

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 22, 2016

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 22nd day of September, 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:	Richard Golden, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
	Christine Cavaliere	Budget Officer
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

End-of-the-month Council reports were added on the agenda.

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

None at this time.

D. REPORTS:

Councilman Lyons: Reported for Highway; the guard rails on Reservoir Rd/Conklingtown Rd and Echo Lake have been installed. Paving was completed on: Houston Rd., Julie Lynn, Sherri Lane and 1.3 miles of Cheechunk Road. Catch Basin and culvert projects are about 80% completed. Notification that the extension requests filed in April for the Coleman Rd. and Durland Rd. culvert projects are completely funded under FEMA. Chip sealing will continue on Scolza, Milburn, Vetri, Moonlight, Ward, Wood, part of Old Minisink, Fairway, Avalon and Lakeview. One road mower has been operating during September.

On another note, in a meeting with Greg Townsend of Marshall & Sterling Insurance, discussions/reports have begun for next year's insurance coverage.

Melissa Gallo: Reported for JRC: the Halloween party will be held at Salesian Park on October 22nd from 1pm to 4pm. Movie night at Salesian Park will be on October 28th at 6pm, movie feature: *Hocus Pocus* and at 8pm the movie *Halloween*. The Little League fields are completed and ready for games.

Councilman Newbold: At Hambletonian Park preparation work has been done to begin the large project of repairing water leaks. He attended a function for "Illuminate Goshen" and wishes the Village luck with this project.

Councilman VanDerMolen: Reported for the Senior Center, a luncheon (salad & sandwiches) will be held on

Sept. 26th. October 5th will be a busy day hosting an AARP Defensive Driving class, Self-Defense class, CPR class, Craft Class and a Line-Dancing class. On Nov. 2, a trip is scheduled to the Sands Casino. Seats are available if anyone is interested. On Nov. 17, Catherine's will host a Thanksgiving luncheon at \$10.00 per person. In a meeting with the Police Chief, there was discussion as to changing the door locks for added security.

Supervisor Bloomfield: Reported that the storm water management (culverts/catch basins/pipes) on Brookside Dr. have been completed. The up-graded materials will last many years. Thanked Councilman Lyons for his negotiation skills with insurance companies in saving the Town a great deal of money. An update on the Amy's Kitchen project: hopefully, by mid-October they will receive Conditional Final Approval. Then they can file for the permits necessary to build the plant.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE TOWN OF GOSHEN TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2017

Christine Cavaliere, Budget Officer, reviewed several factors taken into consideration of the 2017 budget.

COST INCREASES:

Al Turi Tax Certiorari settlement	+\$123,545
Healthcare	+\$30,000
Labor Contracts CSEA-TBD & PBA Contract	+2.5% +\$25,791
Workers Compensation TBD	
Road Improvements	+\$50,000
Sand, Salt & Plowing	+\$17,250
Town Hall Parking Lot/Drainage	+\$30,000 (part by grant)
Town Hall Handicap Accessible Automatic Door	\$20,000 (part by grant)
Miscellaneous (Police PR coverage)	+\$156,868

CHANGE IN ASSESSABLE BASE

2016 – 2017			
\$	\$	CHANGE	
2016	2017	\$	%
\$611,855,986	\$609,952,646	-\$1,903,340	-0.3%

COST REDUCTIONS, Carry-over From 2006 – 2016 amounts to -\$1,565,190. This includes contracting Assessing Service with Orange Co., contracting Dog Control with Goshen Humane, Head Count Reductions: -20%, Full time to part time employees, debt payment reduction, used equipment purchases, and sundry reductions.

NEW REDUCTIONS FOR 2017

Pension Costs (Non-Police)	-\$31,000
Debt Payment Reduction (Bond Refunding)	-\$31,741
New Phone System	-\$7,092
New Copier Leases	-\$4,067
New Energy Contract	-\$10,177

DEBT HISTORY: 12/31/2006 → → → → 12/31/2017

Operations	\$3,076,999	\$782,254	
PDR	\$1,511,923	\$1,242,747	
Total Debt	\$4,588,922	\$2,025,001	Reduction -\$2,563,921 or -56%
Debt Payment	\$677,492	\$150,000	Reduction -\$527,492 or -78%
2016 Inflation Rate	0.68%		
Tax Rate Changes Town Wide:	+4.12%		

Tax levy change for a home with a \$300,000 fair market value (FMV):

	<u>2016-assessed value is 65.5% of FMV</u>	<u>2017-assessed value is 65% of FMV</u>	<u>Δ</u>
Town Resident Bill	\$1,322.76	\$1,366.79	+\$44.03
Village Resident Bill	\$514.81	\$484.46	-\$30.35

One notable change is a request from the Superintendent of Highways to move \$15,000 from the road program to DB fund (section brush & weed) for tree removal.

2. INFORMATION: NYS PROCESSED A STATE AID PAYMENT OF \$33,377.00 FOR THE TOWN OF GOSHEN FUND B. WE ONLY BUDGETED \$25,000 OR \$8,377.00 LESS

As stated, for information only.

3. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST BY RORY K. BRADY, TOWN JUSTICE, FOR ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF SECURITY SYSTEM THROUGH THE JCAP PROGRAM

Honorable Rory K. Brady is asking for the Town’s approval to acquire a security system through the JCAP Program. Grant acceptance will be used for either card swipe technology or using a key pad code.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR AND TOWN JUSTICE TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR A 2016-2017 JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (JCAP) GRANT TO BE USED FOR A SECURITY SYSTEM FOR TOWN HALL

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Kenneth Newbold

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Melissa Gallo

DATED: September 22, 2016

WHEREAS, the New York State Unified Court System Office of Court Administration has advised that a grant is available from the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) for the 2016-2017 year; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Court System’s budget includes \$2.5 million in JCAP funding this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the maximum JCAP award is \$30,000 per court, which may be used for a variety of purposes, including office and security equipment, furniture, courtroom and court facility improvements and renovations; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town of Goshen and its Justice Court to apply for such a grant for purpose acquiring and installing a security system, as a result of the increased security that the Justice Court deems advisable, especially for arraignments conducted after business hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Town of Goshen hereby supports the request of the Justice Court for the JCAP grant, and the Supervisor is authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate said request, application, and acceptance of any monies received in connection with this grant.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield AYE
Councilperson, Melissa Gallo AYE
Councilperson, George Lyons AYE

Councilperson, John Van Der Molen AYE
Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold AYE

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

4. INFORMATION: "HERITAGE OF GOSHEN" SUBDIVISION HOPES TO COMPLETE THE PLANNING PROCESS BY SEPTEMBER 30TH AND TO HAVE THE PLANNING BOARD CHAIR SIGN THE SUBDIVISION MAPS

As stated, for information only.

5. INFORMATION: "AMY'S KITCHEN" HOPES TO ACHIEVE CONDITIONAL FINAL APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN BY MID-OCTOBER AND BEGIN SITE WORK

As stated, for information only.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST FOR \$4,500 OF PARK LAND FUNDS BY GOSHEN SOCCER LEAGUE TO IMPROVE URBANSKI PARK SOCCER FIELDS

Councilwoman Gallo detailed the renovations requested by the Soccer League. The projected amount will not exceed \$27,000 and the request is for the Town to contribute \$4,500, the Village \$4,500 and Joint Recreation to contribute \$4,500. The Soccer League will match the total with \$13,500.

Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to approve the request for \$4,500 of Parkland funds by the Goshen Soccer League to improve Urbanski Park soccer fields. Councilman Newbold seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield AYE
Councilperson, Melissa Gallo AYE
Councilperson, George Lyons AYE

Councilperson, John Van Der Molen AYE
Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold AYE

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

2. PASS MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH OFFICER WALLS

Attorney Golden explained that after numerous meetings the parties involved have come to final terms. One of the provisions of this agreement is that the specific terms of the settlement are *confidential*, but the fact of the settlement is not. This is a contingent settlement, with a decision to be made by the Police Chief in connection with the related matter. Depending upon that decision, this agreement will either take effect or be void.

Councilman VanDerMolen made the motion to approve the settlement agreement and to authorize the Supervisor to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the settlement. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield AYE
Councilperson, Melissa Gallo AYE
Councilperson, George Lyons AYE

Councilperson, John Van Der Molen AYE
Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold AYE

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

3. **INFORMATION: MILMAR FOODS, INC. HAS PRESENTED PLANS TO BASICALLY DOUBLE THEIR PLANT SIZE WITH ANTICIPATION OF CREATING FIFTY (50) NEW JOBS. THIS PROJECT WILL CONSOLIDATE THEIR NEW JERSEY OPERATION INTO THE GOSHEN PLANT**

As stated, for information only.

4. **INFORMATION: THERE WILL BE A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT AT THE O.C. FIRE TRAINING CENTER, 9 TRAINING LANE, NEW HAMPTON, N.Y. ON SEPTEMBER 23RD AND 24TH FROM 9:00AM TO 3:00PM. PRESCRIPTION PHARMACEUTICALS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED. CALL (845) 291-2664 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

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F. FINANCE:

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for September 22, 2016 amounting to \$580,319.47. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Discussion covered: Expenditures related to the settlement pertaining to Officer Walls and on the same subject, the Federal litigation/docket is on line. The Town insurance covered necessary expenses and the settlement dealt with allegations concerning co-officers.

Items covered: Opinioned, Legoland as a worthwhile project, condition of the Town Hall roof, re-pave the parking lot and request to re-line parking spaces, neglected condition of a residence on Larchwood Dr. and currently fees collected issuing the Carter /Hauler licenses, amounts to \$19,300.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilwoman Gallo made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following;

1. P.D. Litigation Update

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

I. ADJOURNMENT: 8:30PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk