

TOWN OF GOSHEN
BOARD WORK SESSION
August 20, 2012

MINUTES

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 20th day of August 2012 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 |
| | Louis Cappella | Councilman |
| | George Lyons | Councilman |
| | Kenneth Newbold | Councilman |
| Absent: | Philip Canterino | Councilman |
| Also Present: | Dennis Caplicki | Attorney for the Town |
| | Broderick Knoell | Highway Superintendent |
| | Valma Eisma | Town Clerk |

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:35 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. REVIEW PROPOSAL BY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS TO PROCESS A REQUEST FOR PRICING (RFP) TO REPAIR FIFTY (50) CATCH BASINS.

Highway Superintendent Broderick Knoell joined the Board to explain his proposal. He explained that he is currently reviewing the catch basins to see which ones are in need of repair, and there are approximately 50. He stated they are in several developments throughout the Town. He explained the materials he will be using will be stronger and last longer than those materials that were used in the past. He said we cannot use the pre-cast culverts, as they cannot be connected to the current system. There was a brief discussion about the methods that would be used in the repairs so that these culverts will last a long time. Superintendent Knoell stated that, some of the newer developments; basins were beginning to deteriorate, "due to shoddy workmanship."

Supervisor Bloomfield suggested Superintendent Knoell work with Riddick Associates when preparing the (RFP), and find the most economical way of doing the repairs. Superintendent Knoell said they will try to do as much as possible in house. Councilman Cappella, liaison to the Highway Department, pointed out that Superintendent Knoell will point out to Riddick Associates all of the basins in need of repair, and they will be numbered. He said that way anyone planning to place a bid would know exactly where the basins are located when they come to inspect them.

There was a discussion on the total cost, and the individual cost to repair each basin. Supervisor Bloomfield pointed out that each one would be different. Some requiring more work than others.

Councilman Cappella made a Motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent to work with Riddick Associates to prepare and process a RFP (Request for Proposals) to repair fifty catch basins in the Town of Goshen. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Councilman Canterino absent. Supervisor Bloomfield stated that there should be a good return on our investment by using the pre cast or poured concrete for the repairs. He said "it is a safety and a quality of workmanship issue, and I think we are going about it the right way with either pre cast or poured."

Councilman Cappella stated that it is good that the Board is going about this the right way now, but more important is that going forward the new development will be done correctly too. The Supervisor agreed, thanks to Riddick Associates, the Town's engineering firm.

2. DISCUSS REQUEST BY THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FOR INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS (2) AT THE INTERSECTION OF OWENS AND CHEECHUNK ROADS:

Superintendent Knoell explained the Board has a map showing the area, and there have been a number of accidents in this area. He stated that the Police Department reports that from 2008 through 8/20 of this year there have been eleven property damage accidents, two personal injury accidents. He said that is only Goshen Police activity, it does not include any County reports. He said that he and Councilman Cappella had looked at the area, after there had been an accident on Friday night, and again on Saturday. He explained it is a long sweeping turn, and of course speed is a factor. He felt the stop signs would at least stop and slow down the traffic. He explained there is already one on the end of Owens, and the other two would be placed on Cheechunk Road, creating a three way stop.

Councilman Lyons expressed concern that the stop signs might create a backup situation, as he has traveled that route on a Friday night and found traffic backed up. It seems to occur only on Friday nights, with traffic using it to escape the traffic on the major routes. The Board agreed that it was not a major problem.

Attorney Caplicki asked for clarification on the location of the signs, such as to map coordinates NW or SW etc. He will then prepare the Resolution for Thursday's meeting.

Supervisor stated that this will require a Public Hearing and he would like to set the date at Thursday's meeting.

3. DISCUSS REQUEST BY SUSAN CLEAVER FOR A SPEED LIMIT AND SIGNAGE CHANGES ON COLEMAN ROAD:

Supervisor Bloomfield read a section of Ms. Cleaver's request:

Due to the increase in traffic and the speed with which Coleman Road is traveled, I would request the following:

1. That the speed limit at the turn be reduced to a safer speed. A vehicle cannot safely traverse the turn at 35 miles per hour. This is a blind turn and tenants and boarders are concerned for their safety about the number of vehicles screeching on the turn.
2. I would request some type of sharp turn warning sign with suggested speed reduction.
3. Due to the increase in farm traffic including slow moving vehicles (tractors, livestock, and horse Trailers) and multiple people turning into and out of the farm from both directions, I would request that tractor signs be installed at the intersection with Craigville Road and at the Town line or the start of the farm field at the Sarah Wells end of the road.
4. In that the driveway for the cottage is just after the sharp turn I would ask for a hidden driveway sign or similar signage as determined by the Highway Superintendent or Town Engineer be placed where needed and;
5. I would ask the town Police to increase enforcement particularly during rush hours. They may use any driveway of mine to park out of the way.

Supervisor Bloomfield asked the Highway Superintendent if he had spoken to Ms. Cleaver in reference to this. Superintendent Knoell replied he had talked to her in reference to a tractor sign, which he felt would not be a problem. He said he went out to look at the curve, and agreed it should show a sharp turn there. He said the suggested speed would be probably 15 miles per hour; it would not be a law, per-se, only a suggested speed. The other suggestions were discussed at length.

Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to approve 2 tractor signs, one at the beginning of Craigville Road, the other just after the Town Line, and two sharp turn signs with a proposed speed of 15 mile per hour to be placed in either direction. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried 4 to 0. Councilman Canterino not present.

The hidden driveway will be postponed till the others are evaluated.

4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST BY TOWN OF GOSHEN WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENTS TO LIFT THE BAN ON OUTSIDE USE RESTRICTIONS, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 24, 2012:

Supervisor Bloomfield addressed the request, and explained this lifting of the restrictions excludes the Arcadia Hills Water/Sewer District. It was decided the announcement will be published and a notice placed on the web. Councilman Newbold made a Motion to authorize the Superintendent of Highways and the Water/Sewer Department to lift the Ban on outside water use on Hambletonian Park, Scotchtown Park, and Stone Hedge. The ban will remain on the Arcadia Hill's District till further notice effective August 24th. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 4 to 0.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION OUTLINING THE TOWN OF GOSHEN PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE: Supervisor Bloomfield stated that this item will be tabled until Thursday's meeting.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE A NEW POLICE CAR: Supervisor Bloomfield asked Sergeant Faust if he had heard from the Comptroller's office in regard to the purchase of the car. Sergeant Faust's reply was inaudible, but Supervisor Bloomfield stated he would keep it on the agenda until everything is in place.

7. REVIEW AND ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF STEPHEN CORRIGAN AS COURT OFFICER EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2012. Supervisor Bloomfield reported that Mr. Corrigan is moving to South Carolina. Councilman Newbold made a Motion to accept the Resignation of Stephen Corrigan as Court Officer effective August 15, 2012. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 4 to 0.

8. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUEST TO HIRE JOSE E. SOTO AS PART-TIME COURT ATTENDANT, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 14, 2012, AT \$14.08 PER HOUR CONTINGENT ON A SUCCESSFUL BACKGROUND CHECK: Councilman Cappella made a Motion to approve the hiring of Jose E. Soto as part-time Court Attendant, effective August 14, 2012 at \$14.08 per hour contingent on a successful background check. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Supervisor Bloomfield called for discussion. The Board questioned the pay rate of Mr. Soto compared to the "#9 on the agenda) a request for another attendant for \$18.00 per hour. The Board felt it was not fair for one to be paid more than the other for the same position.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated that he was told by the Justices that one has only been a Court Officer, while the other candidate was a State Policeman, and had more experience. It was decided that the hires would be tabled until the Board could obtain additional information from the Judges. He said also the background checks have not been received.

Councilman Cappella withdrew his Motion, Councilman Lyons withdrew his also. The Board will address this and #9 on the agenda requesting to hire Travis Hall at Thursday's meeting.

10. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUEST BY THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK TO HOLD THE ORANGE COUNTY COUNTRY ROADS FALL FOLIAGE BICYCLE TOUR, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2012, CONTINGENT ON ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE:

Supervisor Bloomfield explained that most of this race is in Warwick, but does touch on areas of Goshen. He said they held this last year, and the insurance certificate came in this morning. Councilman Lyons questioned the contents of the insurance certificate and consulted Attorney Caplicki, there was a brief discussion. Supervisor Bloomfield suggested that Councilman Lyons contact the organization and revise the policy to properly cover the Town of Goshen. It will be tabled to the next meeting.

11. CONFIRM TOWN OF GOSHEN AS CONTRACTING AGENCY FOR PROCESSING THE RFP REGARDING THE SALESIAN SCHOOL BUILDING:

Councilman Lyons reported he received a letter from Sean Hoffman, of Riddick's Associates, in reference to the RFP for the Salesian School Building. The letter reads as follows:

(Prior to modifying the RFP and obtaining wage rates, I wanted to confirm that the Town of Goshen is the contracting agency, other than JRC or the Village of Goshen. Assuming the Town would publish the advertisement, Notice of Bid on or about August 27th, hold a pre-bid inspection 2.5 weeks later, on or about September 13th. Receive bids a week later, September 20th, and make an award at the September 27th Town Board meeting.

This schedule allows the potential bidders some time to obtain, review and formulate questions before the pre-bid inspection, and a week for us to review questions and issue an addendum if necessary. Once we confirm that the Town has contracted the agency we will proceed.)

Attorney Caplicki asked why the Board was contracting with Riddick. Councilman Lyons stated he was told that this would give the Town more control. Attorney Caplicki replied it also gave the Town the expense. Supervisor Bloomfield reported that previously it had been agreed that the Town and Village would split the cost at \$600.00 each.

With no further general business, Councilman Newbold made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, and go into Executive Session, with intent not to return to discuss:

1. P.D. Chase Case Review
2. P.D. Chief Status Update
3. Dog Control Officer Status Update
4. Al Turi Litigation Status Update
5. MTB Status update.

The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk

