

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 11, 2019

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 11th day of July, 2019 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

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

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| 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 7:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Item #3 under Old Business is tabled for the next meeting.

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

Reynell Andrews questioned why a person from GOVAC was nominated for item #1 New Business. Even though GOVAC responders deserve recognition, the police are the actual first responders for an emergency. Response: This will be discussed later.

Chris Pskowski questioned how the Town will handle Foxfire LaColina if an event takes place before the approvals are met. There is an event booked for July 20th along with more scheduled. What happens if the police are called? Do they know what to do? Ans: If indeed it appears an event is taking place, then the Town will have the authority to go into court to ask for an injunction to stop the event. The Planning Board will address issues with Foxfire at the July 18th meeting.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. CITIZEN REMINDER:

- ▶ **DIG SAFELY NEW YORK – CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG. IT’S FREE AND IT IS THE LAW.**
- ▶ **IF YOU SMELL NATURAL GAS, GET UP, GET OUT AND CALL NYSEG AT 1-800-572-1121.**

As stated, for information only. More information is on the Town website.

2. HENNINGSON, DURHAM, & RICHARDSON ENGINEERING COMPANY AGREED TO LOWER THEIR TOP COST PER HOUR TO \$170.00 VS. PROPOSED \$235.00.

For information, the contract has been signed with the top cost per hour to be \$170.00.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE A NEGOTIATED PILOT PLAN BETWEEN THE TOWN, GOSHEN CENTRAL SCHOOL, COUNTY OF ORANGE AND COMMUNITY ENERGY SOLAR FOR THE SOUTH GOSHEN SOLAR, LLC PROJECT.

Meetings negotiating the PILOT plan are studying the current changes in NYSEDA Solar permitting process. This will take a few more weeks to resolve.

4. **ROBERT RAMETTA, ESQ. IS REQUESTING AN APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE APPRAISAL FEE TO HIRE WILLIAM BUCHALTER, CERTIFIED APPRAISAL SERVICE TO EVALUATE PRAG HOLDINGS, LLC, 15 MATTHEWS STREET. THE REQUEST IS TO INCREASE THE \$2,500 APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON MAY 23, 2019 BY AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000. THE TASK IS MORE COMPLEX THAN ORIGINALLY THOUGHT.**

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve said request to increase the appraisal fee by an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. Councilperson Lyons seconded the request.

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

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **REQUEST APPROVAL TO NOMINATE GEORGE LYONS FOR THE TOWN OF GOSHEN CANDIDATE FOR THE 99TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT "SALUTE TO FIRST RESPONDERS" EVENT.**

A letter received from Assemblyman Colin Schmitt stated an event planned for Sept. 16, 2019 will recognize individuals from across the 99th Assembly District who have played vital roles as First Responders, and have served their communities and made meaningful contributions to the health and welfare of many. Nominees may include active or retired, paid or volunteer first responders. George Lyons has been involved with GOVAC for 45 years. He was President of GOVAC for 15-20 years and was recognized for putting in copious volunteer hours. Council unanimously agreed that George Lyons is deserving of the nomination and thanked him for his service to the community.

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to nominate George Lyons for the Town of Goshen candidate for the 99th Assembly District "Salute to First Responders". Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

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

2. **INFORMATION: ORANGE COUNTY DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL CLOSE A PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 66 (CRAIGVILLE RD.) IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE. BEGINNING WEST OF INTERSECTION COUNTY ROUTE 66 (CRAIGVILLE RD.) AND COUNTY ROAD 51 (HULSETOWN RD). STARTING JULY 15, 2019 FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY (30) DAYS.**

As stated, for information only.

3. **REVIEW THE TOWN OF GOSHEN 2020 BUDGET TIMELINE.**

The first working draft will be reviewed by the Supervisor and co-commissioner of finance Ken Newbold on 09/03/19 and with the Town Board on 09/12/2019. In the meantime, the department heads will review their dept. finances with the Budget Officer.

4. **REVIEW AND APPROVE A PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX OFFICE FOR YEARS 2020, 2021 AND 2022 TO PROVIDE TAX ASSESSING SERVICES FOR THE TOWN AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME.**

Negotiations were not completed and this item will be placed on the next Town Board meeting agenda.

F. FINANCE:

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P runs as of 06/30/2019 in the amount of \$35,675.63 and Accounts Payable check run for 07/11/2019 in the amount of \$270,327.73. 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

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve Town Bd. meeting minutes of 6/13/2019. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve Joint Town Council/Village Trustee Special Meeting on 6/19/2019. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

John Kennedy, Dzierzek Lane, asked for an update on Foxfire since they have an event scheduled for the 20th. Ans. The Town Bd. will address this in Executive Session. The Planning Bd. will address this on the 18th. At that time a determination will be made.

Reynell Andrews, asked what is being done to the three properties served with notices of unsafe buildings. Ans: Contact the Building Inspector to see what he is doing.

I. ADJOURNMENT: 8:10PM

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to adjourn the meeting to enter into Attorney Client meeting with the intent not to return. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk