

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 10, 2014

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 10th 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
Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
Louis Cappella	Councilman

Absent : George Lyons Councilman

Also Present:	Dennis Caplicki	Town Attorney
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bloomfield called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: Supervisor Bloomfield stated he would like to add the Slate Hill Cemetery under Old Business as #1.

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (agenda items only): No response

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. SLATE HILL CEMETERY: Supervisor Bloomfield reported he has been working with Mark Johnson, who is a member of the Cemetery Board. The Perpetual Care Fund for the cemetery is out of funds to properly care for the grounds. He is working with Mark to form a group to find ways to raise money for the future care of the cemetery. He stated that it is really an old historical cemetery, with many veterans, and old Goshen families. He and Mark are trying hard to find ways in which to help build up the Perpetual Care Fund.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. GOSHEN HUMANE SOCIETY – RICK BOSLEY: Mr. Bosley addressed the Board expressing his fear that the Humane Society may not be able to get through this year financially. He explained that the veterinarian who had been donating his services, and giving a break on other

costs has left the area, and the other vets in the area sometimes give discounts, but the bills are still very high. He asked if the Board could help with more funding. Supervisor Bloomfield explained the new State laws that are asking for the 2% tax cap, and the fact that now the State is asking for consolidation of services. He said the Board would not be able to help at this time, hopefully in the future it might be possible.

After a lengthy discussion of all the problems Mr. Bosley asked if it would be at all possible to add a small charge on the tax bill to fund the Humane Society. Supervisor Bloomfield stated he would consult with the Attorney to see if this could be possible.

2. SET PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT INPUT FOR THE 2015 ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM: Supervisor Bloomfield explained that we have done this in the past, one with the Village of Goshen. He explained that the grant has certain eligible projects, and favors joint ventures such as Town and Village. He said the Public Hearing would give the public a chance to participate in the choice of the project.

Councilman Cappella made a Motion to set the Public Hearing to solicit ideas for the Community Development Grant Program, for May 5, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., or soon thereafter as can be heard. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried 4 to 0.

3. DISCUSS AND PASS RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE ANNUAL DIAL-A-BUS CONTRACT WITH ORANGE COUNTY. Supervisor Bloomfield explained that this is the annual Contract that is signed each year.

RESOLUTION

BUS OPERATOR SERVICE CONTRACT

Introduced by: Councilman Philip Canterino

Seconded by: Councilman Louis Cappella

Dated: April 10, 2014

WHEREAS, the County is desirous of assuring to the public the maintenance of bus transportation services at adequate levels and at a reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, the Carrier is in need of financial assistance in order to maintain open to the public transit service in Orange County at reasonable fares; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Carrier are committed to making efforts to improve existing services and to reduce fares to certain groups; and

WHEREAS, the Carrier has indicated a willingness to make such efforts if it receives financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the County has, by Local Law No. 14 of 1974, pursuant to Section 19-r of the General Municipal Law, authorized the making of contracts for mass transportation services to be rendered to the public by privately or municipally owned or operated mass transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County has applied for and received from the Commissioner mass transportation operating assistance payments (hereinafter referred to as "STOA payments"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 18-B of the Transportation Lay, and intends to continue to apply for and expects to receive from said Commissioner of Transportation quarterly STOA payments, pursuant to the local assistance budget of the State as the same may be adopted and modified from time to time by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the County is a grantee under the Section 5307 Program pursuant to grant application (s) and written agreement (s) with the FTA; and

WHEREAS, the Carrier will use its eligible portion of the funds obtained by the County through these funding programs to support public mass transportation services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in Consideration of the mutual promises herein set forth, the County and the Carrier agree to accept the Bus Operator Service Contract of 2014.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Douglas Bloomfield, Supervisor AYE
Louis Cappella, Councilman AYE

Philip Canterino, Councilman AYE
Kenneth Newbold, Councilman AYE

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

4. DISCUSS PLAN TO REPLACE CHAIRS IN TOWN HALL: Supervisor Bloomfield explained that many of the chairs in the Court Room, and in many of the offices have tears in them, and some are broken and need to be replaced. The pictures of the chairs were not available, so this will be addressed at the next meeting.

F. FINANCE: Councilman Newbold made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable Check Run of 04/10/2014 amounting to \$187,986.33. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried 4 to 0.

G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: No response from the public. Supervisor Bloomfield expressed condolences to William Standish, Budget Officer, who lost his sister to cancer, and to the family of the young man who was killed on Gate School House Road last night.

H. ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Cappella made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, and go into Executive Session, with intent not to return to discuss:

1. Placido v Town of Goshen – litigation
2. Goshen Meadows – litigation

3. Lubavitch Taxes – potential litigation
4. ADC Maplewood – Developer Agreement
5. Status of other Tax Cert

Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Time: 8:17 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk