upon legislature approval, the plan would be placed in a referendum for the voters. This plan excludes school districts. The power would be removed from the towns/villages and given to the county.

Councilmember Newbold made the motion to pass a resolution objecting to the enactment of the proposed County-wide shared services property tax savings plan and send certified copies of the resolution to NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Senators Wm. Larkin and John Bonacic and members of the NYS Assembly. Councilmember Lyons seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilmember Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember Melissa Gallo	<u>AYE</u>	Councilmember John Van Der Molen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

5. DISCUSS AND PASS RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE NEW YORK STATE BUDGET PROPOSAL TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON AIM (AID AND INCENTIVES FOR MUNICIPALITIES) FUNDS

If the Legislature does not pass the budget with the Governor's new "Countywide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plans," NYS towns, villages and cities will not receive AIM funding at all. This funding amount for the Town of Goshen is \$33,000.

Councilmember Lyons made the motion to pass a resolution objecting to the New York State Budget Program to impose conditions on AIM funds and send certified copies of the resolution to NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Senators Wm. Larkin and John Bonacic and members of the NYS Assembly. Councilmember Gallo seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilmember Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember Melissa Gallo	<u>AYE</u>	Councilmember John Van Der Molen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

6. (Added) **DISCUSSION TO HIRE MICHELLE FIGLIOMENI AS HISTORIAN FOR THE TOWN OF GOSHEN.**

Supervisor Bloomfield noted the many changes coming to the Town of Goshen. The Planning Board is in the process of reviewing large businesses and many subdivisions that will change the Town of Goshen. He would like to hire Michelle Figliomeni to record the significance of the changes for future generations. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Newbold made the motion to approve the work session meeting minutes of February 6, 2017. Councilmember Gallo seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen
0 NAYS

Councilmember Newbold made the motion to approve the work session meeting minutes of February 21, 2017. And the regular meeting minutes of February 23, 2017. Councilmember Gallo seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Newbold, Van Der Molen
0 NAYS
1 ABSTAIN Lyons

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no items for the Executive Session, Councilmember Lyons made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Gallo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:24PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk