

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

September 24, 2018

MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 24th day of September, 2018 at Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present: Douglas Bloomfield Supervisor
 George Lyons Councilmember
 Kenneth Newbold Councilmember
 John VanDerMolen Councilmember

Absent: Melissa Gallo Councilmember

Also Present: Richard Golden, Esq. Attorney for the Town
 Priscilla Gersbeck Town Clerk

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

1. HEAR PROPOSAL FROM DENNIS LINDSAY, P.E. H2M ENGINEERING FOR PLANS TO CONSULT, INSPECT AND ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING PERMIT AND ESCROW FEES FOR MAJOR PROJECTS IN THE TOWN OF GOSHEN.

Dennis Lindsay, P.E. (H2M architects & engineers) addressed the Board outlining plans as to how H2M can assist the Town Building Department with major projects such as Legoland, Amy's Kitchen, Goshen Hospitality etc. Services H2M can provide are: (1) site inspections (2) building permit approvals and inspections (3) plan review – four high level certified architects and (4) specialized inspections. Fund inspections and reviews can be established through the Developer's Agreement. The Developer's Agreement provides for retaining inspectors and monies to be paid into an escrow account releasing monies to pay the individuals for services provided by H2M. Additionally, building inspection fees should be included for services by the Town Building Inspector. Supervisor Bloomfield suggested to refine the fees for large projects, and develop accurate building permits. Building Inspector Neal Halloran would like consideration given to add office staff "full" coverage, to meld his office software with H2M office software, revise Developmental Agreements, and to develop permits/fees in order to fulfill State requirements such as clearing & grading, MS4, Flood Plain development, etc. A meeting with the Supervisor, Dennis Lindsay and Neal Halloran is scheduled for tomorrow.

2. REVIEW ANY CHANGES TO THE TENTATIVE 2019 TOWN OF GOSHEN BUDGET AND APPROVE IT AS THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Bloomfield has four open-issues pertaining to the Tentative Budget: (1) the road program funding- which FEMA has promised to send us a check or \$400,000 (2) GOVAC funding – requesting an additional \$15,000 bringing up the funds to \$30,000. (3) funding for CSEA & PBA contract negotiations and (4) salary raise, over a 4 year period for the Town Supervisor position.

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to accept the Tentative Budget as presented and to approve the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2019, Town of Goshen. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Councilperson Newbold asked when did the Supervisor position change from part-time to full time. Councilperson Lyons questioned that a newly elected Supervisor's position can be part-time and continue the full time employment. Will the part-time Supervisor position receive the same salary as the full time Supervisor position or be adjusted?

Attorney Golden noted the salary for an elected official cannot change during that person's elected term without it being subject to a mandatory referendum.

Supervisor Bloomfield opinioned that the Supervisor's position should be full-time to better serve the citizens of Goshen. Goshen has changed (grown) from the past.

Supervisor Bloomfield suggested to refine the original motion to accept the Tentative Budget with the Supervisor salary correction, for the one year, as the 2019 Preliminary Budget. Councilperson Lyons so moved. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded.

Discussion:

Councilperson Newbold asked if changes can be made. Answer: not until the Public Hearing.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, John Van Der Molen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Melissa Gallo	<u>ABSENT</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

3. SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVIEW OF THE PRELIMINARY 2019 TOWN OF GOSHEN BUDGET FOR OCTOBER 25, 2018.

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to set the Public Hearing on October 25, 2018 at 7:30PM or soon thereafter at the Town Hall, 41 Webster Avenue to discuss the proposed 2019 budget for the Town of Goshen. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen
0 NAYS
1 ABSENT Gallo

4. INFORMATION: THE COUNTY REAL PROPERTY OFFICE, TOWN OF GOSHEN AND GOSHEN CENTRAL SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH KEVIN COX, YSG SOLAR BUSINESS CONSULTANT TO DISCUSS TAXATION OF A .4 MW PROPOSAL PROJECT ON PHILLIPSBURG ROAD. A SECOND MEETING IS PLANNED TO COMPLETE THE DISCUSSION.

As stated, for information only.

5. INFORMATION: THE BUILDING OFFICE HAS INITIATED ACTION WITH THE TOWN ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO SECURE A SEARCH WARRANT TO ENTER AND INSPECT THE VACANT HOME ON 6 LARCHWOOD DRIVE.

As stated, for information only.

6. REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JENNIFER HART, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 28, 2018.

Jennifer Hart has accepted a full time Special Education teaching position. With regrets, she will be greatly missed.

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to accept the resignation of Jennifer Hart, effective Friday, September 28, 2018. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen
0 NAYS
1 ABSENT Gallo

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15PM

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to adjourn to enter into Attorney Client meeting. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk