

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**

March 12, 2020

**MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 12th day of March, 2020 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present: Douglas Bloomfield Supervisor  
Richard Florio Councilmember  
George Lyons Councilmember  
Kenneth Newbold Councilmember

Absent: Philip Canterino 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 7:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

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

**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. REVIEW AND APPROVE 2019 YEAR-END BUDGET TRANSFERS AND BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR 2020 YEAR -TO-DATE.**

Budget Officer Christine Cavaliere presented the end-of-the year budget transfers for all funds to cover Expenditure Accounts that have exceeded their budgeted amounts. These transfers will be funded by Contingency Account budgets, from accounts with excess budget amounts available and from Fund Balance accounts if necessary.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve 2019 end-of-year budget transfers – 12/31/2019 as presented by the Budget Officer. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Florio, Lyons, Newbold  
0 NAYS  
1 ABSENT Canterino

Councilperson Florio made the motion to approve 2020 end-of-year budget transfers – 03/12/2020 as presented by the Budget Officer. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Florio, Lyons, Newbold  
0 NAYS  
1 ABSENT Canterino

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVE AN UPDATED CONSENT JUDGEMENT FOR THE TAILWINDS vs TOWN OF GOSHEN TAX CERTIORARI AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME.**

The Consent Judgment was modified to include the tax year 2019 which will be frozen for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 assessment years.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve the modified Consent Judgment for Tailwinds and authorize the Supervisor to sign the same. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Florio, Lyons, Newbold  
0 NAYS  
1 ABSENT Canterino

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE A PROPOSED 60 ERIE STREET LLC vs TOWN OF GOSHEN, ET AL TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT AND AUTHORIZE ROBERT M. RAMETTA, ESQ. TO SIGN THE CONSENT JUDGMENT.**

The claimant, 60 Erie Street LLC, is willing to settle the presented proceedings without interest, costs or disbursements as set forth in the annexed Consent Judgment.

Councilperson Richard Florio made the motion to approve the 60 Erie Street LLC tax certiorari settlement as presented and to authorize Robert Rametta, Esq. to sign the same. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Philip Canterino	<u>ABSENT</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Richard Florio	<u>AYE</u>		

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

**4. DISCUSS AND REVIEW THE BID RESULTS TO RAZE THE HOUSE AT 6 LARCHWOOD DRIVE, ACCEPT THE LOW BID OF \$14,995 SUBMITTED BY TAM ENTERPRISES, LLC AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME.**

A total of 5 bids were received as summarized below:

(1) TAM Enterprise, Inc.	\$14,995.00
(2) Gentile Construction Corp.	\$39,400.00
(3) Dan's Hauling & Demo, Inc.	\$44,400.00
(4) Malum Enterprises, LLC	\$77,000.00
(5) Highground Industries	\$81,942.00

Town Engineer Sean Hoffman, P.E. spoke with a representative of TAM to confirm they did not make a bid mistake. TAM's representative advised they intend to perform a Controlled Demolition with Asbestos in Place.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to accept the bid from TAM Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$14,995.00 for the demolition of 6 Larchwood Drive. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Philip Canterino	<u>ABSENT</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Richard Florio	<u>AYE</u>		

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

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. REVIEW THE NEGOTIATED AND ACCEPTED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE GOSHEN POLICE UNION (PBA) AND APPROVE AS PRESENTED.**

Attorney Golden summarized key points in the memorandum pertaining to full-time employee base wages, full-time longevity, part-time employee base hourly rates, health insurance coverage and health insurance buy-outs.

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to approve the Memorandum Of Agreement (3/3/2020) as presented. Councilperson Florio seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Philip Canterino	<u>ABSENT</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Richard Florio	<u>AYE</u>		

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

2. DISCUSS AND APPROVE THREE POLICE EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS. THIS IS NOT PART OF THE MOA NEGOTIATED WITH THE GOSHEN POLICE UNION (PBA). THESE PROMOTIONS ARE REQUESTED BY POLICE CHIEF JAMES MCDOWELL. THERE WILL BE LITTLE CHANGES IN COST AS EACH SHIFT IS CURRENTLY LEAD BY THE SENIOR OFFICER WORKING THE SHIFT WHO IS PAID "OUT OF TITLE PAY" OF \$8.35 PER HOUR AS SPECIFIED IN THE CURRENT MOA. THE OFFICERS BEING PROMOTED AND THEIR DATE OF HIRE ARE:

Officer James Boyd 03/01/2004  
Officer David Ramsey 01/31/2005  
Officer Edward Edwards 02/22/2005

Supervisor Bloomfield called for comments from the Board.

Councilperson Newbold questioned why this is necessary. He believes there is no savings of a seven full time Police Dept. with five in supervision.

Councilperson Lyons gave a history of a past sergeant who was not a "working sergeant". The three sergeants promoted will be "working sergeants" who will be out there patrolling.

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
Resolution

RESOLUTION PROMOTING THREE TOWN OF GOSHEN POLICE OFFICERS TO SERGEANT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson George Lyons  
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Richard Florio  
DATED: March 12, 2020

**WHEREAS**, Town of Goshen Police Chief James McDowell has requested that three full-time police officers in the Town of Goshen be promoted to the position of Sergeant in order to provide better supervision throughout all shifts and to reduce present costs for out of title pay; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange County Department of Human Resources has conducted a promotional examination for the position of Sergeant and three members of the Town of Goshen Police Department are on the promotional eligible list; and

**WHEREAS**, Town of Goshen Police Chief James McDowell has recommended that the three town of Goshen police officers on the promotional eligible list be promoted to the position of Sergeant with effective dates based on their order of seniority; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Officer James Boyd be and hereby is appointed to the position of Sergeant in the Town of Goshen Police Department, effective March 16, 2020, subject to all requirements of the Orange County Department of Human Resources and Civil Service Law; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Officer David Ramsey be and hereby is appointed the position of Sergeant in the Town of Goshen Police Department, effective March 17, 2020, subject to all requirements of the Orange County Department of Human Resources and Civil Service Law; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Officer Edward Edwards be and hereby is appointed the position of Sergeant in the Town of Goshen Police Department, effective March 18, 2020, subject to all requirements of the Orange County Department of Human Resources and Civil Service Law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said appointments are subject to a probationary term of not less than eight weeks no more than twenty-six weeks, as set forth in the Orange County Rules for the Classified Service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sergeants' compensation and benefits shall be in accordance with the existing collective bargaining agreement (as amended by memorandum(s) of agreement) with the Town of Goshen Police Benevolent Association.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Philip Canterino	<u>ABSENT</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>NAY</u>
Councilperson, Richard Florio	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 3 to 1.

3. **INFORMATION: ORANGE COUNTY WILL BE HOLDING A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & OPERATION SAFE SCRIPT PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTION EVENT, SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020, FROM 9:00AM UNTIL 3:00PM AT THE THOMAS BULL PARK.**

As stated, for information only.

4. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOSHEN SENIOR CENTER DECIDED TO CLOSE THE SENIOR CENTER TODAY AT 3PM AND ALL NEXT WEEK. DECISIONS WILL BE MADE ON A WEEKLY BASIS.**

As stated, for information only.

**G. FINANCE:**

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for 2/13/2020 in the amount of \$404,392.60. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Florio, Lyons, Newbold  
0 NAYS  
1 ABSENT Canterino

**H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** (in summary)

Susan Cleaver ((inaudible) 1) received the answer that when Hambletonian Park was built it was in compliance with the NYS standards of that time to operate the pump station.

[She handed out sheets of NYS/DEC codes, rules & regulations of operation of a Discharge Elimination System.]

(2) Asked for the response from the DEC pertaining to sample discharge that tested high for leaks at Heritage Estates.

(3) Would like to see the results of the pressure test the engineer did for Heritage Estates.

(4) Six months later, sewage is still running into "Run-Boat-Run" and downstream. When will this be resolved?

**I. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to adjourn the meeting to enter into Attorney Client meeting with the intent not to return. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Time: 8:25PM

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk