

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**

September 26, 2019  
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019 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 Van Der Molen	Councilmember

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

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:35 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

**C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)**

**D. REPORTS**

**Councilperson Gallo** reported on the Joint Recreation Committee: the Halloween party is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm, at Myron Urbanski Park. A group of citizens volunteered to improve the look of Bruen Park by planting and painting where needed. The library staff isn't happy with the care of the landscaping of the new site. Sketches are coming in for the skate board project at Bruen Park. Plans were submitted of the Skate Board Park in Walden which are similar to what was envisioned for at Bruen Park. The Village is planning to build a bathroom at Erie Park. The JRC is requesting to have a joint meeting with the Village and Town in the middle of October. By then they should have specific plans for the skate park and the bathrooms to present to the Boards.

**Councilperson Lyons** read the report submitted from Highway Superintendent Broderick Knoell as follows:

**Re: Highway Department Report – September 2019**

- 1. Catch basin repairs were completed on Tanglewood (1), Breezeway (2), Sawyers Peak (1), Summit View (5), Northgate (6), and Coleman Road (1). Employees involved with the catch basin repairs have done an excellent job with these repairs this year.*
- 2. The sweeper and the road mower have gone out most days this month. The sweeper had a lot of work in removing the loose 1/4" stone left after the chip seal process.*
- 3. A rotten driveway pipe was replaced on #27 Knoell Road along with a crossover pipe under the road to Well #4 in Hambletonian Park.*
- 4. We were happy to aid the Village of Florida with two (2) dump trucks to haul stone for their chip sealing that ran a little over two (2) days. If you recall, the Village of Florida has helped us every year since 2012 by sending us a garage packer truck and a driver to assist us with spring cleanup.*
- 5. Significant hot asphalt patching has been done on Axworthy Lane and Greencrest Road.*

6. A large storm drain culvert was replaced on Sherry Lane. Approximately 130' of rotted 18" galvanized pipe was replaced with new HDPE plastic culvert in between a concrete headwall and a catch basin.

7. Chip sealing was done on Johnson, Ridge, and Coleman Roads with the Gorman Group out of Amsterdam, NY.

8. All told this year 11.65 miles of roadway was either recycled, paved, chip sealed, or fiber matted. This included approximately 220 tons of stone for recycling, 3500 tons of hot asphalt for paving, and approximately 47,000 gallons of asphalt emulsion with 1400 tons of stone for fiber matting and chip sealing.

Councilperson Lyons also reported that he will be meeting with the Town insurance broker, Marshall & Sterling, on October 10<sup>th</sup> for quotes for coverage for 2020.

**Councilperson Newbold** (inaudible) continues to follow-up on grant projects.

**Councilperson Van Der Molen** met with the Police Chief. The PBA negotiations are very close to a settlement. Secondly, reporting for the Senior Center: the Senior BBQ hosted by Elsie's Luncheonette on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> was a great success. A fall Barn Dance catered by Catherine's scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> is sold out. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> a trip is planned to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem Pa. The Village restriped the parking lot at the Senior Center. On November 21<sup>st</sup> a Thanksgiving luncheon will be catered by Catherine's costing around \$20.00 per person.

**Supervisor Bloomfield** attended an event hosted by the Office of the Aging to honor the many community volunteers. He met with 7 BOCES children & 3 staff members who wanted to learn about what town government is and what we do for them. The children had questions prepared in advance. For information: there is a road closure on Route 17A, Pulaski Hwy - Ed Lempka Drive to the ice-cream store in Florida. The Highway Dept. will close portions of the road for two days to allow for paving. Changes to prosecution procedures was discussed at an informational meeting with the District Attorney. A noteworthy change involved Police Officers preparing cases for the DA. Currently, an arrest report can take weeks or months, depending on the complexity of the arrest, to file with the Prosecutor. With the changes, there will be a time limit of 15 days to prepare the case to file in the DA's office. Lastly, Congratulations to George Lyons who received recognition from Assemblyman Colin Schmitt who hosted a "Salute to First Responders". George was honored for the 45 years (over 50,000 hours) he devoted to the Volunteer Ambulance Corps. This past year he has given 2,867 hours and answered 172 calls.

## **E. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. DISCUSS THE TENTATIVE 2020 BUDGET AND POTENTIAL CHANGES, IF ANY, AND VOTE TO ACCEPT IT AS THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET.**

The draft review for 2020 was presented at the last meeting. There are two additions to that document. Under Open Issues/Changes section, added on (9.) GOVAC requested \$50,000. They received \$15,000 last year and (10.) Neal Halloran, Building & Zoning, requested pay raises as follows: Neal Halloran \$15,000 – Broderick Knoell - \$10,000, Dominic Elia - \$7,500, Michele Radkovits - \$5,000, Darlene Keely - \$2,500 and Kathleen Krutki - \$2,500. This will be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Halloran reviewed a memo presented which explains his rationale for the raises.

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss requested employee(s) salaries. Supervisor Bloomfield seconded the motion. Motion carried. 8:15pm

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to reopen the meeting. Councilperson Melissa seconded the motion. Motion carried. 8:40pm.

It was determined in the Executive Session to allow more time for the Councilmembers to read the new documents presented and the Tentative Budget for 2020.

As discussed, Councilmember Lyons made the motion for the Town Board to meet at 6:30pm on October 10<sup>th</sup> and immediately close to enter into Executive Session to discuss employee(s) salaries, then to reopen for the regular meeting as scheduled. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**2. INFORMATION: THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR LINING HAMBLETONIAN PARK AND ARCADIA HILLS SEWER LINES WILL TAKE PLACE 10AM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019.**

As stated for information only.

**3. DISCUSS RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM TO INSTALL ADA COMPLIANT ACCESS DOORS IN THE WEBSTER AVENUE ENTRANCE OF TOWN HALL AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME.**

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
County of Orange, State of New York

RESOLUTION

**Authorizing the Town Supervisor to Execute an Agreement with Orange County for a 2019 Community Development Block Grant**

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember John Van Der Molen  
SECONDED BY: Councilmember George Lyons  
DATE: September 26, 2019

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen has been allocated funding under the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program to install ADA Compliant Access Doors at the Town Hall Webster Avenue Entrance; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned project is included in the 2019 part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) plan for Community Development Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen is hereby preparing to execute an agreement with Orange County to receive the CDBG funds through the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Goshen hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute on behalf of the Town the County of Orange Community Development Block Grant Program Municipal Agreement for FY 2019, including any and all addenda thereto, in connection with the installation of ADA Compliant Access Doors at the Town Hall Webster Avenue Entrance, with the total amount to be paid by the County of Orange being \$25,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Goshen authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute all other documentation required to enter into such agreement on the Town's behalf.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, John Van Der Molen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Melissa Gallo	<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

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST BY THE TOWN BUDGET OFFICE TO AUTHORIZE A BUDGET TRANSFER TO PURCHASE NEW COMPUTERS. THE COMPUTERS CURRENTLY IN USE OPERATE WITH MICROSOFT 7 WHICH IS NO LONGER SUPPORTED. THE NEW COMPUTERS WILL OPERATE WITH MICROSOFT VERSION 10.**

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to approve a request from the Town Budget Officer to authorize a budget transfer to purchase new computers. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, John Van Der Molen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Melissa Gallo	<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

- 2. INFORMATION: THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD RECEIVED A NEW APPLICATION FOR A 5MW LARGE SCALE SOLAR PROJECT AT 270 & 276 MAPLE AVENUE. A SPECIAL USE PERMIT WILL BE REQUIRED BY THE TOWN BOARD.**

As stated for information only.

- 3. INFORMATION: THE HIGH HOUSE WATER CHLORINATION TANK FOR ARCADIA HILLS NO.2 WELL HAS BEEN TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE DUE TO A LEAK. A 12-INCH PIPE LOOP IS BEING DESIGNED AND WILL BE INSTALLED TO PROVIDE NECESSARY "EXPOSER TIME" FOR THE WATER CHLORINATION PROCESS TO BE COMPLETED.**

As stated for information only.

- 4. INFORMATION: THE ARCADIA HILLS FORCE MAIN WAS DAMAGED BY A CONTRACTOR WHILE ESCAVATING FOR INSTALLATION OF THE NEW FORCE MAIN. THE RESULTING LEAK WAS CONTAINED IN THE TRENCH, REPAIRED AND REPORTED TO THE NYS DEC.**

As stated for information only.

**G. FINANCE:**

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P runs as of 08/31/2019 in the amount of \$15,143.91 and Accounts Payable check run for 09/26/2019 in the amount of \$679,498.65. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

**H. MINUTES:**

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting of 08/22/2019. Councilperson seconded the motion.

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

**I. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**Sue Cleaver** inquired about various issues related to sewage at Craigville/Urbanski Park.

**John Stein** requested a debate between candidates, allowing for the public to ask questions.

**Nick Gallo** informed the Board about trucks driving through Arcadia Hills and near/on top of Well #52.

**Reynell Andrews** inquired about town police reports that are filed with the state.

**J. ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 PM**

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to adjourn to enter into Attorney Client meeting. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk

