

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
June 11, 2012
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 11th day of June, 2012 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

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

1. HAVE DISCUSSION WITH VINCE PIETRAZAK AND JONAH MANDELBAUM REGARDING THE MAKUEN PROPERTY ON ROUTE 17A

Representing the Makuen property on 17A, Vince Pietrazak, Engineer and Jonah Mandelbaum, Developer addressed the Town Board. They want the Board's direction to see if they should proceed with this proposed 87 acre subdivision. A special zoning would need to be created for this subdivision. The remaining acreage surrounding the 87 acres (owned by the Makuens) will remain commercial. This initial proposal is for 372 (maximum) rental units especially for seniors, veterans, people with special needs, and income-based work force families. Mr. Pietrazak distributed a map showing the proposed buildings and explained unit accommodations. This subdivision would be a State regulated pilot program. Mr. Mandelbaum wanted the Board's input before he negotiates with the Makuens and the Village for water & sewer services.

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 reviewed a memo, he submitted to the Board, which is a summary of the modifications and all the requested changes in each designated document. Furthermore, the "Turn Over Agreement" is now to be called the "Developers Agreement". Each of the aforementioned documents were thoroughly analyzed for clarification and critiqued to resolve discrepancies. After a

lengthy discussion it was decided to incorporate the Board's concerns into the final documents. Pending a satisfactory review, resolutions will be in order at the next meeting.

3. DISCUSS THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD'S INPUT TO THE TOWN BOARD REGARDING DEC WETLAND MAP CHANGES

A letter was received from the Orange County Partnership Office of Economic Development New York referring to the DEC publishing new maps with increased wetlands. In Orange County, the DEC's new maps will have an additional 16,000 acres of regulated wetlands and possibly 4,000 acres of buffer. Supervisor Bloomfield asked for input from our Environmental Review Board. The ERB's findings in summary were that there are benefits to wetlands. Economic benefits such as tourism (hunting, fishing, bird watching or photographing wildlife). Wetlands also reduce the frequency and intensity of floods by acting as natural buffers, soaking up and storing significant amounts of storm water. After storing flood waters, there is a slow release of water reducing property damage. There are more benefits, too numerous to list. "The ERB suggests that the Town Board support the DEC proposed expansion of the mapped wetlands."

Neal Halloran, for the ERB, stated that the additional wetlands will have no impact on the Town of Goshen. Also, the new subdivisions have addressed wetlands/buffers in having little or no impact. To support the volume of how much water is retained by the wetlands, he noted that Purgatory Swamp did not overflow during last year's severe storms.

4. REVIEW OUTCOME OF AL TURI LANDFILL, INC. APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT OF NEW YORK APPELLATE DIVISION: SECOND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Attorney Caplicki explained that the Appellate Division declined to recommend the Turi appeal to be sent to the Court of Appeals for review. There is a provision under the law where Turi may attempt to go directly to the Court of Appeals for a writ. This has to be done by June 28th. We don't think Turi will go forward with this. In other words, the Town's appraisals stand as is. This will save the citizens millions of dollars. Providing Turi doesn't request a review, on August 1st Judge Bartlett will rule on calculation and enforcement of the final decision.

5. DISCUSS REQUEST BY GOSHEN TOWN POLICE OFFICER RICHARD WALLS TO ESTABLISH A K-9 UNIT

Officer Walls submitted a request for the first K-9 Unit for the Town Police Dept. The initial cost to train a dog would be \$1,500.00 to \$4,000.00 depending on the breeder and blood lines. A dog already trained and certified would be between \$10,000.00 and \$15,000.00. He listed several ways this can be funded; direct purchase by the Town, applicable federal grant, private donation, and/or a combination of the above. Supervisor Bloomfield asked the Budget Officer what is the status of the Police Dept. budget. As it looks, the P.D. will come in over budget. In fact, there is no money available for this request. Secondly, the County has a K-9 Unit which is available to all municipalities. With today's economic state, we don't have the money to spend and it's not cost effective to duplicate services. The consensus of the Board was to deny the request for a K-9 Unit.

6. DISCUSS CONCEPT OF RENAMING LAND OF GOSHEN PARK TO MYRON URBANSKI MEMORIAL PARK

Councilman Canterino entertained the concept to rename the Land of Goshen Park (aka Craigville Recreation Park) to the "Myron Urbanski Memorial Park". Myron Urbanski, who passed away, last month, was the Town of Goshen Supervisor from 1983 to 1993. Councilman Canterino noted his many accomplishments during his 10 years. The most memorable of which was to create a recreation park for children to play sports instead of using the schools fields. As a matter of fact, Myron "jumped on a bulldozer and cut the first swatch". Totally dedicated to this project, he was there daily. Myron recruited volunteers to do the engineering, legal work, site work and donations of heavy equipment etc. Myron also started the Town Police Department. Before this we had one part-time constable. Councilman Canterino acknowledged Myron's dedication to the Town and the services he was instrumental in obtaining for the people. "A diamond in the ruff, he may not have always been politically correct, but he never had a separate political agenda". "His word was truly his bond." "Whatever he did, was always for the betterment of Goshen and its' people."

Councilman Canterino made the motion to honor Myron Urbanski, by renaming the Craigville Recreation Park the Myron Urbanski Memorial Park, because his hard work and dedication created the beautiful recreation park that we have today. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Supervisor Bloomfield spoke with Councilman Newbold, who with his wife was involved in joint recreation, at the park, since the very beginning. Councilman Newbold agreed that Myron Urbanski was responsible for building the park. If not for Myron, the park would not be here. Councilman Cappella concurred that the people who lived in Goshen while Myron was Supervisor, unanimously agreed that Myron built the park. "He was a doer for the people of Goshen". Councilman Lyons also agreed that if not for Myron, there would be no park. Councilman Canterino noted that Councilman Newbold spoke with him in support of this motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0

7. INFORMATION; THE TOWN WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONDUCTING HOME INSPECTIONS FOR INAPPROPRIATE SEWER CONNECTIONS (SUMP PUMPS, ETC.) ON SATURDAYS FROM 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., STARTING JUNE 16TH. WORK WILL BEGIN IN HAMBLETONIAN PARK AND WILL MOVE ON TO ARCADIA HILLS. A NOTICE HAS BEEN SENT TO EACH OF THE RESIDENCES

A notice has been sent to the residents of Hambletonian Park and Arcadia Hills stating: "Town Water & Sewer representatives will be in your neighborhood on Saturdays from the hours of 9:00am – 3:00pm to request access to inspect your residences for any storm water systems. It is intended that this will begin on Saturday June 16, 2012 and continue on future Saturdays until the process is completed. Each inspection is expected to take approximately 20 minutes". Work will begin in Hambletonian Park and will move on to Arcadia Hills.

8. INFORMATION: NYS DOT IS PLANNING PAVING WORK ON ROUTE 17, EXIT 122 TO 131 BEGINNING IN MID TO LATE JUNE THRU EARLY NOVEMBER. WORK WILL BE PERFORMED AT NIGHT

Supervisor Bloomfield received a letter from NYS Dept. of Transportation Region Eight informing the Town that paving work on Route 17 exit 122 to 131 will begin mid to late June thru early November. The work that is currently underway is not the work that is included in this letter.

9. DISCUSS REQUEST BY NYS ASSEMBLYWOMAN, 97TH DISTRICT, ANNIE RABBITT TO CHANGE SPEED LIMITS ON COUNTY ROAD 6/PULASKI HIGHWAY:

- LOWER LIMIT FROM 55 MPH TO 45 MPH BETWEEN INDIANA ROAD AND PUMPKIN SWAMP ROAD
- INCREASE LIMIT FROM 35 MPH TO 45 MPH BETWEEN PUMPKIN SWAMP AND CROSS ROADS
- SUPPORT INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROUTE PULASKI HIGHWAY AND NYS ROUTE 17A

Assemblywoman, Annie Rabbitt, sent a letter on behalf of the area farmers. The aforementioned roadway concerns would make the speed limits more uniform with the rest of the roadways. Secondly, Route 17A is a heavily traveled road making it nearly impossible and very hazardous for drivers coming from Pulaski Highway onto Route 17A. By *supporting* the installation of a traffic signal, drivers would make it safely onto Route 17A. A resolution will be in order at the next meeting.

10. DISCUSS REQUEST BY VILLAGE MAYOR RODDEY TO HOLD A JOINT VILLAGE & TOWN BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH SALESIAN PARK. THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE TO MEET ON A MONDAY IN JULY

It was discussed to invite the Village Board to the Town Hall for the joint meeting on either July 9th or July 23rd at 7:30pm. Supervisor Bloomfield will contact Mayor Roddey to confirm which date is acceptable with the Village Board.

11. DISCUSS REQUEST FOR TWO (2) TOWN OF GOSHEN POLICE OFFICERS FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR THE GREAT AMERICAN WEEKEND 10k RACE

Sgt. Faust sent the Town a memorandum that the organizers of the 10k race are in need of two Town Police Officers for traffic control. As in the past, the race organizers will be billed to reimburse the Town for the extra patrol.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Personnel – Potential Litigation
- with the intent not to return. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: 10:45PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk