

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
September 24, 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.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	Philip Canterino	Councilman
	Louis Cappella	Councilman
	George Lyons	Councilman
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman

Also Present:	Dennis Caplicki	Town Attorney
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk
	Broderick Knoell	Highway Superintendent
	William Standish	Budget Officer

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. HEAR PROPOSAL TO BUILD A COMPOSTING/MULCHING FACILITY ON PERIPHERAL PARCEL OF AL TURI LANDFILL PROPERTY: Supervisor Bloomfield asked Mr. James Cimino, and the applicants, Roger and Richard VerHage to approach the Board. Mr. Cimino explained that the applicants were asking for a Special Use Permit to operate a composting/mulching facility on Hartley Road. He explained the parcel consists of fifty two acres, and he presented the Board with maps. He said the property is being surveyed, and Al Turi Landfill is proposing to sell the front piece on Harley Road, which is a 25 acres piece, to Suresky. He explained that from this 25 acre piece, Al Turi Landfill is creating and deeding 200 ft. of frontage on Hartley Road, to open the fifty two acre piece that has been landlocked, thereby allowing the applicant to have access to the property they will be using. In doing so the existing easement will no longer exist.

Mr. Cimino pointed out where the facility will be operating, and he and the VerHages answered questions from the Board pertaining to noise. Roger VerHage stated the existing plant in Jersey is surrounded by homes, and there have been no complaints. He said there is some smell, but very little. He will be working with two to three trucks. Mr. Cimino stated there is a large berm on the property that will help to conceal the operation from most of the homes in the surrounding area.

Attorney Caplicki spoke at length about the procedures that will be taken once the Town Board gives the OK to the Planning Board. However he was not using the microphone, and his words were inaudible. The Board said it had no opposition to returning the petitioner to the Planning Board and it will take lead agency, and place the matter on the agenda for Thursday's meeting.

2. ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM LISA CHUTKA, ASSESSOR CLERK, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 24, 2012: Supervisor Bloomfield stated that Mrs. Chutka is resigning from the Town of Goshen Assessor Clerk position and will be working with the Town of Walkill as their Assessor. Councilman Cappella made the Motion to accept the resignation of Lisa Chutka, effective September 24, 2012. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 5 to 0.

3. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #1 – INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) STOP SIGNS ON CHEECHUNK ROAD AT THE INTERSECTION WITH OWENS ROAD:

Supervisor Bloomfield explained that due to an error in communication the newspaper did not receive the legal notice, and therefore it was not published. Thus, to correct the problem another Public Hearing will have to be set. Councilman Newbold made a Motion to set the Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2012 – Installation of Two Stop Signs on Cheechunk Road at the Intersection with Owens Road for October 22, 2012, at 7:35 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 5 to 0.

4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION TO SETTLE THE WOODLAND ESTATES TAX

CERTIORARI: Attorney Caplicki addressed the Board stating that the petitioner has failed to submit the necessary papers, with no explanation. Supervisor Bloomfield stated the matter will not be addressed further until everything is in order.

5. REVIEW STATUS OF HOME SEWER INSPECTIONS IN HAMBLETONIAN PARK AND ARCADIA HILLS SUBDIVISIONS AND RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS FOUND:

Supervisor Bloomfield invited Highway Superintendent Broderick Knoell to join the Board, and he submitted and reviewed the following report with the Board:

**Town of Highway Department
September 24, 2012**

RE: Inflow and infiltration Inspection Update:

Find below a summary of the inspection progress to date:

Hambletonian Park

Total Homes on Sewer	167
Homes Previously Inspected Before 2012	76
Homes Visited 2012	91
Homes Inspected and Cleared (No Pumps or Drains Found)	66
Homes Found with Pumps	3
Homes Found with Pumps – Corrected and Re-inspected	2
Homes found with Pumps – Pending	1
Homes Where People Not Home or Did Not answer	21
Refused Access	1
Vacant Homes	1

Arcadia Hills

Total Homes on Sewer	243
Homes Previously Inspected Before 2012	63
Homes Visited in 2012	180
Homes Inspected and Cleared (No Pumps or Drains Found)	135
Homes Found with Pumps	4
Homes Found with Pumps – Corrected and Re-inspected	1
Homes Found with Pumps – Pending	3
Homes Where People Not Home or did Not Answer	35
Refused Access	0
Vacant Homes	6

The Board discussed the problem of not being able to inspect the homes that where either no one is home, or those people who refused access. Superintendent Knoell suggested a reminder letter, and other methods were discussed. Supervisor Bloomfield stated the residents have had ample time to allow the inspection, so he would suggest giving the residents a time period whereby they would have to make the home available for inspection, or face some type of legal action. Attorney Caplicki will help with the composition of the letter.

6. AUTHORIZE DPW SUPERINTENDENT TO PROCESS AN RFP (REQUEST FOR PRICING) TO REHAB SANITARY SEWER MANHOLES: Superintendent Knoell explained that this is an ongoing problem, and he had hoped to do as many manholes as possible this year, with the funds that are available. However, since this is going to be ongoing from year to year, we would have to go out to bid. There was an extensive discussion of how to put it out to bid since the number that can be done is in question, culvert is different, and will require a different amount of work depending on the condition of the culvert. An hourly rate was discussed, and the cost involved when doing an RFP.

Supervisor Bloomfield suggested the Superintendent Knoell identify the number of culverts he wants to do this year. Then put out a RFP for that number, process it, do the work, and in January catalog the remaining culverts, and put out a RFP for all of them. The Supervisor stated it may take you a number of years to finish them, but then the job will be completed. The Board agreed, and the Superintendent will proceed with the RFP.

Councilman Cappella suggested that in consideration of Superintendent Knoell, the Board could perhaps go to number 10 on the agenda, which is also an item for his department. The Board agreed.

10. AUTHORIZE DPW SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE A 2011 (LEFTOVER) CHEVROLET SMALL DUMP TRUCK, MODEL #35500HD – FOUR WHEEL DRIVE, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$38,587.05: Superintendent Knoell explained that this is a replacement for an existing dump truck that has had numerous problems, it is on it's fourth transmission, body rot, etc. Supervisor Bloomfield stated there is money in the budget for this, and can be bought with cash. Superintendent Knoell stated that he will equip it with a plow, and that a small dump truck is in constant use, and needed badly in the winter snows in the subdivisions.

Councilman Canterino made the Motion to authorize Highway Superintendent Knoell to purchase a 2011 (leftover) four wheel drive Chevrolet Dump Truck, Model #35500HD, at a cost not to exceed \$38,587.05. Councilman Cappella seconded the Motion. Supervisor Bloomfield called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution adopted with a vote of 5 to 0.

7. REVIEW BIDS FOR DEMOLITION OF THE SALESIAN SCHOOL BUILDING: Supervisor Bloomfield asked Councilman Lyons to address this item. Councilman Lyons reported that the bids were in, and he had shared the results with the Village. He said a meeting will be set for the Town and the Village to discuss the results further. He reported there were four bids as follows:

Caladri Development Corp. Peaskill, NY	\$532,000
Taylor Recycling Montgomery, NY	\$648,989
MPCC Corp New Rochelle, NY	\$453,773
B & G Restoration Lincoln Park, NJ	\$386,000

Councilman Lyons read portions of the response to the bids from Dennis Lindsey, the Town's Engineer saying that he felt the low bidder, B & G Restoration has the experience and capabilities to successfully complete the project. However, Mr. Lindsey spoke with John Howley, Project Manager for B & G Restoration, who expressed some concern in regard to the asbestos reports.

Mr. Lindsey also suggested the Board consult with Attorney Caplicki and the Board's financial department to ensure that adequate funds are available. Councilman Lyons stated this will be an issue, as half of the funds have to come from the Village, and half from the Town.

The Board discussed the various problems involved with the demolition. The removal of the asbestos, hiring a firm to do it. Allowing the B & G to do the demolition, and use town employees to haul the demolition away ourselves, as the Town does not have the money to do this now. The Board continued to discuss the various ways to address this demolition problem, however they agreed that by doing the RFP they now have a more accurate estimate of the cost involved. Also it has opened the Board's mind to doing the demolition in a different way. The Board decided they will have to explore this further together and with the Village.

8. INFORMATION: A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT IS BEING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 12TH AND 13TH OF 2012 AT THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE TRAINING CENTER, 9 TRAINING CENTER LANE, GOSHEN, NY. : Supervisor Bloomfield stated this was just to make the public aware of the collection event. He felt if it was announced at the meeting, and placed on the web it would help to remind people to take advantage of the opportunity.

9. REVIEW "AREAS OF CHANGE" IN DEVELOPING THE SECOND ITERATION OF THE 2012 TOWN OF GOSHEN FINANCIAL BUDGET: William Standish, Budget Officer approached the Board to give an overview of the changes that have been made in the budget process from the first meeting of September 10th to the present time. The Board was presented with the following:

**Budget Process
Second Draft
As of September 24, 2013**

	1st. DRAFT BUDGET 2013	2ND DRAFT BUDGET 2012	CHANGE TO BUDGET 2013
	\$1,840,987	\$ 1,667,617	\$ (173,370)
% TAX	9.56%	4.67%	-4.89%

INCREASE

Mr. Standish went on to review the items that were changed to produce these numbers, such as eliminating two new part time employees, reducing some budgets in both the "A" Fund and the "B" Fund. He expressed in a Memo note: The need to remove additional \$82,000 to meet NYS 2 % Tax Cap. He also pointed out some potential cost saving ideas.

Mr. Standish pointed out that the Tentative Budget must be in the Town Clerk's office by September 30th, and the Board has until November 20th to decide on the final budget.

Supervisor Bloomfield reported that Councilman Lyons has been working with the insurance people in regard to medical, workmen's comp, and liability. Therefore, he will be submitting more accurate figures on insurance cost.

Councilman Lyons reported he had met with Greg Townsend, the insurance representative, last week, and he has all the information now and will be providing us with quotes as soon as possible. He also said he has a meeting with Eric Davids to discuss the health insurance tomorrow. Supervisor Bloomfield thanked Councilman Lyons for doing such a good job as the Insurance Commissioner.

11. REVIEW REQUEST BY MEADOWS OF GOSHEN FOR REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE

BOND: Supervisor Bloomfield stated that this will have to be postponed, as it has not been reviewed by the Planning Board yet, so will be addressed at a later date.

With no further 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. Personnel Case
2. Potential Consolidation of Assessor Services
3. Tax Certs: Turi, Stiskin and KRG Realty.

The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino, Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 9:00 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk