

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

March 7, 2016

MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 7th day of March, 2016 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 7:34pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Bloomfield thanked everyone and expressed his appreciation for supporting him and his family.

Supervisor Bloomfield reviewed miscellaneous correspondence:

- (1) On March 15th, Orange Co. Executive Steven Neuhaus will give his "State of the County" address at the Wells Farm location.
- (2) Sal LaBruna, a Goshen resident, has formed a committee to host Noah Webster Weekend in Goshen, May 6-7.
- (3) Assemblyman James Skoufis sent a letter to the Regional USPS office to examine the possibility of extended post office box lobby hours in branches within his Assembly District.
- (4) James Galvin, Esq. informed the Town that Faith, et al., v. Town of Goshen lawsuit was dismissed based on a decision by Justice Bartlett. A Notice of Appeal can still be filed within 30 days.
- (5) The Town has not received final contract confirmation and insurance approval from the Hudson Valley Food Bank to use our Highway Dept. parking lot for food distribution.
- (6) According to NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, since July 2013, the inflation factor has been less than 2%, therefore the allowable levy growth factor has been equal to one plus the inflation factor.

1. REMINDER: MID-HUDSON ST. PATRICK'S PARADE WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH. LINEUP IS BETWEEN 1:00PM AND 1:30PM AT THE SCOTCHTOWN AVE. EXIT OF THE FORMER ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER.

Mass in Honor of St. Patrick will be held in the Carmelite Shrine in Middletown 9:00am on March 13th. There is a form to fill out if anyone is interested in attending the Annual Grand Marshal's Breakfast on March 13th at Kuhl's Highland House in Middletown.

- 2. INFORMATION: COUNTY EXECUTIVE, STEVE NEUHAUS, WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE GOSHEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETING, MARCH 16 AT 7:45AM.**

As stated, for information only.

- 3. INFORMATION: NYS DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE & MARKETS, DOG CONTROL OFFICER INSPECTION REPORT ON 2/22/2016 RATED THE HUMANE SOCIETY "SATISFACTORY".**

As stated, for information only.

- 4. INFORMATION: POLICE OFFICER BIT BY PIT BULL REQUIRING MEDICAL CARE. LEGAL ACTION IS BEING TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

A Humane Society dog, Pit Bull, was being walked and bit our police officer. The Police Chief wants to take action that this dog is not a threat to others. In the future, perhaps dogs can be walked in the rear of the Humane Society to avoid contact with the public.

- 5. INFORMATION: HAD A SEWER FORCE MAIN LEAK ON HARRIMAN DRIVE. LEAK WAS REPAIRED AND THE SITUATION WAS REPORTED AS REQUIRED TO THE NYS DEC**

This break is unusual and it appears that it "blew out". *There* are no visual signs of cracks or fractures. The leak is temporarily repaired, according to DEC requirements. A piece of the damaged pipe will be sent off to an engineering company to determine the cause of the break. Work will be done to properly and permanently repair this pipe.

- 6. DISCUSS AND APPROVE BUDGET OFFICER'S REQUEST TO CLOSE M & T BANK TW-WORKERS COMPENSATION ACCOUNT AND TRANSFER FUNDS TO STERLING NATIONAL BANK**

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the Budget Officer to close the M & T Bank TW-Workers Compensation Account #9861633924 and transfer the funds to a new account at Sterling National Bank. Councilwoman Gallo seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, VanDerMolen
0 NAYS

- 7. FINANCE**

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P runs as of 2-29-2016 amounting to \$2,104,533.58. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, VanDerMolen
0 NAYS

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilman Lyons made the motion to approve the work session minutes of February 8, 2016 and February 22, 2016. Councilman VanDerMolen seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Newbold made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 11, 2016 and February 25, 2016. Councilwoman Gallo seconded the motion.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Review Proposed Settlement of the Al Turi Certiorari Litigation
2. Personnel – Assessing Office
3. Personnel – P.D.

with the intent not to return. The motion was seconded by Councilman VanDerMolen. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: 8:03PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk