

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

March 21, 2016

M I N U T E S

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 21st 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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:31pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. DISCUSS CONCEPT OF ENCOURAGING TESTING FOR LEAD IN WATER FOR CITIZENS WHO USE INDIVIDUAL WELLS

Supervisor Bloomfield informed the public that if you live in a home with a private well, your family may be at risk from potentially elevated lead levels in the water. Lead is likely to be highest if there are faucets and/or fittings made of brass containing some lead or if there are copper pipes with lead solder joints plumbed prior to 1996. Surface signs of corrosive water is blue/green staining on the pipes. Poor electrical grounding to the water pipes may also cause corrosion within the plumbing system. If you are concerned about the lead levels in your water, you can have your water analyzed by a NYS approved laboratory. Listed are a few local laboratories that can analyze your water supply; (1) STL/Envirotest –Newburgh at 845.562.0890 (2) OCL Analytical Services –Bloomingburg at 845.733.1557 and (3) Aquatech –Newburgh at 845.565.4141.

The Goshen Chamber of Commerce is hosting an Expo on April 9th at the Charles J Hooker School. The Town Building Dept. will have a booth there, as community outreach, on MS4 Storm Water Management and an informational pamphlet will be available pertaining to health effects of lead in the water, how to detect and correct lead levels in your home plumbing system.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to place an informational ad in the newspaper. Councilwoman Gallo seconded the motion.

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

2. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITIZEN INPUT TO ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Under this program a variety of physical improvements are eligible, depending on the economic needs

of the community such as: (1) public works, public facilities or site improvements, (2) clearance, demolition and rehabilitation for public use or economic development (3) Special Projects for Elderly & Handicapped including removal of architectural barriers restricting accessibility (4) provision of public services (shelter, clinics, senior nutrition and more. Further information can be obtained in the Town Clerk's Office. The Town is looking to install a handicap accessible automatic door opener at the parking lot level and perhaps a uni-sex bathroom to accommodate ADA requirements.

Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to set the public hearing for April 11th at 7:30pm or soon thereafter at 41 Webster Ave. to hear citizen input for the Orange County Community Block Grant program. Councilman VanDerMolen seconded the motion.

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

3. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNUAL REVIEW OF WATER/SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROPOSED RATE CHANGES. SUGGEST THIS TO BE PART OF THE APRIL 14TH TOWN BOARD MEETING

Councilman Newbold made the motion to set the public hearing for April 14th at 7:30pm or soon thereafter at 41 Webster Ave. for the annual review of the water/sewer capital projects and proposed rate changes in the water districts. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

4. INFORMATION: THE BUDGET OFFICER, CHRISTINE CAVALIERE, HAS AUDITED WORKERS COMPENSATION TAIL CLAIMS BEGINNING IN 2008 THRU YEAR-END 2015 AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF RECONCILING THE ACCOUNTS BASED ON A MORE ACCURATE METHOD OF ALLOCATING COSTS.

As stated, for information only. Christine Cavaliere will present her report at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Newbold made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. REPORT ON 3/15 PERB MEETING
2. CSEA NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE
3. GOSHEN HUMANE SOCIETY DOG BITE CASE
4. POLICE OFFICER WALLS PAYROLL PROCEDURES

with the intent not to return. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Gallo. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: 8:02PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk