

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**

May 12, 2016  
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 12th day of May, 2016 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilmember
	John VanDerMolen	Councilmember

Absent:	Melissa Gallo	Councilmember
	George Lyons	Councilmember

Also Present:	Ashley Torre	Attorney
	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)**

None at this time.

**D. REPORTS:**

**Councilman Newbold;** beginning on Monday, May 16 the water districts will be flushing lines.

**Councilman VanDerMolen;** hosted a tour today, at the Senior Center, with representatives of the Community Development Block Grant. He pointed out the two ADA doors to be replaced with automatic openers if the grant is awarded to the Town.

**Supervisor Bloomfield;** reviewed the status of departmental meetings he recently attended.

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

None at this time.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. STANDARD AND POOR'S HAS COMPLETED A NEW CREDIT ASSESSMENT FOR THE TOWN OF GOSHEN: OUR RATING REMAINS AA. THE TOWN OF GOSHEN'S BUDGETARY PERFORMANCE IS "STRONG" IN THEIR OPINION.**

Supervisor Bloomfield presented a graph illustrating Standard & Poors Bond Rating history of the Town: in 1998 A-, 2002 A, 2009 AA-, 2011 A+ and in 2014 AA. The Town's current profile is rated AA/Stable.

**2. INFORMATION: SUPERVISOR BLOOMFIELD AND OFFICER EDWARDS WILL BEGIN PBA NEGOTIATIONS ON 5/18/2016 @ 10:00AM.**

As stated for information only.

**3. ASSESSOR'S OFFICE HOURS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: MONDAY 9-4PM, TUESDAY 9-2PM, WED 9-4PM, THURS 9-1PM, FRIDAY 9-4PM. INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE OFFICE DOOR AND THE TOWN WEB PAGE.**

On April 1, 2016, the last full-time employee in the Assessor's Dept. retired. The County hired a part-timer to back fill the position. The Assessor's office will be staffed by part-timers with new office hours.

**4. ASSESSMENT GRIEVANCE DAY IS TUESDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>.**

As stated, for information only.

**G. FINANCE**

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for May 12, 2016 in the amount of \$171,590.55 and Manual A/P runs for April 30, 2016 in the amount of \$11,036.37. Councilman VanDerMolen seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 3 AYES Bloomfield, Newbold, VanDerMolen  
0 NAYS  
2 ABSENT

**H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**Bob Smith** inquired if changes were made to the gated road plans of the New York Farm subdivision. Answer: not at this time. (inaudible) He also inquired if Local Law #1 applied to buildings at Salesian Park? The Local Law applies to buildings not structurally sound – creating an imminent hazard.

**Reynell Andrews** asked about the lawsuit between Tetz vs Town of Goshen/Tetz vs Town of Wallkill. Judge Slobod heard the case and ruled in favor of Tetz. Since Tetz can't be taken out of business while Midway Bridge is closed, his vehicles will use limited-designated Town roads. Supervisor Bloomfield was disappointed that the issue of safety to the citizens was not addressed.

**Councilman Newbold** expressed that he is uncomfortable with the one-on-one PBA negotiations with the Supervisor and Officer Edwards. Response: it was a decided by the Board to do so and any decision will be made by a full Board agreement.

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

1. Personnel in PD Disciplinary Case
2. Personnel in Highway Disciplinary Case

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

**J. ADJOURNMENT: 8:05PM**

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk