

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 10, 2017
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 10th day of August, 2017 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:	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 7:31pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Additional item under Old Business

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

D. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. REQUEST FROM THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TO HIRE DOMINICK R. ELIA, JR. AS A PART-TIME CODE OFFICIAL EFFECTIVE AUGUST 14, 2017 AT A STARTING SALARY OF \$24.03 FOR 1,040 HOURS ANNUALLY. THE BUILDING INSPECTOR IS RECOMMENDING AN INCREASE TO \$30,000 AFTER COMPLETION OF THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT.**

This individual works full time as a fireman for Middletown and part time for the Town of Walkkill. Besides his many fire certifications, he is a New York State certified Code Enforcement Official who is highly recommended from his current supervisor in the Walkkill Building Dept.

Supervisor Bloomfield called for comments from the Board.

Councilperson Lyons agreed this individual has expertise to assist in our Building Department. However, he has reservations about the *automatic* increase to \$30,000 after six months. He would rather see an increased amount based on job performance. The preference is to re-evaluate his job in six months.

Councilperson Newbold questioned the amount of construction experience this individual has and if we were looking for a fireman.

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to hire Dominick R. Elia, Jr. as a part-time code official effective August 14, 2017 at a starting salary of \$24.03 per hour for 1,040 hours annually. 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

2. THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS HAS ESTABLISHED THAT THE POLLING PLACE FOR TOWN OF GOSHEN ELECTION DISTRICT 13 WILL NOW BE LOCATED AT THE WHISPERING HILLS CLUB HOUSE.

The Orange County Board of Elections passed a Resolution: *Number 2017-006: Change in Polling Place – Town of Goshen 13*. Election District 13 will now be located at the Whispering Hills Club House, 2 Club House Lane, Chester NY. The Orange County Board Of Elections will notify all voters in the Town of Goshen Election District 13 of this change.

3. INFORMATION: THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS CONSOLIDATING POLLING PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 PRIMARY ELECTION. PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED POLLING PLACE LIST.

As stated, for information only. The consolidated polling place listing will be placed on our website and placed on the Lobby door.

4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST TO HOLD 30th TOUR DE GOSHEN ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th, 2017, THE INSURANCE AND “HOLD HARMLESS” DOCUMENT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE EVENT.

Attorney Golden has reviewed the insurance coverage. Questions about coverage to change the effective dates in worker's comp coverage and to correct typographical errors need to be resolved.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the 30th Tour de Goshen to proceed contingent upon the submission of acceptable insurance corrections. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

5. LEONARD KESSLER, ATTORNEY AT LAW AND PROSECUTOR OF TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN THE TOWN OF GOSHEN COURT IS REQUESTING A RATE INCREASE TO \$150.00 PER HOUR, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to authorize the hourly rate increase to \$150.00 for Leonard Kessler, Esq. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilperson Lyons questioned justification for the increase from \$125.00 to \$150.00 hourly rate.

If this is done, then other professionals will want an hourly increase in pay.

Councilperson Newbold suggested to do this as part of a yearly review.

Councilperson Gallo suggested to look at pay increases at the end of the year, perhaps across the board.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated that we are not talking about a great deal of money.

Councilperson Van Der Molen suggested to table this until January.

The Board was in agreement – motion tabled.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE ERNST & YOUNG LLP TO DO THE COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS REGARDING THE PROPOSED LEGOLAND PROJECT.

Ernst & Young LLP was contacted to conduct a Cost Benefit Analysis regarding the proposed Legoland project for \$30,000 to be completed by the end of the month. Attorney Golden will review the terms of the contract.

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract, upon Attorney approval, with Ernst & Young LLP for \$30,000 plus expenses to conduct a Cost Benefit Analysis regarding the proposed Legoland project. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion.

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

F. FINANCE:

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for 7/27/2017 in the amount of \$169,512.45. Councilperson Newbold 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 the work session minutes of July 24th and August 7th and regular meeting minutes of July 13th and July 27, 2017. 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

Jerry Boss reported that the Mumford Project off of Old Chester Rd. has impacted the Otterkill twice which was reported to Officer Jeff Lattimer of the DEC. Currently sounds of construction equipment can be heard in the vicinity of Brookside around 5am to 6am. He would like to know the start-up and finish time of construction. If there is a violation with the hours of operation, he would like it to cease. Secondly, he *suggested* that the position Mr. Kessler holds perhaps can go out for bid.

Comments regarding the Legoland project:

Expressed dissatisfaction in the process of evaluating the Legoland project.

Concerned about Legoland's impact on climate change. People have moved into the area for the "country living" lifestyle.

Questioned the process of the nine (9) Town properties for sale including properties with wells. Quoted from the FEIS and referenced Appendix J - page 16 & page 38 and response to B 9.45. Also noted sections dealing with the Green Area and parkside of Arcadia Hills. Attorney Golden clarified the process questioned. Opinioned: hearing people comparing possibilities of Legoland to KJ has never seen such a division within the community. (Inaudible).

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

With no items for the Executive Session, Councilperson Lyons made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

J. ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk