



E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR BY MOTION TO SIGN A BUS OPERATOR CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE FOR THE YEARS 2017- 2020. THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE TOWN DIAL-A-BUS COORDINATOR AND THE DPW SUPERINTENDENT AND IS DEEMED SATISFACTORY TO SIGN.

Councilmember Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract between the County of Orange and the Town of Goshen for the Dial-A-Bus for the years 2017-2020. Councilman 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>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

2. INFORMATION: TEN BUILDING PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED YTD FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOMES IN THE HERITAGE OF GOSHEN SUBDIVISION. TWENTY THREE (23) HOMES REMAIN UNDER CONTRACT TO BE BUILT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

As stated, for information only.

3. APPOINT MICHELLE FIGLIOMENI, PHD HISTORY, AS TOWN OF GOSHEN HISTORIAN ON A CONTRACT BASIS WITH A STIPEND OF \$1,200 PER YEAR.

Michelle Figliomeni has agreed to return as the Town Historian. She will be trusted to record changes taking place in Goshen for historical reference.

Councilmember Lyons made the motion to appoint Michelle Figliomeni as Town of Goshen Historian on a contract basis with a stipend of \$1,200 per year. Councilmember Gallo seconded the motion.

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

4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST BY BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICE TO APPOINT FRANK LEVA AS SECOND ALTERNATE TO THE PLANNING BOARD EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

In a memo from Neal Halloran, he suggested to appoint Frank Leva as second alternate to serve when two board members are absent or recuse themselves from acting on a project.

Councilmember Gallo made the motion to approve the request by the Building and Zoning Office to appoint Frank Leva as second alternate to the Planning Board effective immediately. Councilmember Newbold seconded the motion.

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

**5. DISCUSS AND APPROVE MOTION REGARDING AN INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH VER HAGE INDUSTRIES REQUIRED FOR A "CLEARING AND GRADING" PERMIT.**

Attorney Golden explained the following agreement:

"In consideration of the issuance of a Clearing and Grading Permit to Ver Hage Industries, LLC, pursuant to Chapter 53 of the Town of Goshen Code and the requirement of Section 53-9(A)(10) of said Chapter, Ver Hage Industries, LLC agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Goshen, its officers, agents and/or employees from any and all liability, claims and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of the activities undertaken in connection with the Ver Hage Warehouse project, including the activities of the agents, employees, and contractors of Ver Hage Industries, LLC in connection with said permit."

Councilmember Lyons made the motion to accept the Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement with Ver Hage Industries, LLC. Councilmember Gallo seconded the motion.

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

**6. SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 24, 2017 FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS AND RATE CHANGES.**

Councilmember Gallo made the motion to set a public hearing on April 24, 2017 at 7:30pm or soon thereafter at 41 Webster Ave. for the annual review of water and sewer capital projects and purposed rate changes. Councilmember Newbold seconded the motion.

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

**F. FINANCE**

Councilmember Gallo made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for March 9, 2017 in the amount of \$153,572.10. Councilmember Lyons seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Newbold congratulated the students who participated in the Science Olympiad regional competition on March 4<sup>th</sup>. "They did a marvelous job" stated Councilmember Newbold.

**G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Comments regarding the Legoland project: Request is made to do a financial review/accounting with the plus/minus of the project – cost analysis to Goshen. Concerned with water availability for the project and the residents. Who on the Board has visited Legoland and who paid for it? What has been done to alleviate the effects of silica dust on the neighboring properties during construction. Possible rate increases to auto premium

insurance coverage (rating based on territory) with increased vehicles traveling in Goshen. Disappointed with the Board pleading the 5<sup>th</sup> amendment in conducting a public meeting. Read an article published in the Chronicle, by Edie Johnson, dated 2/20/17 "More houses coming to the woods-A vital wildlife corridor: Developer plans to cluster homes, leave sections of unbroken forest." Requested an opportunity to walk the Legoland site *with* the Board members to see the trees proposed to be removed, visit the typography and see the wetlands. Those who attended the December 15<sup>th</sup> DOT meeting should recuse themselves. Is there a dismantle-bond in place incase Legoland folds-one is required to take down solar farms. Increased vehicle traffic will be horrendous-economically and to our quality of life. Request to be included in future DOT/DEC meetings. If Legoland folds, the destroyed land cannot be brought back. Health effects of air pollution from increased traffic. Request a referendum so the people of Goshen can decide on Legoland. Laws are in place to protect the residents from the very thing this corporation wants to build. Feels the town officials have abandoned the people. Elected to represent the citizens of Goshen, not the State. Goshen's reputation will include pollution, noise, traffic and crime.

On another note: Jerry Boss referenced the presentation by Jason West at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. He believes it is a great idea to do environmental testing of the Walkkill River.

**H. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

1. CSEA Negotiations

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

**I. ADJOURNMENT: 8:20PM**

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk