

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
April 07, 2014

MINUTES

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 7th day of April, 2014 at Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:

Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
Philip Canterino	Councilman
George Lyons	Councilman
Kenneth Newbold	Councilman

Absent: Louis Cappella Councilman

Also Present:

Dennis Caplicki	Town Attorney
Valma Eisma	Town Clerk
William Standish	Budget Officer
Broderick Knoell	Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Bloomfield called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: "Town of Goshen Water & Sewer Districts Information/Public Hearing"

Councilman Lyons made a Motion to open the Public Hearing, the Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried 4 to 0.

The Supervisor called attention to the packet "Town of Goshen, Water & Sewer Districts Information/Public Meeting" available to the public. He explained that he wanted to review what "we said we were going to do last year in 2013, what we did, and a little about what we are going to do in 2014, for all of the Water/Sewer Districts. He said he would be going back to 2006 when this Board came together for the first time, and where we are today, and the potential rate changes.

Supervisor Bloomfield introduced Bill Standish, Budget Officer, and Highway Superintendent Broderick Knoell, who is in charge of water and sewer, as well as the Highway Department. He then reviewed the Water/Sewer Team, including the Town Board:

Dept. Head	Broderick Knoell – M. E.
Water/Sewer Operator	Joe Klopchin – JPK Environmental
Water/Sewer Maintenance Tech	Mark Warren, Jr.
Public Works Maintenance Worker	David Doty

Administrative Support

Barbara Sokolofsky
William Standish

Water/Sewer Co-Commissions

Douglas Bloomfield
Ken Newbold

Supervisor Bloomfield proceeded to review the following:

Strategic Planning Process

1. Eliminate crisis management through continuous improvement.
2. Establish Specific goals:
 - Identifiable
 - Measurable
 - Assigned
3. Focus on:
 - Improved employee functional capability
 - Systems continuity
 - Reducing operating costs
 - Meeting Federal, NYS, and Orange County regulations/laws
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4. Improve performance through better understanding the current situation.

2013

Hambletonian Park Sewer District

1. Installed a new natural gas powered sewer lift station back-up generator
At a cost of \$35,000.
2. Removed in-ground gasoline tank for prior generator at a cost of \$3,000.
3. Rehabilitated 24 of 46 manholes to reduce inflow and infiltration at a
Cost of \$21,000.
 - All of the above work was completed and paid for with
current funds!
4. Finalized agreement with New York Farms, LLC. To expand the District by 75
homes with a \$130,000 financial contribution to be used for infrastructure
improvements . The agreement will be acted upon when the subdivision map is signed.
5. Negotiated agreement with ADC Maplewood to expand the District by 68 homes
with \$153,000 financial contribution to be used for infrastructure improvements.
The agreement will be acted upon when the subdivision map is signed.

2013

Hambletonian Park Water District

1. Finalized agreement with New York Farms, LLC to expand the District by 75 homes with an \$84,105 financial contribution toward a second water storage tank. Agreement will be acted upon when the subdivision map is signed.
2. Negotiated agreement with ADC Maplewood to expand the District by 68 homes with a \$153,000 financial contribution to be used for a second water storage tank. Finalized agreement is pending.
3. Paid off the home water meter loan in advance of the due date.

2013

Arcadia Hills Sewer District

1. Installed two new lift station sewer pumps at a cost of \$50,000
2. Reconfigured the lift station sewage wells for improved efficiency and Durability at a cost of \$31,000
3. Rehabilitated 52 of the 77 manholes to reduce inflow and infiltration at a Cost of \$41,000

* All of the work was completed and paid for with current funds.

2013

Arcadia Hills Water District

1. Paid off loan for home water meters in advance of due date.

2013

Stonehedge Water District

1. Installed 16 water meters to complete the home water meter installation project

* All of the work was completed and paid for with current funds

2013

SCOTCHTOWN WATER DISTRICT

1. The back-up well has been connected to the system and placed on line. Currently, water is being monitored by Town of Goshen Water Dept. and the Orange County Health Dept. to ensure quality. This project cost \$10,000.

* All of the work was completed and paid for with current funds.

2014

Hambletonian Park Sewer District

1. Finalize agreement with ADC Maplewood to expand the District by 68 homes with a financial contribution of \$153,000 for infrastructure improvements. Supervisor Bloomfield stated that the Board is waiting for the signed agreement.
2. Negotiate agreement with Young's Grove to expand the District by 105 homes with a potential financial contribution for infrastructure improvements. They will go through Hambletonian Park also, making a total of 673 homes potentially.
3. Rehabilitate 5 of the remaining 22 manholes to reduce inflow and infiltration at a cost of \$5,000.
4. Evaluate and begin replacement of sewer line on Upper Magic Circle/Good Time Court to reduce inflow and infiltration at a cost of \$32,500.

2014

Arcadia Hills Sewer District

1. Purchase and install a sewer lift station back-up generator to be powered by Propane gas at a cost of \$45,000.
2. Purchase and install a Variable Frequency Device (VFD) to eliminate pressure Shocks and resultant sewer main breaks. This work will cost \$10,000.
3. Rehabilitate remaining 25 manholes to reduce inflow and infiltration at a cost of \$30,000.

2014

Hambletonian Water District

1. Finalize agreement with ADC Maplewood to expand the District by 68 homes with a financial contribution of \$153,000 toward a second water storage tank.
2. Install two main water valves at a cost of \$10,000.

2014

Arcadia Hills Water District

1. Empty, inspect, repair, and coat inside and outside of the water storage tank

at a cost of \$50,000.

2. Rehabilitate two wells to increase flow/production at a cost of \$10,000.

2014

Stonehedge Water District

1. Negotiate with Young's Grove subdivision for a "two-way" emergency water source. Supervisor Bloomfield said the Board is negotiating with Young's Grove to connect with Stonehedge water district. He said Stonehedge has two backup wells, neither is working out. Young's Grove, which is near Stonehedge, will be putting in a water tower very close to Stonehedge's water tower. The Supervisor said the Board is negotiating putting in two pipes, with a meter going one way, and a meter going the other way between the two tanks, so that either District can take from the other if needed. He stated this would be a benefit to both

2014

Scotchtown Water District

1. Initiate plan to sequester lead in water. Plan developed by Riddick Associates Engineering Company in cooperation with the Orange County Health Dept. Supervisor Bloomfield explained the Board is finding lead in the water, and the Orange County Health Department is working with Riddick Associates to correct the problem. They have decided the system needs a Lead Sequestering Plan. This project will cost \$5,000 annually.

2014

Capital Projects Summary
Hambletonian Park - Sewer

Manhole rehabilitation (50)	\$ 5,000
Line replacement - Good Time Court	\$ 32,500

Hambletonian Park - Water

Replace 2 main water valves	\$ 10,000
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Arcadia Hills - Sewer

Complete Manhole Rehabilitation	\$ 30,000
Install new back-up generator	\$ 45,000
Install VFD	\$ 10,000

Arcadia Hill – Water

Inspect, repair, coat water tank	\$ 50.000
Rehabilitate two wells	\$ 10.000

Stonehedge - Water

Install VFD for main well pump	\$ 5,000
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Scotchtown – Water

Initiate lead sequestering program	\$ 5,000
Total	<u>\$ 202,500</u>

Water/Sewer

Rate Changes

Actual 2013		Proposed 2014
Ham. Park Sewer	-9%	no change
Ham Park Water	-5%	no change
Arcadia Hills Sewer	-10%	-2.5%
Arcadia Hills Water	-10%	-5.0%
Stonehedge Water	-10%	-10%
Scotchtown Water	-10%	-10%

Supervisor Bloomfield reviewed the fund balance history saying that in 2005 the Board did not have the money to pay all the bills in the districts, we were \$237,157.00 short. He said if you go through 2006 to 2013 he said in the years of 2012 and 2013 we had money in the bank at the end of the year. "We ended 2013 with a balance of \$ 449,177.00". He said this is what will allow us to spend \$202,500 for improvements. As time goes by hopefully it may be possible to lower rates.

Supervisor Bloomfield asked for public input.

Mr. Riccardilli asked about the new water system to be installed in Hambletonian Park. He stated that the builder was paying \$4,000 per house. The Supervisor advised him it really is \$2,000 a home. He explained when New York Farms signs the maps, a check will be written for \$84,105.00.

He said with ADC Maplewood, they will be giving us \$ 153,000.00, but it will not be up front, they will pay as each house is built.

Another gentleman asked when the drains in Arcadia Hill will be fixed, he said they are caving in. Supervisor Bloomfield explained that these are storm drains, and Highway will be repairing them soon.

Pete Fitzpatrick stated he would like to congratulate the Board, that someone has finally tackled the infrastructure. He said he applauded the Board for this, but would like to see it all go farther. He would like to see the County and State join in connecting the water sites throughout the County. Another gentleman spoke, did not use the microphone and his question was inaudible. A discussion on the handling of the lead problem followed that seems to be coming into the basement areas of some of the homes, in the finished basement bathrooms, etc..

Jerry Boss asked clarification on how the sewer hookups would work for the new subdivisions. Supervisor Bloomfield said the sewer would be carried through Hambletonian Park's lines to the Village sewer lines.

Councilman Newbold thanked the Supervisor for the work he has put into this. Supervisor Bloomfield thanked everyone for coming.

Supervisor Bloomfield said the most important thing that could happen to all the districts was when the Town sued the Village over the amount the Village was over charging. It was proven that they were charging the district incorrectly. It has since been corrected. In doing so the water/sewer bills are lower than they were before.

With no further questions, Councilman Canterino moved to close the Public Hearing, the Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried 4 to 0.

2. REVIEW AND PASS MOTION REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATE CHANGES:

Councilman Newbold made the Motion to accept the new water/sewer rate changes. Councilman Lyons seconded the Motion. Motion carried 4 to 0.

3. N Y S COMPTROLLER AUDIT – POLICE AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS: Supervisor Bloomfield explained that the New York State comptroller will be doing an audit on 2013 and will be concentrating on the Police and Highway Departments. They will be looking at wage and salary records, and how they are controlled, who signs off on these things, etc. They feel that they will be here for four to six weeks.

With no further business, Councilman Newbold made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, the Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino, Motion carried 4 to 0.

Time: 9:25 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk

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