

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**July 09, 2015**

**MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 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
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman

Also Present:	John Swift	Special Counsel to Town Board
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Bloomfield called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA:** Supervisor Bloomfield stated he would like to add a P.D. Personnel Case to the Executive Session. He also said that #2., under Old Business, 2015 Town of Goshen Road Program would be removed, as the Highway Superintendent is not ready.

**C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** No response.

**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Discuss Proposed Sale of Karsen Enterprises, LLC PDR Property to Circle Z, LLC, to be Operated by Will's Way, LLC:** Supervisor Bloomfield expressed his thanks for the letter, the Mission Statement and other information that Attorney Monteleone sent to the Board, and also the letter from Beth Ann Brodeur. The Supervisor reported that he had spoken to the Orange County Law Office. They said that the Town is supposed to make periodical visits to these PDR properties to see that the property is as it should be. This has not been done by the County or the Town. The Supervisor stated these visits will be made in the future.

There was a short question and answer session. Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to authorize Beth Ann Brodeur to apply for a building permit to build a riding arena. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Supervisor Bloomfield called for a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilman Philip Canterino	<u>AYE</u>
Louis Cappella	<u>AYE</u>	Councilman Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried 5 to 0.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Cappella made a Motion to approve the minutes of Work Sessions of June 8<sup>th</sup>, and June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and Regular Meetings of May 28<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discuss “Continued” Requests by Solar Energy Interests to the Town of Goshen for our Support of Solar Power Promulgation.** Supervisor Bloomfield explained that the Governor’s Office has been applying pressure to encourage people to use solar energy. He said it has trickled down to counties and other municipalities. The Supervisor said the County Executive is supporting it, and the Town has been asked to support it also. He said the Board supports it, but it is the way we want to support it that is a problem.

The Supervisor reported that he received a request from David Matt, Principal of TMG Consulting Energy Services asking Goshen to be a Host Site. He said “What bothers me, is this is private enterprise trying to deal with Town’s and Communities, etc.” The Supervisor then went to the Building Inspector’s Office and asked how many solar installations we have in the town, and we have over three Million dollars worth of solar installations in the Town of Goshen, in the last three years. There are also over 100 installations in the Town of Goshen. The Building Inspector said some people are happy, and some are not.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of the systems at length. The Supervisor stated that he” does not feel that government should be involved in the Real Estate Business, or any other business. Councilman Canterino stated he had no prior notice of this, and had not agreed to being a host, as this sounds like a private endorsement. Supervisor Bloomfield said none of the Board Members were contacted. He explained that a member of the County Planning Department spoke to the Building Inspector, and wanted to meet with the ERB to explain the program. He said at least fifty people came to listen, and there were three vendors at the meeting. Supervisor Bloomfield said the Building Inspector advised the group that the Board did not want to be a Host Site. The Supervisor did however, say he will write and inform Mr. Matt that the Town is not interested in being a Host Site.

**2. INFORMATION: MVP Meeting:** Supervisor Bloomfield informed the Board that a meeting to discuss health insurance coverage renewal with MVP has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m.

Supervisor Bloomfield called the Board’s attention to a cost proposal in their packets in reference to CODE RED. He explained that the Emergency communications Network<LLC (ECN), was designed specifically to enable clients to rapidly record, send and track personalized voice, email, text and social media messages. It would be helpful in situations similar to the emergency situation the Village just had when the E.coli was reported to have been found in the Village water system. The Village had difficulty informing the public to start boiling it’s water. He said the Village Mayor called him, and discussed the situation, looking for an efficient way to notify people in an emergency such as this. The Board discussed the possibility of using the system, however, Councilman Newbold had heard that the County is working on some such system that would serve the whole county. Although the Board agreed that something has to be done, it was decided they would wait to see what the County develops. The Board agreed that the Village did a fantastic job of notifying the public.

**F. FINANCE:** Councilman Newbold made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P Runs as of 06/20/2015 amounting to \$21,238.94, and Accounts Payable Check Run of 7/9/15 amounting to \$80,333.51. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** Ray Rooney, a member of the Joint Recreation Commission, said he had a question for the Board, in reference to Goshen Soccer's request to solicit funding for a water project at Craigville Park. He stated that this is not the first time people come to the Town Board Members for answers to things that concern Joint Recreation. He wondered if any of the Board had gone out to the fields to assess the situation, and see where it is that Goshen Soccer wants to place the water tank? He proceeded to explain to the Board that there is no way that the two tanks can supply enough water to maintain a soccer field. The fact that the water has to be brought in to fill those tanks was discussed at length.

He asked if the Board had approved this, as he was informed the Board did. Supervisor Bloomfield replied "we did not approve anything". Mr. Rooney said he was told that both the Village and the Town approved. The Supervisor explained that the Board gave conceptual approval, but final approval would come only after everything was in place. Mr. Rooney said this is not the first time conceptual approval was given without consulting the Joint Recreation Commission. He said at least three times in the last two years the Town and the Village have committed money without consulting the Joint Recreation Commission first," this puts us in a box." He said it usually requires the Commission to come up with money, that we don't have with our fixed budget.

Mr. Rooney asked that when someone comes before this Board, something that involves Parks and Recreation, " please don't conceptually approve until the Joint Recreation Commission is presented with the facts". Supervisor Bloomfield stated the Board has always told everyone that Joint Recreation has the final say on Recreation projects.

There was a short discussion on the fact that the Village parkland money will soon be running out, as there is not much land left to build on. Mr. Rooney asked the Board if they would be able to support Joint Recreation by itself. Supervisor Bloomfield and the Board discussed the fact that they have been looking for fields for Joint Recreation, with every subdivision proposal, hoping to find land for more playing fields. The need for more funding was discussed, and possible ways to fund the programs.

**H. ADJOURNMENT:** Councilman Cappella made the Motion to adjourn the meeting, go into Executive Session to discuss:

1. D. P. W. Personnel Case
2. P. D. Personnel Case,

with intent not to return. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion Carried 5 to 0.

Time: 8:34 p.m.

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Valma Eisma, Town Clerk

