

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

October 22, 2018  
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 22nd day of October, 2018 at 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 7:33pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. DISCUSS PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE CREDIT CARD, DEBIT CARD AND ECHECK PAY ONLINE OPTIONS FOR PAYING TOWN & COUNTY TAX BILLS.**

Currently the Town webpage contains a link to the database of Town & County Tax bills for residents to view and print their tax bill. To accept online payments, a link will be added to the page linking to a "Pay Now" Payment System website. There would be no charge to the Town. The fees are listed in the following resolution.

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
Resolution

AUTHORIZING ONLINE PAYMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY TAXES AND APPROVING  
PAYMENT PROCESSING AGREEMENT WITH FORTE PAYMENT SYSTEMS. INC.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson George Lyons  
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Kenneth Newbold  
DATED: October 22, 2018

**WHEREAS**, the Town desires to accept online payments for real property taxes and to enter into a Payment Processing Agreement with Forte Payment Systems, Inc. for the processing of such online payments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town will not be responsible for paying, and will not receive, any charges or fees for the processing of online property tax payments; and

**WHEREAS**, property owners who pay their property taxes online will be subject to the following processing fees, charged by and payable directly to Forte Payment Systems, Inc.:

Credit Card – 2.45% of the payment amount, with minimum fee of \$1.95  
Debit Card – Flat fee of \$3.95  
eCheck – Flat fee of \$1.75

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Goshen will accept online payments for real property taxes subject to the fees set forth above, which are to be paid directly by the property owner; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the annexed Payment Processing Agreement with Forte Payment Systems, Inc. is hereby approved as modified, subject to the finalization of said agreement by the Attorney for the Town, and the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute the same.

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. DISCUSS PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH H2M FOR ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR TOWN OF GOSHEN PROJECTS. THESE SERVICES ARE IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY PROVIDED AS TOWN ENGINEERING SUPPORT.**

Inspection services/fees have been submitted for Council review.

Councilperson Lyons questioned the Engineer's liability coverage. The proposed contract will be discussed at the next meeting.

**3. GOSHEN LIBRARY FOUNDATION IS REQUESTING DEMOLITION OF THE SALESIAN SCHOOL BUILDING.**

Communication from Bill Troy, committee chair of the Goshen Library Foundation, has requested the demolition of the Salesian school building. It has been determined to be unsafe and is unsightly. This building contains a considerable amount of asbestos which will be costly to demolish. According to joint ownership of Salesian Park, all improvements to the park will be shared 50/50 with the Village of Goshen. The Village will have to agree to participate in the funding of this request.

**4. DISCUSS ORANGE AND ROCKLAND NEED FOR AN EASEMENT FROM THE TOWN OF GOSHEN IN ORDER TO RUN POWER SERVICES TO THE GOSHEN LIBRARY.**

The problem is that the easement requested is over a road designated for use. A meeting will be scheduled with our Attorney, the Attorney for the library, and O & R to find a solution for power services that wouldn't interfere with the road going in.

Attorney Torre distributed an updated survey map of Salesian Park. She recommends a site visit with O & R, and our Building Inspector to determine the actual location of the requested easement for power services to the library.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to adjourn the meeting to enter into Attorney Client meeting with the intent not to return. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Time: 7:55PM

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk