

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 23, 2015

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 23rd day of April, 2015 at the 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
	George Lyons	Councilman
	Louis Cappella	Councilman

Also Present:	John Swift	Special Counsel to the Town Board
	Robert Rametta	Special Counsel Tax Certiorari/ Claims
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: None

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

D. REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN LOUIS CAPPELLA reported for Highway stating that on Monday, April 27th Cleanup Week will begin for the Town of Goshen will start. He said he hoped all would put out the articles they want to dispose of, as the trucks will be coming through only once. He explained that Highway is again partnering with the Village of Florida's DPW, borrowing their compressor. He said by doing this, it shortens the pickup time by a week. Councilman Cappella reported the Town reciprocates with the Village of Florida with other items, and it is a good example of one municipality cooperating with another to get the job done sooner, and cost effective.

Dial – A -- Bus will be working on a Chamber of Commerce sponsored trip to Steve's Deli on May 4th. The bus will be picking up between 10:15 a.m. and 11:15, and returning at 1:15 pm. The Chamber is paying the fares, and Steve is offering the seniors a 15% discount on their purchases.

Councilman Cappella said there will also be a trip to Amigo's Restaurant on May 11th, and on the 18th of May they will be going to Stewart's. These two will be normal fares.

COUNCILMAN KENNETH NEWBOLD reported he checked with the Highway Superintendent, and all

is going well with the Water/Sewer Districts.

He reported there were a series of problems in the Town Hall in the last month beginning in the Basement, that required bringing back the water proofing people, as their warranty is still in effect.

Councilman Newbold said this was followed by the sump pump under the elevator breaking, and it had to be replaced. The Hot water heater in the building had to be replaced also.

He also reported that security cameras have been installed in the Town Hall, and the parking lot.

COUNCILMAN GEORGE LYONS reported the following for the Joint Recreation Commission: Summer Recreational Day Camp information is on the web site, and registration is open, camp will be held at Myron Urbanski Park from June 29th thru August 10th.

Registration is also open for their mini camps, Princess and Super Hero training, as well as the free tennis program. Zumba continues at the Senior Center on Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m., and Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. The free chess program is held at the Senior Center Tuesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This program is open to all ages and playing levels. Information and registration for all of the programs is available on line at goshenrecreation.com.

All parks are open, Little League and Goshen Soccer Club Spring Soccer have started at Myron Urbanski Park, and Goshen La cross is utilizing Erie Street Park.

Information on renting the parks can be obtained on the web site goshenrecreation.com, or you can contact the Parks Office at 294-1558. Councilman Lyons stated that he is now in the process of obtaining quotes to blacktop the Myron Urbanski Park from the entrance to the Pavilion.

COUNCILMAN PHILIP CANTERINO reported he had a meeting with the Police Chief, and asked for the status of the finger printing payroll machine. The Chief informed him that the machine had been sent to Goshen, Indiana. Councilman Canterino said as soon as it arrives here it will be installed.

Councilman Canterino also said the negotiations with the P.B.A. continues, and he and the Supervisor will meet with them again on Monday to discuss the current offer.

SUPERVISOR DOUGLAS BLOOMFIELD reported the Town of Goshen employees were given the annual NYS Department of Labor required training safety course. Our insurance company, Comp Alliance, provided the course at no charge to the board. He said they invited other municipalities to attend, and the response was excellent.

The Supervisor said the building does now have security cameras, compliments of the Justice System, there are some funds left, and will be used to purchase some more chairs for the Court room.

Supervisor Bloomfield reported he had received the check for the sales tax and it was just about the amount he and Councilman Canterino had expected.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE A PROPOSED TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT FOR THE LUCREZIA PROPERTY, 200 MONTGOMERY STREET, AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME: Supervisor Bloomfield asked Attorney Rametta to review the Resolution Settling the Tax Certiorari Claim. Attorney Rametta did so, and answered any questions the Board had. The Board then acted upon the following Resolution:

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION
Settling of Tax Certiorari Claim;
SALVATORE LUCREZIA v TOWN OF GOSHEN, ET AL
Section 104, Block 2, Lot 41**

**INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Philip Canterino
SECONDED BY: Councilman Kenneth Newbold
DATED: April 23, 2015**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York, held at Town Hall in said Town on the 23rd day of April, 2015;

WHEREAS, claimant, SALVATORE LUCREZIA, having commenced tax certiorari proceedings against the Town of Goshen in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, county of Orange for the 2014 assessment years bearing Orange County index number 2014-005698;and

WHEREAS, it appears from the recommendations of Arnold Silver, Town Assessor, and Robert M. Rametta, Esq. Counsel for the Town of Goshen in the aforesaid proceedings, and upon a thorough investigation of the claims, that any further proceedings and litigation by the Town would involve considerable expense with the attendant uncertainty of the outcome and that the settlement of the above matters, as more fully set forth below, is reasonable and in the best interests of the Town; and

WHEREAS, claimant, SALVATORE LUCREZIA, is willing to settle these proceedings without interest, costs or disbursements, in the following manner: As set forth in annexed Order and Judgment Reducing Assessments and Stipulation of Settlement;

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the proposed settlement set forth and described above and as set forth in the annexed Consent Order is hereby accepted pursuant to Section 68 of the Town Law and it is further;

RESOLVED, that the assessor of the Town of Goshen and Robert M. Rametta Esq., Special Counsel to the Town of Goshen; and Douglas Bloomfield, Supervisor of the Town of Goshen be, and are hereby authorized to take any and all steps and sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution;

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilman, Philip Canterino	<u>AYE</u>
Councilman, Louis Cappella	<u>AYE</u>	Councilman, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilman, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Cappella made a Motion to approve the Work Session Minutes of March 9th and March 23rd, 2015. Motion Seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Supervisor abstaining as he was absent from those meetings.

Councilman Canterino made a Motion to approve the Regular Meeting of March 12th, 2015. Motion Seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 4 to 0. Supervisor Bloomfield abstaining, absent from this meeting

Councilman Newbold made the Motion to approve the Regular Meeting of March 26th, 2015. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 5 to 0.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING

RESOLUTION: The Board discussed the annual report to New York State and Local Employees Retirement System, and Councilman Lyons made the Motion to approve the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried 5 to 0.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Goshen hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local officials to the clerk of the body:

Title	Standard Work Day	Name	Term Dates	Time Keeping	Days per ROA
<u>Elected</u>					
Supervisor	8	Douglas Bloomfield	1/1/14 – 12/31/15	No	22.81
Town Clerk	8	Valma Eisma	1/1/14 - 12/31/15	Yes	
Town Council	8	Kenneth Newbold	1/1/14 - 12/31/17	No	6.79

Town Council	8	Louis Cappella	1/1/12 - 12/31/15	No	4.52
Hwy Superintendent	8	Broderick Knoell	1/1/14 - 12/31/15	Yes	
Town Justice	8	Kimberly Van Haaster	1/1/15 - 12/31/18	No	12.06
Town Justice	8	Thomas Cione	1/1/12 - 12/31/15	No	7.67

Appointed

Court Clerk	8	Florence Nelson	1/1/15 – 12/31/15	Yes	
Court Clerk	8	Kaj Rangyosityothin	1/1/15 - 12/31/15	Yes	
Clk to Supervisor	8	Barbara Sokolofsky	1/1/15 - 12/31/15	Yes	
Deputy Town Clerk	8	Priscilla Gersbeck	1/1/15 – 12/31/15	Yes	
Planning Bd Chair	8	Lee Bergus	12/1/15 - 12/31/15	Yes	
Sec. to Planning Bd.	8	Kathleen Krutki	1/1/15 - 12/31/15	Yes	
Dep. Super of Hwy	8	Kevin Biondi	1/1/15 – 12/31/15	Yes	

On this 23rd day of April 2015

I, Valma Eisma Clerk of the governing board of the Town of Goshen, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board, at a legally convened meeting held on the 23rd day of April 2015 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original. I further certify that the full board, consists of 5 members, and 5 of such members were present at such meeting and 5 of such members voted in favor of the above resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and the seal of the Town of Goshen.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE PROPOSED CONTRACT CHANGES TO THE FIRTHCLIFFE TECHNOLOGIES, INC. EFFECTIVE AUGUST 6, 2015 AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME: Supervisor Bloomfield informed the Board that the contract is the same as last year, with a slight increase in certain areas, the first increase in many years.

Councilman Cappella made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Proposed contract with Firthcliffe Technologies, Inc. effective August 6, 2015. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.

3. DISCUSS AND APPROVE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF GOSHEN CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH APPRISS, Inc.: Supervisor Bloomfield reported that at the last work session a representative from Appriss, Inc. gave a presentation of the program that would enable the Police Department to provide accident reports on-line at no cost to the Town. He said he spoke to the Chief and he is very much in favor of the program. There were two parts of the program, and the Supervisor stated he did not feel the Board wanted the second part, so that was eliminated.

After a brief discussion Councilman Canterino made a Motion to Authorize the Town of Goshen Chief of Police to enter into an agreement with Appriss, Inc. to provide accident reports on-line at no cost to the Town.

The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Board would not act on the Motion, but will wait till the May 11th meeting so that they could review the agreement.

4. INFORMATION: TOWN HALL POTENTIAL FILE STORAGE SOLUTION: Supervisor Bloomfield stated there is a serious storage of space to store records, etc. in all the offices in Town Hall, as well as the Police Station and Highway Department. He presented the board with a memo from the Building Inspector who has been searching for a solution. In doing so he discovered that Iron Mountain, a document management company has a storage unit in the Town of Chester. The Board reviewed the Memo at length and Supervisor Bloomfield said there is a scheduled conference call with Iron Mountain for all the department heads to meet and ask questions on May 5th, at 10:00 a.m.

G. FINANCE: Councilman Canterino made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable Check Run of 04/23/2015 amounting to \$130,568.94. Motion seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried unanimously.

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Attorney Swift asked if Iron Mountain could also scan. Supervisor Bloomfield replied yes, but it was very expensive.

I. ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Newbold made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, go into Executive Session, with intention not to return, to discuss the following:

1. P.D. Litigation Update
2. MTBE Litigation Update

The Motion was Seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 8:10 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk

