

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
**TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION**

September 25, 2017

MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 25th day of September, 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 VanDerMolen	Councilmember

Also Present:	Ashley Torre, Esq.	Attorney
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:32pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**1. REVIEW SCHEDULE AND ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM.**

Councilperson Gallo requested that Teresa Walsh be appointed as an alternate on the Affordable Housing Committee. At the July 10, 2017 Town Board meeting three people were appointed to the Housing Review Board: Melissa Gallo, Howard Weiss and Allison Graesser. Some of their responsibilities include: accepting and reviewing applications, maintain eligibility priority list certifying applicants, to establish lottery procedures for selecting applicants, to maintain a list of all affordable units and to review deed/lease requirements. Currently, the committee is working up a basic price range for affordable housing and creating an application form to be ready by October 10<sup>th</sup>. This will enable the developers and realtors to market affordable housing. The committee will put together answers to "frequently asked questions" for those interested in applying.

Councilperson Lyons motioned to appoint Teresa Walsh as an alternate on the Affordable Housing Committee. 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. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUEST BY NEAL HALLORAN TO SEND DOMINICK ELIA AND KATHLEEN KRUTKI FOR A "PRECONSTRUCTION" VISIT TO LEGOLAND FLORIDA.**

In a memorandum to the Board, Neal Halloran requested permission to send two building department personnel for a preconstruction visit to the Legoland site in Winterhaven, Florida. One of the main reasons is to observe required safety features. A meeting with internal safety staff and responding emergency services personnel will benefit their responsibility for continued safety at the proposed future site. Legoland made the offer to pay for the trip. It would be under the same limits imposed by the town on the trip made last year.

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to send Dominick Elia and Kathleen Krutki to Legoland in Winterhaven Florida for a preconstruction visit. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 4 to 1

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUEST FOR THE TOWN OF GOSHEN JUSTICE COURT TO APPLY FOR A 2017-18 JCAP GRANT. THE GRANT, IF APPROVED, WILL BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY CAMERAS AND A DUCTLESS AIR CONDITIONING UNIT FOR THE COURT OFFICE.**

A request was made from Flo Nelson, Chief Justice Clerk, to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grant for additional security cameras. The cameras would be located in front of the building, each side of the building, and in the elevator. Ms. Nelson requested a ductless air conditioning unit for the office to be added to this JCAP grant.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve the request for the Town Justice Court to apply for a JCAP Grant. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

**4. INFORMATION: THE WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT PLANS TO PURSUE AN ALTERNATE METHOD TO ELIMINATE GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION OF THE STONEHEDGE WATER DISTRICT WELL 2. IN ADDITION TO A HIGHER PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS, IT ALSO IS PROJECTED TO SAVE \$6,000 IN COSTS.**

The backup well #2 for Stonehedge has never been put to use due to ground water contamination. Charles Crover, President of Roarke Well Drilling who drilled the original well, believed the problem was not the grout, but a rock line vein at 68-72 feet below the surface. His recommendation is to insert a smaller 4" PVC into the existing 6" steel casing 415 feet below the surface. A double packer sleeve would be installed at 100 feet below. This would seal off the space between the 4" PVC a 6" steel casing preventing any surface water from entering the well water supply.

**5. INFORMATION: AN AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK COMPTROLLER SHOWS CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE TOWN OF GOSHEN REMAINING WELL BELOW THE FISCAL STRESS RANGE OF CONCERNS.**

In a report released by the Office of the New York State Comptroller, the Town of Goshen scored 15.8% in the annual financial report. The percent range is as follows; Significant fiscal stress 65 - 100% / Moderate fiscal stress 55 - 64.9% / Susceptible fiscal stress 45-54.9% and No designation 0 - 44.9%.

**6. INFORMATION: ATTACHED IS A RECAP OF CURRENT APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD AND THEIR APPROVAL STATUS.**

In a summary of current applications before the Planning Board, the total estimate of value if everything pending gets built amounts to \$719,000,000±. The Planning Board has been and is extremely busy.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

With no items for the Executive Session, Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:02 PM

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk