

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2015
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 8th day of October, 2015 at the 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:	John Swift	Special Counsel to Town Board
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:34 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

None at this time.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. REVIEW CURRENT STATUS UPDATE ON THE GRANT TO REHABILITATE THE TOWN HALL CUPOLA

Attorney, John Swift explained the process for obtaining this grant. DASNY has to verify the existence of committed funding resources to complete the project. A copy of the 2015 Budget will provide the proof showing a \$50,000 line item and money in the contingency fund allocated to cover this project. The reimbursement of after-the-fact monies which are to be approved for this grant will follow after the project is completed. Grant funds may be spent only on capital costs. Operating costs, working capital, will not be covered. Therefore, the cupola restoration is covered and repairs to the roof are not.

2. INFORMATION: THE BUILDING AND ZONING OFFICE WILL ISSUE THE 200TH BUILDING PERMIT BY WEEK'S-END. THE HIGHEST NUMBER EVER ISSUED WAS 218 IN A YEAR PRIOR TO THE 2009 RECESSION! A NEW RECORD WILL BE ACHIEVED IN 2015.

As stated, for information only.

3. REVIEW REQUEST BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM FOR THE TOWN TO PROVIDE A COPY OF 2013 NUGENT & HAEUSSLER, P.C. AUDIT OF THE TOWN COURT RECORDS.

A resolution follows, based on the Unified Justice Court Act requiring that town and village justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their respective auditing agency. This is enacted to improve accountability and controls over Justice Court finances and records.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION**

Town's acknowledgement that 2013 audit of the Town of Goshen Justice Court was performed pursuant to Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Louis Cappella
SECONDED BY: Councilman Kenneth Newbold
DATED: October 8, 2015

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 October, 2015

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2019-(a) of the State of New York Uniform Justice Act, the Town of Goshen is required to annually provide the Town Justice Court records and dockets to be examined and audited by an independent auditor, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen has provided such records and dockets to be examined and audited by the firm of Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., certified public accountants, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. has performed such audit for the year 2013 which audit is dated January 27, 2015 and delivered such audit to the Town of Goshen on February 9, 2015,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that pursuant to the requirements of Section 2019-(a) of the State of New York Uniform Justice Act, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen hereby acknowledges that the above required examination/audit was conducted.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Lyons read from page 3; "This report is intended solely for the information and use of Town of Goshen, the Town Board and the Town of Goshen Justice Court and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties." He noted that there are eight (8) findings documented that were either resolved or need to be resolved. He questioned if a response to the findings should be addressed along with this Resolution? After some discussion, it was determined that this is a response stating the fact that we did have the audit.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. INFORMATION: THE GOSHEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DINNER AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 30, 2015

As stated, for information only.

2. INFORMATION: SHANNON WONG, LEGISLATOR – 21ST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, IS RESIGNING EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4TH, TO ACCEPT A POSITION WITH THE NEW YORK CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION AS DIRECTOR OF THE LOWER HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER. THE TOWN BOARD WILL PLAY AN INSTRUMENTAL ROLE IN SELECTING HER REPLACEMENT

Honorable Shannon Wong has always responded to the needs of the county and helped the constituents of her district. She was active in three core issues: renovate the Orange County Government Center, protect Valley View, and support local agriculture. Three towns will take part in selecting her replacement; Blooming Grove, Wawayanda and Goshen.

3. DISCUSS AND APPROVE REQUEST BY MOODNA CREEK WATERSHED INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR \$500.00 ANNUAL DUES BEGINNING IN 2016

The Moodna Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council members voted to request annual dues of \$500.00 from each of the 30 municipal members. In a memo to the Town, specific activities were listed to be implemented in 2016 using the funds. [The list is available in the Clerk's Office for viewing.]

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$500.00 for annual dues to Moodna Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council beginning in 2016. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilman Lyons noted this is the first time dues have been requested. He believes this is well spent in protecting the waterways.

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

4. INFORMATION: BARBARA SOKOLOFSKY IS GRANDMOTHER TO A NEW BABY GIRL, OLIVIA ROSE, BORN OCTOBER 8, 2015.

As stated, for information only.

F. FINANCE

Councilman Canterino made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P check runs of 09/01//2015 through 09/30/2015 amounting to \$10,007.81 and Accounts Payable check run for 10/08/2015 amounting to \$117,411.49. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Reynell Andrews, asked about the medical insurance buy-out and how it applies to different employees. (inaudible). Secondly, he inquired as to how the FOIL process works to obtain information from the Police records. He feels that the primary applicant (victim) should not have to FOIL to receive a report. There was some discussion as to the possible nature of confidential or sensitive information to be redacted. This will be checked for FOIL procedure legalities.

H. ADJOURNMENT: 8:20PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Canterino made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following;

1. PBA PERSONNEL CASE UPDATE
2. TURI TAX CERTIORARI UPDATE
3. DISCUSSION: MEDICAL INSURANCE BUY-OUT
4. TOWING CO. – CITIZEN COMPLAINT

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

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk