

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2016
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 14th day of July, 2016 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 VanDerMolen	Councilmember

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:31pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance for the three Goshen teenagers who lost their lives in a tragic car accident one year ago.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

(1) Reschedule the Public Hearing and (2) Extend the Moratorium regarding proposed Local Law #4.

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

None at this time

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. SET NEW DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2016 AMENDING CHAPTER 97 ("ZONING") OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR WIND AND SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWN OF GOSHEN

A legal requirement was overlooked to notify the planning department and adjacent neighboring municipalities of the date of this public hearing for the proposed zoning amendment.

Councilman Lyons made the motion to set the public hearing at 7:30pm, or soon thereafter on the 8th of August, 2016 at Town Hall on the proposed "Local Law #4 of 2016 amending Chapter 97 ("Zoning") of the Code of the Town of Goshen to provide regulations for Wind and Solar Energy Systems within the Town of Goshen. Councilwoman Gallo seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, VanDerMolen
0 NAYS

2. EXTEND THE MORATORIUM DATE OF LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2015 "A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN SOLAR ENERGY USES".

Councilman VanDerMolen made the motion to extend the moratorium date of Local Law #2 of 2015 to one month from the date it was to expire, which will be September 6, 2016. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, VanDerMolen
0 NAYS

3. NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #4 TO THE PLANNING BOARD AND ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES

Councilman Lyons made the motion to authorize the Town Clerk to notify the Town Planning Board and the adjacent municipalities of the public hearing on the 8th of August, 2016 at Town Hall on proposed "Local Law #4 of 2016 amending Chapter 97 ("Zoning") of the Code of the Town of Goshen to provide regulations for Wind and Solar Energy Systems. Councilwoman Gallo seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, VanDerMolen
0 NAYS

Supervisor Bloomfield allowed for discussion on Wind and Solar Energy Systems.

Jack Arent informed the public to beware of solar panel contractors. He was led to believe his signature was under "no obligation". On the contrary, he was lured into signing a binding contract to install solar panels on his property. He has employed legal counsel on this matter.

Jerry Boss read an excellent article from Consumers Report which lists the pros & cons of solar panels.

Unidentified female – was concerned with the toxicity of the batteries to the environment and to the health of individuals. (inaudible)

Unidentified male – asked for more clarity on the definition of Solar Energy Systems in the draft copy. (inaudible)

Councilman Lyons announced that on August 1, 2016 (7-9:00pm) Cornell Cooperative Extension with Orange County will host a workshop for landowners considering larger scale, solar energy installations. This will take place at the Orange Co. Emergency Ctr., located at 22 Wells Farm Rd.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

**1. REVIEW PROPOSAL TO CONTRACT WITH MVP FOR 9/1/2016 THRU 8/31/2017
MEDICAL INSURANCE**

Councilman Lyons has been negotiating the Town employee (CSEA & non-union) health insurance (MVP) contract. The Police Dept. has their own coverage with NYSHIP. He feels that the MVP "Liberty Silver 8" is the

best employee coverage. The total cost is \$497,319.28 an increase of 12%. The employees have no deductibles and no co-pays. Changing from the NYSHIP Plan and going with MVP, the Town will save approximately \$70,000.

Supervisor Bloomfield made the motion to accept MVP, Liberty Silver 8 Plan health coverage for Sept. 1, 2016 to August 1, 2017 and authorize Councilman Lyons to sign the contract. Councilman VanDerMolen seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, VanDerMolen
0 NAYS

2. INFORMATION: THE BUDGET OFFICER WILL BE MAILING 2017 WORK SHEETS TO DEPARTMENT HEADS TO START NEXT YEAR BUDGETING

As stated for information only.

F. FINANCE:

Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for 07/14/2016 amounting to \$117,693.84. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, VanDerMolen
0 NAYS

G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Dan Matteo, voiced his dissatisfaction with handicap accessibility at the Myron Urbanski Park aka: Craigville Park. The parking lot adjacent to the pavilion is barricaded to ensure safety for park planned children programs. About 300 feet from the pavilion is a handicap parking sign. This same issue was addressed last year. It was decided to place a sign on the barricade informing for handicap to blow their horn and someone will come out and allow them to park near the pavilion. There is no such sign this year. His solution to this problem is not to close the pavilion parking lot, but to position barricades closer to the seating area of the pavilion. Supervisor Bloomfield suggested that Dan meet with Councilwoman Gallo to visit the park site so she can relay this message to the JRC.

Residents commented on the Proposed Legoland Park. Unfortunately some didn't properly identify themselves or were inaudible. In all fairness, this is a summary of some of their concerns/comments: (1) the lead agency is the Planning Board (2) the County has been negotiating locations/finances with Legoland *not* the Town (3) as documents come in, they will be posted on our web site for transparency (4) define paying for infrastructure and paying for services-TBD (5) the IDA has to negotiate with the Town (6) the money given to the fire department - will it be adequate (6) the fire departments have a Board of Commissioners to evaluate safety issues associated at the park (7) clarify: the application for tax abatement – has not been submitted (8) will the financial analysis of the IDA application/agreement be available – use the FOIL process (9) communication

with the Village Mayor- his response to impacts (10) response from the Police Departments, State Police, Sheriff Department (11) effects on the Otterkill/Black Meadow Creek – under SEQRA review and (12) perhaps hire an environmentalist.

Councilman Lyons thanked everyone for coming forth with their concerns. He would like to see Legoland “pay their fair share”. He will be vigilant of offered financial details.

Announcements:

- (1) The Planning Board will hold a Scoping meeting on Legoland – July 21, 2016 (7:00pm) at the CJ Hooker building. The public is encouraged to submit their concerns at this time.
- (2) There will be an IDA meeting on July 22, 2016 (11:00am) at the County 911 Emergency Center located on Wells Farm Road. The public is welcome to attend.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

With no issues for the Executive Session, Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I. ADJOURNMENT: 9:00PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk