

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
May 21, 2012
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 21st day of May, 2012 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
Louis Cappella Councilman
George Lyons Councilman
Kenneth Newbold Councilman

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki Attorney for the Town
Priscilla Gersbeck Deputy Town Clerk

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

1. DISCUSS CREATING WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS FOR THE MAPLEWOOD SUBDIVISION

Art Tully, representing Maplewood, addressed the Board requesting guidance in establishing a water and sewer district for this subdivision. Supervisor Bloomfield explained that a few years ago it was decided that the Town didn't want proposed subdivisions to create a lot of little water/sewer districts. Hooking up with an existing system will be cost effective. He suggested contacting the Town Engineer, Dennis Lindsay, to design the best way to include Maplewood in the Hambletonian Park water/sewer district. Once the infrastructure is in place, the Town would take over the operations. By expanding the base, the cost per house would be reduced. Details of the Maplewood subdivision are located in the Building/Zoning Dept.

2. CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEW YORK FARMS, LLC SUBDIVISION

Irrevocable Offer of Dedication Parcel "B"
Turnover Agreement for the Water and Sewer Systems
Right of Way Abandonment Agreement Between Town and New York Farms, LLC for Bridle Path
Declaration of Open space Conservation Easement Parcel "A"
Permanent Easement for Storm Water Detention Ponds – Parcels A, B, & C
Bargain and Sale Deed for Roads "A" and "B", New York Farms, LLC
Developer's Agreement

Attorney Caplicki stated that all of the documents have been submitted. The modifications to the Turnover Agreement were reviewed by Dennis Lindsay, who will explain them to the Board at the next meeting.

3. DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF A “GENERIC” CONSERVATION EASEMENT THAT CAN BE USED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Several Conservation Easements were under consideration to be modified to form “generic” easements. With some discussion, it was narrowed to review the redacted-signed Nutley (Dickerson) Conservation Easement and to review New York Farms (Heritage) Agricultural Conservation Easement to create the generic easements for future use. This will be continued at the June 11th meeting.

4. REVIEW LETTER FROM BRODERICK KNOELL, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION FROM FEMA FOR THE HARTLEY ROAD CULVERT PIPE REPLACEMENT

Councilman Cappella summarized a letter from Broderick Knoell, Highway Superintendent. The Highway Dept. is proceeding with the initial phases of this project with Riddick Associates, P.C.. An application has been submitted for another extension date. A preliminary schedule is included showing that an extension is anticipated. The Town could incur costs that would not be covered if an extension was not set in place. Presently, Sean Hoffman is acquiring a price to survey the site and begin his preliminary engineering.

5. DISCUSS SERVPRO PROPOSAL FOR CLEANING THE TOWN HALL HEATING/COOLING DUCT WORK

Supervisor Bloomfield stated that since the building was built, the duct work was never cleaned and the carpet is original. The time has come to replace the worn/torn carpet. However, before this is to be done, the ducts need to be cleaned. SERVPRO has submitted the cleaning procedure covering: lock out/tag out, protective covering, industrial brushes, HEPA vacuums and sanitizing with Oxine. Also submitted is an estimate for the services to clean the ducts of \$4,567.75 adding tax \$372, 27 totaling \$4,940.02. The Board noted that the tax will be eliminated.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to contract with SERVPRO to clean the duct work in the Town Hall for a cost not to exceed \$4,567.75. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilman Canterino noted that this expenditure is a maintenance line item, not a capital investment. This is a health issue and for the efficiency of the system.

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

6. DISCUSS MEETING WITH THE REVEREND DAVID KINGSLEY AND HIS APOLOGY TO THE BOARD REGARDING ACCUSATIONS REGARDING THE MTBE CONTAMINATION FOLLOWING THE CHRONICLE'S ARTICLE ON THE SUBJECT

Supervisor Bloomfield received a letter of apology from The Reverend David Kingsley. Originally, Reverend Kingsley was misled by an article written with inaccuracies in the Times Herald Record and by residents of Police Drive, who have been living with polluted water since 2006. [Letter on file in the Town Clerk's Office] Geri Corey wrote an accurately detailed article in the Chronicle dealing with the contamination of wells on Police Drive. The Reverend Kingsley was "enlightened" upon reading there was documentation clearing the Town of any polluting. Consequently, penned his letter apologizing to the Town and will be correcting his mistake with his congregation.

Supervisor Bloomfield commented to Geri Corey that her article was "good investigatory journalism". Following a discussion, the Board was in agreement to contact the Times Herald Record showing Geri Corey's article compared to the inaccuracies written by their reporter, John Sullivan. Perhaps future articles written about the Town of Goshen will show the effort to be factual instead of fiction.

7. CDGB (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT BLOCK) STATUS

-JRC

-FLOOD MITIGATION FOR ARCADIA HILLS SEWER PUMPS (\$45,000) AND WELL HOUSE (\$150,000)

There were no suggestions presented at the Public Meeting. With the deadline set for May 31, Supervisor Bloomfield asked Councilman Lyons if the JRC had any suggestions. Since 70% of the money has to be spent on low to moderate income families, he suggested scholarships for those who are in the low-mod range enabling them the opportunity to attend day camp. Day camp costs about \$90.00 per week. This can be arranged through the school Social Worker using the reduced/free lunch listing. Those families who can't afford day camp would be eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Secondly, Highway Superintendent, Broderick Knoell submitted an application to CDGB for necessary mitigation (\$45,000) to install new submersible pumps at the Arcadia Hills development sewer pump station. He also requested money for mitigation (\$150,000) for the Arcadia Hills development well house that sustained a considerable amount of damage from Hurricane Irene. This is a substantial amount of money (\$195,000) requested, which may be denied.

8. TENTATIVE QUARRY ROAD VISIT BY BOARD

The Dutchess Quarry was sold to Peckham Industries. The Board Members are interested in meeting with the new owners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Woodland Estates Tax Certiorari
2. Personnel – Chief of Police

with the intent not to return. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: 8:50PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk

