

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

October 10, 2019

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 10th day of October, 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:	Richard Golden, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of several employees. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Time: 6:31pm)  
Councilperson Newbold made the motion to reopen the meeting. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Time: 7:25pm)

**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. FINALIZE THE TOWN OF GOSHEN 2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET AND APPROVE IT AS THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Supervisor Bloomfield presented eight open-issues/changes pertaining to the Tentative Budget: (1) Road Program Funding- \$710,100 ► \$1,000,000 (2) funding for PBA contract negotiations (3) Humane Society add \$5,000 (4) Joint Recreation Commission add \$15,000 (5) Justice Court Salary Adjustments: Judges' Salaries +3% + \$2,000 and Court Clerk 2 Salary +3% + \$2,000 (6) Supervisor Position – Internal Equity Salary +3% + \$5,000 (7) Deputy Town Clerk: Salary +3% + \$1,000 and (8) Police Chief -211 Waiver -9/18/19-Increase Salary \$30,000 ► \$55,000.

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to accept the Tentative Budget as presented and to approve the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2020. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

Vote: Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 1.

**2. SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVIEW OF THE PRELIMINARY 2020 TOWN OF GOSHEN BUDGET FOR OCTOBER 24, 2019.**

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to set the Public Hearing on October 24, 2019 at 7:30PM or soon thereafter at the Town Hall, 41 Webster Avenue to discuss the proposed 2020 budget for the Town of Goshen. 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

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. REVIEW AND APPROVE A REQUEST BY POLICE CHIEF JAMES MCDOWELL TO HIRE CHRISTOPHER TABACHNICK AS A TOWN OF GOSHEN PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 14, 2019. HE WAS WITH THE NYC POLICE DEPT. FOR SEVEN YEARS AND ELEVEN YEARS WITH THE NEWBURGH CITY POLICE DEPT.**

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to approve a request by Police Chief James McDowell to hire Christopher Tabachnick as a Part-Time Town Police Officer effective November 14, 2019. Councilperson Gallo 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 THE GOSHEN TOWN BUDGET OFFICER TO INVEST ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM A MATURING 6 MONTH CD. ONE HALF OF THE FUNDS ARE FROM FUND A, GENERAL TOWN-WIDE AND OTHER HALF FUND B, GENERAL TOWN ONLY.**

Budget Officer Christine Cavaliere compared CD rates from three banks. After careful consideration she recommended to invest in Sterling Bank: 1.75% for a 6-month CD.

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to invest \$1 million dollars in Sterling Bank for a 6 month CD.

Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

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

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE A REQUEST BY THE TOWN OF GOSHEN BUDGET OFFICER TO SIGN A CONTRACT THROUGH M & R ENERGY RESOURCES TO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY AT THE LOWEST BID RATE AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME.**

Upon the recommendation from the Budget Officer, Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to sign a new 2-year contract with Direct Energy at the rate of 5.815 cents per kilo-watt hour. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

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

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

**4. INFORMATION: THE GOSHEN HUMANE SOCIETY RECEIVED A "SATISFACTORY" REPORT IN REGARD TO AN UNANNOUNCED DOG CONTROL INSPECTION BY THE NYS DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS.**

As stated, for information only.

5. **INFORMATION: CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION HAVE BEEN PREPARED FROM THE TOWN BOARD TO THE FOLLOWING HONOREES FOR THE OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOSHEN CHAMBER MEETING: *GOSHEN HISTORIC TRACK, GRIFFITH OLIVERO REALTORS, HEROES FOR A CURE, PEDAL GOSHEN, AND TOM'S GREENHOUSE AND FLORIST.***

As stated, for information only.

6. **INFORMATION: EARLY VOTING POLL SITE FOR GOSHEN WILL BE HELD AT THE WARWICK TOWN HALL, 132 KINGS HIGHWAY. SEE TOWN OF GOSHEN WEB SITE FOR VOTING DATES AND TIMES.**

As stated, for information only.

**F. FINANCE:**

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P runs as of 10/10/2019 in the amount \$208,261.36. Councilperson Gallo 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**

**Chris Healey** (Howard Ct.) asked for an update to address numbering for the Rolling Ridge subdivision where he lives.

**Robert Smith** referenced a 7/25/19 meeting on Community Solar pertaining to the statement of confidentiality.

This is County-driven internal information pertaining to financial anti-competitive disclosures.

**Henry Brown** (Wedgewood Dr.) commented he noticed many construction trucks from Legoland are using Wedgewood Dr.

Agreed, the truck traffic should not be on that road, however the DEC gave permission to install a special culvert.

**Nick Gallo** questioned who has access to a locked gate. (Inaudible).

**I. ADJOURNMENT: 8:10PM**

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk