

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

June 27, 2019

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 27th day of June, 2019 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	Melissa Gallo	Councilmember
	George Lyons	Councilmember
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilmember
	John Van Der Molen	Councilmember

Also Present:	Ashley Torre, Esq.	Attorney
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

**C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)**

**D. REPORTS**

**Councilperson Van Der Molen** reported on meeting with the Town Police Chief, who is looking to hire a part-time officer to fill the vacancy of an officer who will be moving down south.

Reporting for the Senior Commission: the seniors are pleased with the new AC unit which is working very efficiently. Next month a new 8+ page color newsletter will be introduced. It will contain the monthly calendar, senior center announcements, upcoming senior trips and senior club information. Many other features will cover recipes, health and welfare etc. This will be distributed free of charge, paid for by local advertisements. On July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, the Girl Scouts from Troup 131 will be putting on a Senior Summer Luau. On Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> Pete Smith, owner of Elsie's Restaurant will put on a BBQ for all the seniors at the center starting 12 noon. Tickets are on sale for the Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> bus trip to Sand's Casino in Bethlehem PA. for the Christmas Wonderland Holiday Spectacular. Lastly, many of the seniors were upset to learn that Baxter's Pharmacy has closed. It was conveniently located for prescriptions and other items.

**Councilperson Newbold** made an appointment with the Budget Officer to review upcoming grants and update the status of current grants as not to get lost in the shuffle. All is quiet in the Water & Sewer Department.

**Councilperson Lyons** reporting for the Highway Dept. Catch basin repairs are in progress along Yankee Maid Lane and Florican Drive in preparation to be milled and paved. The sweeper and the road mower have gone out most days this month. Patching with hot asphalt was accomplished on Axworthy Lane, Old Minisink Trail, Phillipsburg, Farmingdale, and Fox Roads. Drainage ditching was done along Jessup Switch Road, Shale, Everett, and Phillipsburg Roads. Rotted cross-over pipes were replaced on Fox Road and Hopkins Terrace. Four more rotted out driveway pipes were replaced on Jessup Switch Road. Indus Inc. crack sealed Gate Schoolhouse, Cheechunk, and Phillipsburg Roads in preparation for fiber mat which will begin June 28<sup>th</sup>. Gorman Roads Inc. recycled both Hasbrouck and Lower Reservoir Roads. Several Highway Department employees aided in clearing out all of the furniture, lockers, equipment, and file cabinets prior to the scheduled asbestos abatement. The asbestos flooring at Highway has been properly abated per DEC permit. A new floor will be installed soon.

**Councilperson Gallo** summarized a joint meeting between the Village and the Town last week. Projects covered pertained to a letter submitted by Maria Canterino on behalf of JRC as follows: *Bathroom at Erie St. Park* to be taken care of by the Village, *Skateboarding at Bruen Park* to be taken care of by the Town, and *Expansion of the Pavilion at Myron Urbanski Park* to be done by both the Village & Town. Camp begins on Monday, July 1st. The JRC does meet the second Tuesday of every month except for August. The public is welcome to come with ideas for projects.

**Supervisor Bloomfield** reported on attending Amy's Kitchen ground breaking ceremony June 21<sup>st</sup>. Andy & Rachel Berliner, owners of Amy's Kitchen, were welcomed by State, Federal, County and Town representatives. The planned start-up date is scheduled for early 2021. This will be Amy's fourth plant, with plans to be built as "State of the Art" environmentally-friendly. He also attended the Orange-Ulster BOCES Graduation Ceremony for special needs students. He met with three levels of management including the Superintendent, to discuss training high-functioning special needs children to possibly get employment at Amy's or Legoland. On another note, the "boil water notice" for Stonehedge was nullified.

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. DISCUSS PROPOSED CONTRACT FROM SARVIS PC REPAIR & CONSULTING FOR TOWN OF GOSHEN COMPUTER SUPPORT.**

The owner of Firthcliffe Technologies computer services has retired. Two employees, Bob Sarvis and Paul Norton are starting their own company. They will use the same service agreement as Firthcliffe Technologies, excluding hardware purchases. Payment of services is a quarterly flat rate of \$2,800 – labor \$85.00 per hour for both on-site and remote work. Work done outside of normal business hours will be invoiced at \$95.00 per hour.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Sarvis PC Repair & Consulting pending review of insurance coverage by our insurance broker and attorney. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. INFORMATION: NYS DOT WILL BE RESURFACING ROUTE 17A FROM COUNTY ROUTE 6 TO JUST AFTER LEMPKA DRIVE IN THE VILLAGE OF FLORIDA. THE TOWN WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE DATE SHORTLY BEFORE WORK STARTS.**

As stated, for information only.

**2. DISCUSS REQUEST BY THE GOSHEN HUMANE SOCIETY TO SUPPORT SPAY/NEUTERING OF FERAL CATS AT AN AVERAGE COST OF \$50.00 PER PROCEDURE.**

The Animal Rights Alliance, Inc. (TARA) is a not-for-profit organization. Their mission is to eliminate the unnecessary euthanasia being performed daily at shelters. The only proven way to achieve this is to bring the birth rate below the euthanasia rate.

Rick Bossley of the Goshen Humane Society addressed the Board, asking the Board to consider a "Voucher" program to be adopted by both the Village and Town. The voucher program provides funding for residents to have cats spayed or neutered for a minimal fee. TARA will spay/neuter, to include rabies vaccine, a cat for \$50.00. All procedures performed at TARA are done by a NYS licensed veterinarian. Some towns/villages contribute \$25.00 (voucher program) toward the \$50.00 fee. Some limit the number of vouchers to two per year per household. Our Attorney advised to look further into more information and details about the program.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to pursue the request from the Humane Society regarding a voucher program with guidelines for Town of Goshen residents to spay/neuter cats. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES      Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen  
0 NAYS

**3. INFORMATION: ORANGE AND ROCKLAND UTILITIES ISSUED A WARNING: "CROOKS AGAIN PREYING ON PUBLIC IN BILL PAYMENT FRAUD", DETAILS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON OUR WEBSITE.**

As stated, for information only.

**4. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUEST BY THE GOSHEN ROTARY CLUB TO HOLD THE ANNUAL GREAT AMERICAN WEEKEND 5K/10K RUNS ON SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019. REQUIRED INSURANCE COVERAGE HAS BEEN PURCHASED TO INCLUDE INDEMNIFYING THE TOWN OF GOSHEN –SEE ATTACHED.**

The Goshen Rotary Club will be holding its annual 5K and 10K road race as part of the Great American Weekend activities on July 6, 2019. The race will begin in the Village and follow the traditional race course(s) onto Town roadways and returning to the Village. Our Attorney is reviewing the insurance coverage.

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to approve the request by the Goshen Rotary Club to hold a 5K and 10K road race on July 6, 2019, pending insurance verification to the satisfaction of the Town Attorney. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES      Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen  
0 NAYS

**5. REVIEW MASTER SHORT FORM AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWN OF GOSHEN AND HENNINGSON, DURHAM, & RICHARDSON ENGINEERING COMPANY TO PROVIDE NEW WIRELESS CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PLANNING BOARD.**

This company was interviewed and approved by the Planning Board.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Town of Goshen to sign a contract with Henningson, Durham, & Richardson Architecture and Engineering, P.C. to provide wireless consulting services for the Town Planning Board at the hourly rate of pay of \$170.00. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES      Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen  
0 NAYS

**6. REVIEW PERMIT APPLICATION TO PRODUCE A SHORT FILM BY DIRECTOR TAYLOR LANDESMAN AT SEVEN (7) LOCATIONS IN THE TOWN OF GOSHEN. FILMING WILL TAKE PLACE IN JULY.**

A request by Max Gardner to produce a short film on several Town roads. The film, titled "Killing Evan", directed by Taylor Landesman will begin filming July 9 to July 12.

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to approve Max Gardner's request to use several Town roads for a short film on July 9 to July 12 pending insurance verification to the satisfaction of the Town Attorney and pending contact verification by the Town Police Chief. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion. On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen  
0 NAYS

**G. FINANCE:**

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for 6/27/2019 in the amount of \$134,277.01. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion. On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen  
0 NAYS

**H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to approve the Town Board meeting minutes of May 9, 2019 and Special Meeting minutes of May 15, 2019. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion. On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen  
0 NAYS

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to approve the Town Board meeting minutes of May 23, 2019. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion. On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Newbold, Van Der Molen  
0 NAYS  
1 ABSTAIN Lyons

**I. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**Keith Roddey** addressed his concern over the blue flagstone/slate sidewalk along the property line at the new library. Even though the stone is flat, grass is growing in between. With successful attendance, he feels this sidewalk has the potential for children getting hurt.

**Rachel Losee** distributed a letter with attached photos of the front and back of Salesian Park. She is requesting that Salesian Park's front entrance be repaved and to complete a paved loop around the ruins that she illustrated in her letter. She believes that by repaving this area and looping it would create more opportunity for bikes, trikes, ride-on-toys, strollers and getting more people to walk through the park to the library. Councilperson Gallo will take her suggestion to the JRC.

**Bob Garloch** asked why we continue to issue permits to Foxfire LaColina to create parking lots and driveways when their plans are incomplete. What about the drainage onto other properties? Ans: It is legal to issue clearing and grading permits before a project is approved. Mr. Garloch believes issues with storm water and grading need to be addressed.

**Debra Corr** asked who issued the "Stop Work" order to Legoland. Ans: there was a torrential rain, therefore Neal issued the order. The next day corrections were made, and he allowed work to resume. Regarding a new stormwater management plan by the DEC? Ans: We don't know the answer. On another note, she believes that the application for Foxfire B & B including a restaurant has changed to an event venue.

**Sandra Rothenberg** inquired if the Town has plans to refurbish a graveyard on Sarah Wells Trail. She believes this is on an abandoned piece of property. Ans: This graveyard is on private property. We will contact our Historian as to who owns the graveyard property. Secondly, she is concerned about the traffic congestion in Goshen as a result of construction on Route 17. It took her 45 minutes to get from Goshen to Chester. She read a lane closure schedule from the newspaper. She believes that Legoland is not abiding by the time schedule. Ans: NYS DOT has jurisdiction over the construction work on 17. The Town has no control over this project.

**Nick Gallo** thanked everyone for moving the water cooler to be more accessible to the public.

**J. ADJOURNMENT: 9:10PM**

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to adjourn to enter into Attorney Client meeting. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk