

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
September 8, 2014
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 8th day of September, 2014 at 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 Attorney for the Town
 Priscilla Gersbeck Deputy Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:31pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. DISCUSS FOLLOW UP ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS REGARDING ELECTRIFYING THE ERIE ST. PARK FIELD STORAGE BUILDING

Councilman Lyons addressed the Board to clarify two issues that were brought up at Monday's work session: (1) did the JRC receive documentation from the school district allowing this project to go forth? Response: the JRC submitted a letter of approval from the school district and (2) the property is owned by the school district, is it legal to use parkland monies for this particular purpose? **Attorney Caplicki** responded that *legally* it is improper for a municipality to spend taxpayers monies on non-municipally owned property. *Historically*, Erie St. Park has always been on the list along with other parks. Monies have always been funneled through Joint Recreation which allocated expenditures to the parks. It is a Village/Town joint recreation facility. Therefore, there is no problem in funding to the JRC who can distribute the monies as needed. Discussion added a couple of other questions: has the requested electrical work already been done and operational? Response: part of it is up, but not operational at this time.

Salvatore Fini noted that the telephone pole has been eliminated which will slightly change the final cost. He also explained that the reason for the 400 amp service was that he can obtain it for the same cost as a 200 amp service. "With all good intent, we brought the best power into the park to enable it to expand later on at some point". In actuality, 300 amp service is going in, because that is all that is available to this location. One of the reasons to add extra amp service is because of a "drug problem". There have been reports of illegal activity in the back area where basketball is played. The plan is to light-up that area to discourage illegal activity.

Councilman Canterino inquired about plans for the future. **Ray Rooney** responded assuring the Board that the decision was in the equal cost factor from 200 amps to 300 amps. In case this may/may not be needed in the future, why pay for it all over again when they can get the extra amps now for the same price. Secondly, the issues in the back area will be addressed by this project.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated that the discussion at Monday's meeting and this meeting is a good example of communications going awry. Tonight the questions were answered.

Councilman Newbold (an electrician) wished that a better explanation of the intent of amperes usage was presented within the request.

Councilman Canterino mentioned that the Board was asked to appropriate funds on something they knew nothing about. "We had no prior knowledge. This was a communication situation, *not* an issue. We always try to communicate."

Ray Rooney recommended that in the future, before a JRC project is requested for a vote, table the vote and reach out to the other two corresponding Boards for their input. He thanked the Board for allowing them to speak at this work session.

Carrie Stroka clarified that it was *not* the intention of the JRC to deceive the Town Board. She explained how difficult it is to use her cell phone as a light in the shed to dig equipment out for the boys and the cheer leaders. "We didn't do this with deceit". In addition she would love to see AED Balst installed at the park. There are many other town parks equipped with an AED Balst in case a student goes into cardiac arrest. "It's never the intention of the Goshen Youth Football League to deceive or hoodwink or not be straight forward about anything. We are very transparent and we are very straight forward and at our Board meeting we had clear discussion about what our intent was for that electrical service."

Councilman Cappella speaking from the experience of his children being involved in sports at Erie St. Park, knows that a lot of hard work goes on out there. He has been there many times when everything was dark, kids playing in the dark and people bringing their own lights. "I compliment you, you really have done a great job. My hat is off to you."

Councilman Lyons noted that there was never an intent to light up Erie Street for the purposes for playing football or soccer etc. It was strictly to do this particular job for safety concerns. He had hoped that Sal Fini would have addressed the Board in the very beginning. Much of this would have been averted.

Councilman Canterino has very strong concerns over the health issues in these young children, which attributes to the way in which he considers a request. They are young and their bones are developing. "These types of injuries will last their whole life". This is his personal feeling and he continues to feel the children are not old enough to make decisions to play or not.

Supervisor Bloomfield told those in attendance that the request for \$1,200.00 (Town's contribution) towards the electrical distribution project at Erie St. Park was approved on August 25, at the Town Board work session.

2. DISCUSS AND PASS RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO CLEAN UP 310 MAPLE AVENUE

Attorney Caplicki explained the following resolution. On July 8, 2014 a notice of violation was issued to 310 Maple Avenue and a follow-up letter was sent on August 14, 2014. At neither time did the land owner/person responsible for the property completely clean up the violations. There is evidence of some activity on the site. The violations are still there. This resolution acknowledges the violations and authorizes the code enforcement officer to take the necessary steps to bring the premises in compliance. The costs will be charged back to the land owner.

TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION

**Authorizing Cleanup of Real Property Pursuant to Chapter 75, Property Maintenance,
Of the Code of the Town of Goshen**

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Kenneth Newbold

SECONDED BY: Councilman Louis Cappella

DATED: September 8, 2014

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York, held at Town Hall in said Town on the 8th day of September, 2014

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 75, Property Maintenance, of the Code of the Town of Goshen, the owner(s) in title of real property known as 310 Maple Avenue, New Hampton, New York and known on the tax maps of the Town of Goshen as Section 19, Block 1, Lot 34.1, were notified and served with a Notice of Violation setting forth that the aforementioned real property was in violation of and not being maintained in conformance with the requirements of Chapter 75 of the Code of the Town of Goshen entitled Property Maintenance, and

WHEREAS, the responsible parties for the aforementioned real property have not responded nor undertaken any activities to remedy or address the violation(s) set forth in Notice(s) of Violation from the Town of Goshen dated July 8, 2014 and August 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the responsible parties have, to date, failed to comply with the requirements as set forth in Chapter 75 of the Code of the Town of Goshen; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Goshen Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to take any and all steps and incur such expense, as necessary so as to remedy any Chapter 75 violations as shall exist on the subject premises and to bring said premises into compliance with the requirements of Chapter 75 of the Code of the Town of Goshen, Property Maintenance; it being understood that any actual expense(s) will be paid by the Town of Goshen but that any actual expense(s) so incurred and paid shall be charged to the property so affected by including such expense in the annual tax levy against the property.

Upon Roll

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

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

3. THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ARE REQUESTING THAT A \$125.00 BUILDING PERMIT FEE BE WAIVERED FOR WORK TO BE DONE ON THE HISTORIC ONE ROOM SCHOOL LOCATED ON ROUTE 17A

A representative from the Daughters of the American Revolution came in to request the fee be waived to obtain a building permit for an upcoming project. A similar request has been done in the past and completed.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to waiver the \$125.00 building permit fee for work to be done on the historic One Room School House located on Route 17A. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST BY BURKE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR A DEMONSTRATION JUMP AT THE OPENING DAY FOOTBALL GAME SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

On September 13th, a parachutist will deliver the game ball at the Chester vs Burke football game. **Demonstration Jump Insurance Certificate** of Insurance has been submitted to the Town of Goshen for review and approval. A permit is not required. However, in case of an accident the Town of Goshen has to be insured.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to accept the "**Demonstration Jump Insurance Certificate**" of insurance coverage. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

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

5. REQUEST FROM BUDGET OFFICER TO CLOSE ONE UNUSED BANK ACCOUNT

Bill Standish, Budget Officer, has requested approval to close the HM-Water Meter Fund – M & T Bank account which is no longer needed. This account is the water meter account for Arcadia and Hambletonian Park. The BAN related to this account has been recently paid in full. The balance in the account will be transferred into the existing operational accounts for both water districts.

Councilman Canterino made the motion to grant approval to the Budget Officer to close the above mentioned account. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

6. INFORMATION: STANDARD & POOR'S INCREASED THE TOWN OF GOSHEN BOND RATING FROM A+ TO AA, THE HIGHEST RATING SINCE 2008

As stated for information only.

7. THE TOWN HAS ISSUED 25 BUILDING PERMITS FOR NEW HOUSES YEAR-TO-DATE, FOR A VALUATION OF \$2,865,000.00: ANNUALIZED, IT WILL BE EQUAL TO 2013 AT 38 BUILDING PERMITS FOR A VALUATION OF \$3,812,000.00.

As stated for information only.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: WORKS SESSIONS OF JUNE 23rd, JULY 7th AND JULY 21 AND REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 10th AND JULY 24th

Councilman Canterino made the motion to approve the work session minutes of June 23rd, July 7th and July 21 and regular meetings of July 10th and July 24th. Councilman Newbold seconded the motion.

[Councilman Lyons was absent on July 21st and July 24th and has abstained from voting on those minutes.]

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella,[Lyons], Newbold
0 NAYS

Supervisor Bloomfield announced that the budget process is going well. With some line item cuts, we are much closer to achieving the goal of under 1.66% tax cap this year as compared to this time last year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Lyons made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. DISCUSS AL TURI LANDFILL TAX CERTIORARI
2. PD PERSONNEL CASE UPDATE
3. ADC MAPLEWOOD DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT

with the intent not to return. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried.

Time: 8:15PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk