

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
March 20, 2017
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 20th day of March, 2017 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 7:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. DISCUSS USE OF "NIGHT COURT" WITH TOWN JUSTICES.

This will be rescheduled to the April meeting.

2. DISCUSS AND APPROVE A MOTION TO HIRE A LAND APPRAISER TO DETERMINE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF NINE LAND PARCELS OWNED BY TOWN OF GOSHEN. THOSE PARCELS ARE EMBEDDED IN THE LAND REQUIRED FOR THE LEGO THEME PARK PROJECT.

Attorney Golden explained the appraisal is to ensure that the Town will get a fair market price for the parcels. John McCarey, Director Real Property Tax Service, is qualified to appraise the parcels and is doing so at this time.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUEST BY WRENEGADE SPORTS, LLC TO HOLD A "FARM TO FORK FONDO" BICYCLE EVENT ON JUNE 11, 2017. SEE ATTACHED APPLICATION.

Wrenegade Sports, LLC will hold a cycling event in the Hudson Valley on June 11, 2017. The event starts at 9:00am at Pennings Farm, Route 94, Warwick NY. Three courses are offered: Gran Fondo-87 miles, Medio Fondo-54 miles and Piccolo Fondo-36 miles. Wrenegade Sports, LLC is requesting permission to traverse on approximately 7-10 miles of roadways located in the Town of Goshen.

Councilmember Newbold made the motion to allow Wrenegade Sports, LLC to traverse on roadways located in the Town of Goshen on June 11, 2017. Councilmember Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen
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Councilmember Newbold referenced an article in the Times Herald Record concerning the proposed sale of mining land next to **Dutchess Quarry Caves** on Quarry Road. Tilcon New York, Inc. has made an offer to purchase the 56-acre dolomite (*a common mineral, calcium magnesium carbonate, occurring in crystals and in masses*) gravel mine adjoining the historic caves. Dutchess Quarry Caves date back to roughly 12,000 years. Paleo-Indian projectile points and caribou bones used by Native Americans have been discovered by anthropologists visiting the caves. Councilmember Newbold objects to the sale, because the historical significance of the caves should not be compromised. "They are so unique it's unbelievable" stated Councilmember Newbold. Councilmember Van Der Molen recalled complaints from people who reported excessive dust and mining after hours/on weekends from Tilcon's operations. Supervisor Bloomfield is concerned if the depth of mining will affect the aquifer/water supply to surrounding residents. Tilcon's trustworthiness is questionable.

Councilmember Van Der Molen made the motion to draft a letter opposing the sale, because of the environmental and historical risk factors. Councilmember Newbold seconded the motion.

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

With no items for the Executive Session, Councilmember Gallo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Newbold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55PM

Attorney-Client meeting with Boardmembers followed.

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk