

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

APRIL 13, 2017
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 13th day of April, 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 Van Der Molen	Councilmember

Also Present:	Richard Golden, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:33pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

Nick Gallo commented on agenda item #5: he asked how many illegal hookups are in the water districts, how much water is actually pumped and how much water is billed and will Legoland affect the Arcadia Hills water/sewer system?

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. None at this time.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST BY HAMBLETONIAN MARATHON, HALF MARATHON AND GOOD TIME TROTTERS RELAY TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017.

Correspondence requesting to traverse the town's portion of the 26.2 mile course of the Hambletonian Marathon was reviewed by the Board. The marathon is scheduled to take place on October 15, 2017. The submitted paper work was accepted. We are waiting to receive the Hold Harmless certificate before final approval.

2. INFORMATION: GOSHEN CHAMBER WILL HOLD SPRING HOME & GARDEN SHOW APRIL 22, 2017 AT PALACIO CONFERENCE CENTER. TOWN WILL PARTICIPATE BY HANDING OUT LITERATURE REGARDING TESTING RESIDENTIAL WATER FOR LEAD CONTAMINATION, ETC.

As stated for information only.

3. INFORMATION: ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS WILL HOLD A RIBBON CUTTING TO CELEBRATE THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE FACILITY AT 75 WEBSTER AVE. AT 2:00PM ON THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH.

As stated, for information only.

4. INFORMATION: THE TOWN WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT TESTED ALL WATER DISTRICT WELLS FOR PFOA & PFOS CONTAMINATION.

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) has been detected in industrial waste, stain resistant carpets, carpet cleaning liquids, house dust, microwave popcorn bags, water, food, some cookware and PTFE such as Teflon. Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) was the key ingredient in Scotchgard, a fabric protector made by 3M and numerous stain repellents. It has been linked to kidney and testicular cancers, high cholesterol etc. In a recent news article, a new program included in the state's budget will require that each New York municipality test its drinking water supply for toxic contaminants. The water district wells have been tested. The results should be available in two weeks.

5. DISCUSS PREVIEW OF WATER/SEWER PUBLIC HEARING (4/24) INFORMATION.

Supervisor Bloomfield gave an analysis of the Hambletonian Park/Arcadia Hills 2016 sewer bill. Details of the Inflow & Infiltration analysis and rate change analysis can be read in the Clerk's Office. In summary, from the analysis, "The total flows to the Village Treatment Plant were considerably less in 2016 than in 2015. Arcadia Hills had a significant improvement (decrease) in I & I, Hambletonian Park also had a slight improvement: but I & I remains a real problem and expense. Arcadia Hills water usage increased 103,300 gallons, or 0.8% in 2016, thus adding \$522 to the Village sewer bill. Hambletonian Park water usage decreased 659,669 gallons, or 9.94% in 2016, thus subtracting \$3,335 from the Village sewer bill. The cost to process sewage by the Village increased \$.97 per thousand gallons or 23.7%.

6. INFORMATION: THE TOWN OF GOSHEN SPRING CLEANUP STARTS APRIL 24, 2017. ALL ITEMS MUST BE CURBSIDE BY 7:00AM. THE TRUCKS WILL ONLY BE THROUGH EACH AREA ONCE.

As stated, for information only.

F. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ted L'Estrange, on behalf of Falun Gong practitioners in the Hudson Valley, addressed the Board. He gave a brief report that in China - Falun Gong practitioners have been killed on demand harvesting their organs for profit. China's state-sanctioned industry could have performed over one million transplants since 2000. Mr. L'Estrange distributed literature on the subject. He is seeking support to join individuals across the U.S., Canada and around the world to stop this crime against humanity and save lives.

Comments regarding the Legoland project: Property owner recapped a visit from Phil Royal of Merlin Entertainment. Who puts out the bid when Town (real) property has to be sold? Ans: the County. Who is responsible for testing the Town waterways such as: Otterkill. There is urgency in testing the waterways around the proposed Legoland site before work is to be done - to create a baseline. Are we entering into a binding contract for the host fee? Will the host fee be fixed or renegotiated? The host fee has to be very well researched and well documented to have a baseline. Not comfortable with Merlin as the reporting agent of the ticket sales. Understood that elected officials can have opinions on Town projects. However, members appointed to Town Boards such as the Planning Board are not to express opinions. A request to remove Lee Bergus and Diane Lupinski from the Planning Board. On 7-4-2016 a conversation with Lee Bergus was initiated, because he was handing out Legoland pamphlets at this public event. CC4HV have sent out letters asking for donations and to join in their cause. Likewise, they have received donations along with a great deal of support. A request was made to place the Legoland project on a referendum. Letters of concern are written/delivered every day, because the Town Board will not meet with those who oppose Legoland.

(Addition to New Business)

7. EASEMENTS AT SALESIAN PARK FOR LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

The main entrance to the Salesian Park is the same entrance the library will use during construction. The public will temporarily use the Haight entrance during library construction.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign easements related to the Library construction and access the Salesian Park property and related sewer line connections subject to review by the attorney. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following and to conduct any other business:

1. Potential Tepaz Litigation

with the intent not to return. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Newbold. Motion carried

I. ADJOURNMENT: 8:35PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk