

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 22, 2014
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 22nd day of May, 2014 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
 Louis Cappella Councilman
 George Lyons Councilman

Absent: Kenneth Newbold Councilman

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:31 pm, 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 Canterino: The negotiations with the PBA were re-opened this week with Attorney Rick Golden.

Councilman Lyons: Reporting for the JRC, the summer day camp will begin June 30th to August 8 at the Goshen Intermediate School. A variety of mini camps are also being offered. During July two sessions of the girls volleyball camp will be held at the Goshen High School. Zumba classes continue at the CJ Hooker Middle School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For more information, go to www.goshenrecreation.com The Little League and soccer teams are using the fields at the Myron Urbanski Park. The Goshen Lacrosse Club is holding evening practice at the Erie Street field.

Councilman Cappella Earlier this month, the Chamber sponsored a free-pass for seniors to Steve's Deli and the Red Barn. This was so successful that the Chamber, will again (June 21) sponsor a free-pass for the seniors to ride the dial-a-bus to the Goshen Gourmet Bakery. On June 12 the Horizon Family Medical Group will sponsor a free lunch for the seniors at the Senior Center. A speaker will explain the Medicare Wellness Visit for which many of the seniors are eligible.

Reporting on the Highway Dept., an audit was conducted by the NYS Dept. of Labor. Under the Division of Safety and Health, there are some policies that are in need of updating along with minor issues of updating the garage. The gentleman who came to do the audit/inspection said that our Highway Dept. is "above average of the norm". The issues to be updated are of standard notations. Councilman Cappella will be working with the Superintendent of Highways to make the necessary corrections before the due dates. The Board is sending condolences to Ellen (Director-Senior Center) on the loss of her father.

Supervisor Bloomfield: Has finished negotiations with the County for assessment services. He will be signing a new agreement with the County and a copy will be filed with the NY Office of Real Property Services. The Slate Hill Cemetery committee is working on ways to financially perpetuate the upkeep and ground improvements to the cemetery. He also stated that the rehab of the five manholes in Hambletonian Park has been completed.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION REGARDING REQUEST BY THE ULSTER-ORANGE-SULLIVAN REGION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TO HOLD A 5K RUN/WALK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014.

Councilman Lyons contacted our insurance agent, Greg Townsend of Marshall and Sterling to review the insurance coverage provided to the Town for this event. Mr. Townsend responded by giving us a model application using different language and modified certificate of coverage listing more coverage. After a lengthy discussion pertaining to the coverage stated on the Endorsement page, it was determined to be unacceptable.

Councilman Canterino made the motion to accept the request to hold a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 14, 2014 providing the Archdiocese of New York *excludes* the Endorsement page that is attached to the certificate. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

Discussion: A letter will be sent tomorrow to the Ulster Orange Sullivan Region of Catholic Schools informing them that the Board will approve their application only if the second page is eliminated.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons
0 NAYS

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR RICK GOLDEN, ESQ., DENNIS LINDSAY, P.E. NEAL HALLORAN AND POTENTIALLY LEE BERGUS, P. E. TO VISIT THE AMY'S KITCHEN PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA PLANT.

Supervisor Bloomfield has received three requests from the representatives' of Amy's Kitchen inviting our professionals to tour the Petaluma plant before June 19th. Two of our selected professionals: Rick Golden, Esq. and Dennis Lindsay, P. E. have offered to take this fact-finding trip and offered to *self-pay* all costs/expenses. Lee

Bergus, P.E. and Planning Board Chairman along with Neal Halloran, Building Inspector have accepted the invitation from Amy's Kitchen as an educational fact-finding trip.

Councilman Cappella made the motion to send Rick Golden, Esq., Dennis Lindsay, P. E. who will self-pay all costs and expenses, and at the invitational expense of Amy's Kitchen, Lee Bergus, P. E. along with Neal Halloran, Building Inspector on this educational fact-finding trip to the Petaluma plant. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilman Canterino has reservations with the *timing of this trip*. This is a new application and as it goes through the Planning Board process, many questions and issues will come up. Also, questions will arise from a public hearing and input from other municipalities/businesses. It would make sense for our professionals to go on this trip with a list of questions to ask and a better understanding as to what issues have been presented and the type of information we are looking for. Just so there is no misunderstanding, he has full confidence in our professionals, however he feels this "visit is premature".

Councilman Lyons asked for clarification as to the financial obligations of this trip. He is also asking if the professionals could keep a trip log for future reference.

Supervisor Bloomfield noted that the professionals believe that by visiting the plant and seeing what the operation entails will put them in a better position to answer forthcoming questions.

Councilman Cappella noted how fortunate we are to have such competent professionals willing to go on this trip.

Upon A Roll Call Vote:

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

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 3 to 1.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. REVIEW PROPOSAL BY THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN TO SUBMIT A CDBG APPLICATION FOR FUNDS TO DEMOLISH/REMOVE AN ABANDONED WATER FILTRATION PLANT. THE VILLAGE IS REQUESTING A LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FROM THE TOWN.

A letter was received from the Village Mayor, Kyle Roddey, asking for the Town's support for the above requested application.

Supervisor Bloomfield made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to draft and send a letter of endorsement from the Town to the Village in support of their application to CDBG for funds to demolish/remove an abandoned water filtration plant. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilman Lyons inquired if the Town will become an active member of the grant or is it just an approval letter that we want to join them.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons
0 NAYS

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN ORANGE COUNTY AND TOWN OF GOSHEN FOR 2015 AND 2016 ASSESSING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME.

The agreement will be attached to the following resolution.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
Resolution**

**Authorization to Sign Assessment Services Contract with the County of Orange
Pursuant to Section 1537 of the Real Property Law of the State of New York**

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman George Lyons
SECONDED BY: Councilman Philip Canterino

DATED: May 22, 2014

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 22nd day of May, 2014

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen previously by resolution of October 9, 2012 affirmatively voted to remove the function of assessment services from the offices of the Town Assessor and authorized negotiations with the County of Orange for the provision of such services to the Town of Goshen, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen has complied in all respects with the provisions of New York Real Property Law Section 1537 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen has negotiated with the County of Orange with respect to the provision of assessment services and is now in receipt of an acceptable contract from the County of Orange with respect to the provision of such services,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Goshen is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Goshen the agreement annexed hereto Exhibit A with the County of Orange whereby the County of Orange will provide assessment services to the Town of Goshen as set forth therein and the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute 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>ABSENT</u>
Councilman, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

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

3. **INFORMATION: THE GOSHEN FARMERS MARKET OPENS AT NOON ON MAY 30TH.
ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

As stated, for information only.

4. AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO REQUEST \$50,000 FROM NYS SENATOR BONACIC FOR RENOVATION OF THE TOWN HALL CUPOLA. THIS IS PER THE GUIDELINES OUTLINED IN HIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE SUPERVISOR DATED MAY 14, 2014.

Senator Bonacic sent a letter informing us that he has secured funding for the State and Municipal Facilities Capital Program. He will be seeking funding under this program for municipalities in his Senate District with a demonstrated need for municipal improvements. It is expected that the maximum grant will be \$100,000, although an exceptional application may be eligible for a higher amount.

Supervisor Bloomfield is looking for grant money to renovate and restore the cupola on the roof of our historic Town Hall. An inspection of our cupola determined an initial cost for restoration would be in excess of \$50,000.

Councilman Canterino made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter to Senator Bonacic requesting \$50,000 for renovation of the Town Hall cupola. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons
0 NAYS

5. AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO RE-CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN ALTERNATIVE ELECTRIC SUPPLIER, DIRECT ENERGY.

Our two year contract with Direct Energy as an alternative supplier will expire in July. In the first year with Direct Energy, the Town saved approximately \$20,000 and trending close to that in this second year. This new contract quote will lock us in at \$0.03 cents per kilowatt savings with an estimated annual savings in the \$20,000 range. Our Budget Officer, Bill Standish, is requesting approval to sign a 30 month contract with Direct Energy.

Councilman Lyons made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to re-contract with Direct Energy for the next 30 months to secure a lock-in rate of \$0.08944 per kw. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilman Cappella stated that he has checked the rates of other companies and this is a phenomenal deal.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons
0 NAYS

G. FINANCE

Councilman Canterino made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable Check run for 05/22/2014 amounting to \$96,663.10. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons
0 NAYS

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Robert Smith thanked Senator Bonacic for working so hard to give us our money back.

Councilman Lyons reminded everyone that the Memorial Day parade is on Monday. Line-up is at 10:00am at Erie Street field with step-off at 11:00am.

I. ADJOURNMENT: 8:30PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Cappella made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following;

1. Turi Tax Certiorari Status Update
2. Humane Society Update

with the intent not to return. The motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion Carried

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk