

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 14, 2018

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 14th day of June, 2018 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present: Douglas Bloomfield Supervisor
George Lyons Councilmember
Kenneth Newbold Councilmember
John VanDerMolen Councilmember

Absent: Melissa Gallo Councilmember

Also Present: Richard Golden, Esq. Attorney for the Town
Priscilla Gersbeck Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:34 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

D. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO LOWER THE 02-01-2018 TO 05-02-2018 SEWER BILL \$529.92 FOR LAWRENCE WHITE, 35 CHERRYWOOD DRIVE. THE SEWER BILL WAS INFLATED DUE TO HIGHER THAN NORMAL WATER USAGE. A WATER LEAK OCCURRED AND THE WATER DID NOT ENTER INTO THE SEWER.**

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to lower the 02-01-2018 to 05-02-2018 sewer bill for Lawrence White, 35 Cherrywood drive. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen
0 NAYS
1 ABSENT Gallo

- 2. DISCUSS MARTIN CRAWFORD TAX CERTIORARI AND AUTHORIZE ROBERT M. RAMETTA, ESQ. TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE WITH HONORABLE ELAINE SLOBOD, J.S.C. SEE ATTACHED PROPOSED SETTLEMENT DETAIL.**

Decision is postponed pending assessment time-line clarification.

- 3. INFORMATION: THE O.C. LEGISLATURE TO VOTE ON SIXTEEN (16) PARCELS ALONG LINDENWOOD DRIVE TO THE TOWN OF GOSHEN FOR \$20,300.**

The Orange County Legislature will take action on an offer of \$20,300 by the Town of Goshen for 16 parcels along Lindenwood Drive in Arcadia Hills to be used for municipal purposes including recreational purposes.

4. DISCUSS BUILDING OFFICE PERSONNEL NEEDS: FULL-TIME WITH REDUCED HOURS OR PART-TIME.

At a previous meeting, it was decided to reduce the hours of a full-time employee in the Building & Zoning Office. Before this can be done, consideration is to be given to candidates on a canvass list. The Building & Zoning Office is experiencing a rapid increase of growth in the Town of Goshen. Therefore, the office is looking at a full time position with reduced hours and to hire a part-time employee.

5. INFORMATION: PERCENTAGE CHANGE OF FULL MARKET VALUE FOR HOMES IN TOWN OF GOSHEN ► 4.84 %.

As stated, for information only.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW DEFIBRILLATORS TO REPLACE THE TWO CURRENTLY OWNED (ONE IN TOWN HALL AND ONE IN DPW).

The Philips Model we own has been found to be problematic. Philips is offering a \$950.00 trade-in rebate. The total cost to the Town for two new units is \$743.96.

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to trade-in the two problematic defibrillators and to purchase two new models for a cost not to exceed \$743.96. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen
0 NAYS
1 ABSENT Gallo

2. REVIEW MVP MEDICAL AND HRA INSURANCE 09-01-2018 RENEWALS AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT.

Councilperson Lyons compared the current Town of Goshen MVP insurance plan to the renewal plan, called MVP Liberty Silver 8. Health insurance coverage for a Town of Goshen employee has no out-of-pocket expense for doctors, hospitals and drug plan. The Town pays the full amount of the premium, all co-pays and all deductibles. There are 31 employees under this plan. Last year the monthly total was \$35,424.19 and the annual total was \$425,090.28. The renewal plan monthly total will be \$40,336.39 and the annual total \$484,036.68 an increase of 14%. Over five years we have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars by switching out of the Empire Plan into the MVP Plan.

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to authorize the purchase of MVP Liberty Silver 8 Plan effective 09-01-2018. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, John Van Der Molen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Melissa Gallo	<u>ABSENT</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

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

F. FINANCE:

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for 06/14/2018 in the amount of \$170,619.37. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, motion passed:

4 AYES: Bloomfield, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen

0 NAYS

1 ABSENT: Gallo

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: WORK SESSION OF MAY 21, 2018 AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF MAY 10, 2018 AND MAY 24, 2018.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve the work session minutes of May 21, 2018. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 3 AYES Bloomfield, Newbold, Van Der Molen

0 NAYS

1 ABSTAIN Lyons

1 ABSENT Gallo

The motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 10, 2018 and May 24, 2018. Motion carried.

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Resident of Heritage Estates inquired will there be another meeting on water usage. Ans: Probably in late September or early October.

Nick Gallo believes that the basketball court flagged for Arcadia Hills is a "dead issue". Ans: the decision is up to the Park & Recreation Commission.

Debra Corr asked how our taxes will be affected with the percentage change in full market value of our homes. Ans: The tax should remain the same. The equalization rate has been lowered to compensate for the increase in the selling rate. On the other hand, she wanted an update as to a meeting between the DEC and Merlin. Ans: Neither Supervisor Bloomfield nor Attorney Golden attended that meeting.

Video streaming? Ans: We are working on it.

Christine Miele noted in tonight's Wall Street Journal an article covered the future of group insurance policies. There is the possibility of eliminating coverage for pre-existing conditions.

Sandra Rothenberger questioned why spend \$20,300 on the Lindenwood Drive lots if we can't use them?

Ans: This is the lowest spot in Arcadia Hills. There is a sewer line full of holes which allows water into the Arcadia Hills sewer system. The water is pumped to the Village and metered as sewage. The amount charged is a large amount. With the purchase of the 16 lots, we can raise the road, blocking off the riddled sewer line to install a new sewer line. To repair the sewer line will be costly, therefore the purchase enables us to cut off the old line. Secondly, she attended the IDA meeting at the Orange County Government Center. Her comments on the meeting pertained to the living wage for Orange County and our image is a distribution center building numerous warehouses for minimum wage employees. It has to be changed to entice business in Orange County to compete with the global companies upstate. You cannot live in Goshen on minimum wage as discussed in the IDA meeting. She questioned Legoland's wages in reference to this statement.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to adjourn to go into Attorney/client meeting. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Time: 8:20PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk