

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
**TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION**

March 19, 2018

M I N U T E S

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 19th day of March, 2018 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 7:31pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. HEAR REQUEST FROM CYPRESS CREEK RENEWABLES TO USE A "SURETY BOND" FOR FINANCIAL PROTECTION OF THE TOWN IN THE EVENT A DECISION IS MADE TO DECOMMISSION DAVIS SOLAR, LLC FACILITY AT 131 OWENS ROAD.**

Bryan Stumpf, Development Manager and Douglas Warden Esq. representing Cypress Creek Renewables addressed the Board. Recently President Trump approved new tariffs on imported steel and aluminum. A 25% tariff on imported steel and a 10% tariff on imported aluminum was enacted to revitalize U.S. manufacturing. However, it is harming the clean energy industry. Part of Cypress Creek Renewables decommission agreement requires a cash bond. This will cripple, possibly kill the project, with the amount of money (150%) required for the cash bond. This request is for the Town to amend the code and to accept a surety bond in place of the cash bond. Bryan Stumpf indicated Cypress Creek Renewables maybe willing to negotiate a mix of cash bond and bond *agreement*. Supervisor Bloomfield questioned the financial security associated with LLC solar companies. He also has reservations as to how viable the project will be in five years. He called for comments from the Board.

Councilperson Lyons inquired how much the cash bond cost as compared to a surety bond. He has reservations about the liability if the company goes bankrupt.

Councilperson Newbold asked if the steel/aluminum could be bought from Canada or Mexico, they were excluded from the tariffs.

Councilperson Van Der Molen asked what is involved in the cost of decommissioning. What is salvageable? He would like to see an itemized list of the end process.

Attorney Golden explained the legalities of surety bonds.

Attorney Warden noted his views on LLC's and adding "hybrid" provisions to the bond.

In closing, the Town requested Cypress Creek Renewables to come back with the actual cost of the surety bond for further discussion.

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUEST FOR CHRISTINE CAVALIERE, JENNIFER BLAISON, AND MARY RISO TO ATTEND SOFTWARE SUPPORT TRAINING AT THE EDMUNDS ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE USER GROUP CONFERENCE TO BE HELD APRIL 19, 2018.**

In a letter from our Budget Officer, Christine Cavaliere is requesting for herself, Mary Riso and Jennifer Blaison to attend the Edmunds Accounting Software User Group Conference. The conference will cover any upcoming changes to the software in all modules – water/sewer billing, accounts payable, payroll, human resources, etc.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve the Budget Officer's request to Attend Edmunds Accounting Software User Group Conference to be held April 19, 2018 in Princeton, New Jersey at a cost not to exceed \$130.00.

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

**3. INFORMATION: REVIEW UPDATED CONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR AMY'S KITCHEN AND THE REQUEST BY SCIENCE-OF-THE-SOUL TO THE PLANNING BOARD TO ADVANCE PERMITTING SCHEDULE. THE GOAL IS TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY FOR BOTH PROJECTS SIMULTANEOUSLY IN 2020.**

Andy and Rachel Berliner recently met with Supervisor Bloomfield to introduce Amy's new Global President, Xavier Unkovic, and to review the project's 2018 schedule. To date, nine million has been spent preparing grounds for the plant and plans are to spend five million more in 2018. Three things scheduled for this year are: (1) to complete the turning lanes and signalization on Route 17M (2) to finish the bridge across the Walkkill River and (3) to finish the utilities for water and sewer from/to Middletown. In the meantime, a determination will be made as to what products will be made in the Goshen in addition as to what equipment to install and the configuration of the plant.

Secondly, Science of the Soul would like to finish the same time as Amy's Kitchen. However, Amy's Kitchen will take longer than expected with the new schedule. Science of the Soul has volunteers *ready* to work on their facility. A request is made to the Planning Board to advance the permitting schedule before Amy's Kitchen.

**4. HEAR REQUEST FROM HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, BRODERICK KNOELL, TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FROM BADGER METER, INC. AND AUTHORIZE HIM TO SIGN THE NECESSARY FORMS.**

Broderick Knoell, Highway Superintendent, submitted a request to purchase Badger water meter products through Schmidt's Wholesale who is the sole authorized distributor of Badger Meter, Inc. Two of the largest billed items are for handheld readers and the software/training that goes along with it. The company will be upgrading the original equipment by the end of March. Currently the reader doesn't hold a full charge and may not function properly next time the meters are scheduled for a reading. The battery and software are no longer available for purchase. The purchase will take us into the future of cellular reading. Training is necessary in-order to interface/operate Badger software with the Town (Edmunds) software. A representative from Badger will fly in for two days, from Wisconsin, to train three employees.

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to spend \$19,149.00 to purchase a new reading system for the Water & Sewer Department to include meter reader equipment, all necessary software and interface training. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield AYE  
Councilperson, George Lyons AYE  
Councilperson, Melissa Gallo AYE

Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold AYE  
Councilperson, John Van Der Molen AYE

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

**5. UPDATE ON GRANTS RECEIVED FOR TOWN HALL (1) INSTALLATION ADA DOORS AT PARKING LOT LEVEL AND (2) PAVING THE PARKING LOT.**

Councilperson Newbold thanked Supervisor Bloomfield for his involvement during this lengthy process and the amount of work required to qualify for grants.

In summary: (1) Paving the parking lot packets can be obtained at Goshen Town Clerk Office or at Fusco Engineering Middletown office for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00. On April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am a pre-bid meeting and walk-through is scheduled. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:00pm on April 19, 2018 in the office of the Town Clerk.

(2) ADA doors at the parking lot level packets can be obtained at Goshen Town Clerk Office or at Fusco Engineering Middletown office for a refundable fee of \$50.00. On April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am a pre-bid meeting and walk-through is scheduled. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00pm on April 19, 2018 in the office of the Town Clerk.

Regarding improvements to the Town Hall windows and roof/cupola, Councilperson Newbold contacted the office of Assemblyman James Skoufis who is in Albany working on the budget. Therefore, no information was available as to our status of the application to receive monies for improvements.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Time: 8:35PM

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk