

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
MARCH 10, 2016  
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 10th 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

**A.      CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B.      AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

**C.      PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)**

None at this time.

**D.      OLD BUSINESS:**

**1.      REVIEW PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE FOR AMY'S KITCHEN SEQRA PROCESS**

Graham Trelstad, Amy's planning consultant from AKRF, gave a summary of the schedule leading up to the anticipated plant opening in 2018. Middletown has penned a "will-serve" letter to Amy's Kitchen to provide water and wastewater treatment to the planned project. Following the Heritage Trail right-of-way, approximately three miles of pipe will connect Middletown's water and sewage treatment plants to Amy's site. Mr. Trelstad explained that crossing the Walkill River and designated wet lands have been addressed and are under review by the Army Corp. of Engineers. With an estimated 681 employees, there will be three staggered shifts to offset traffic congestion along Route 17M. A public hearing on the DEIS/Application will be held in mid-May as a prelude to having the Final Environmental Impact Statement ready in late July.

**2.      REVIEW STATUS OF THE REGIONAL FOOD BANK OF THE HUDSON VALLEY**

Attorney Golden presented the completed, approved Memorandum of Understanding, insurance coverage and workers comp coverage between the Regional Food Bank of the Hudson Valley and the Town of Goshen. The first day of delivery will begin March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**3.      ON DECEMBER 17, 2015, DEMAND FOR ARBITRATION OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN AGAINST THE TOWN OF GOSHEN PBA WAS DISMISSED**

Attorney Golden summarized the Demand for Arbitration filed by the PBA on behalf of four town police officers.

This referenced options in their retirement plan. Initially, the officers did not file the correct opt-in paper work with the state. The court ordered that the Petition for a permanent stay of arbitration is granted on behalf of the Town of Goshen.

## E. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. DISCUSS PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2016; AMENDING CHAPTER 51, ("DANGEROUS BUILDINGS") TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR SITUATIONS INVOLVING IMMINENT DANGER AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

This proposed law gives the Town the power to demolish dangerous buildings and place a tax lien on the property. As stated: "Any building or structure or part thereof, which is in a condition that poses an imminent danger or dangerous attraction to the life or safety of the public is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. Such a condition may result from any occurrence whatsoever, including, but not limited to fire, explosion, or decay".

Councilman Newbold made the motion to set a public hearing on proposed Local Law 1 of 2016 as presented. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

Discussion: A superseding provision is included to supersede *certain* areas of State Laws. This is a matter of formality regarding NY Municipal Home Rule Law.

Councilman VanDerMolen made the motion to hold a Public Hearing (LL#1) in the Town Hall, at 41 Webster Avenue at 7:30pm or soon thereafter, on March 24, 2016. Councilwoman Gallo seconded the motion.

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

### 2. DISCUSS PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2016; AMENDING CHAPTER 97, ("ZONING") TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL CEMETERY AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

This site has been designated "Orange Farm Burial Ground #2". The location is on a hillside overlooking the Valley View complex.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to set a public hearing on proposed Local Law 2 of 2016 as presented. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to hold a Public Hearing (LL#2) in the Town Hall, at 41 Webster Avenue at 7:30pm or soon thereafter, on March 24, 2016. Councilman VanDerMolen seconded the motion.

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

### 3. REVIEW PROPOSED CHANGES TO DIAL-A-BUS SERVICES FOR CHESTER

A five-year analysis of Dial-A-Bus revenues, expenses and benefits was submitted by our Budget Officer.

A request was made by Chester to add one more day of service to the bus schedule. Currently the cost of service for 3 days/week is \$25,000, adding another day/week amounts to \$8,333 which totals the cost to Chester for 4 days/week to \$33,333. However, many of the holidays fall on Mondays. Therefore, this amount is expected to be negotiated to a lesser amount.

**F. FINANCE**

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for March 10, 2016 amounting to \$158,271.95. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

**G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

None at this time.

**H. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None at this time.

**I. ADJOURNMENT: 8:24PM**

Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman VanDerMolen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk