

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION**  
**October 24, 2011**  
**AGENDA**

- 1. REVIEW POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE 2012 BUDGET AND DISCUSS FOR CLARIFICATION THE NYS 2% TAX CAP LAW**
- 2. REMINDER: IT IS TIME AGAIN TO REVIEW TOWN ORDINANCES, ZONING AND CODING**
- 3. DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF THE DEFIBRILLATOR PURCHASE AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**
- 4. DISCUSS REQUEST FOR TREE DEBRIE CLEAN UP IN HAMBLETONIAN PARK**
- 5. DISCUSS REQUEST TO APPOINT LEE BURGESS AS DEPUTY PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- 1. DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF A SEWER INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE**
- 2. DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF CSEA NEGOTIATIONS**
- 3. DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF REQUEST FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PBA**
- 4. DISCUSS STATUS OF THE ABANDONED RAILROAD BED EASEMENT TO BE GIVEN TO THE TOWN BY ENTERPRISES**
- 5. UPDATE CURRENT STATUS OF TAX CERTIORARI**

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**MINUTES**

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011 at Town hall 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:	Dennis Caplicki	Town Attorney
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

Supervisor Bloomfield opened the meeting a 7:30 p.m., and asked Town Attorney Dennis Caplicki to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**1. REVIEW POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE 2012 BUDGET AND DISCUSS FOR**

**CLARIFICATION THE NYS 2% TAX CAP LAW:** Supervisor Bloomfield explained he would like to go over a few changes that have been made to the 2012 budget. He said the first one has to do with Workmen's Comp., he called upon Councilman Lyons to explain what has been done. Councilman Lyons reported there are a lot of insurance companies that do not write Worker's Comp., very few do. He explained the Board decided to change brokers, as they did last year, and were able to obtain the potential for three quotes. He said last year, we were paying \$146,290.00 total premium. He said this year we started out with \$155,988.00, a total of 6.6% increase, after negotiations it was brought down to \$150,000.00 being 2.53% increase. Councilman Lyons said "that no one wants to see things go up, but the way things are going on with Workmen's Comp, it's about the best we could do." Supervisor Bloomfield thanked Councilman Lyons for all the hard work he did on this.

Supervisor Bloomfield again asked Councilman Lyons to explain what is being done in regard to hospitalization and medical insurance that is expected to go up 14.3 %. Councilman Lyons reported he met with members of Marshal & Sterling, and they have presented the Board with a plan with significant savings. He explained that we are presently with the NYSHIP program, Empire Plan through United Health Care, a very good program, but expensive. Councilman Lyons said there are other alternative programs out there, and some can give more benefits back to the employees. He said the Board is attempting now to address this issue to the employees, CSEA, and the PBA, as an alternative to the NYSHIP program. Supervisor Bloomfield said the Board will continue to work on hospitalization and medical insurance as this is one of the largest expenses.

Supervisor Bloomfield said the Board has been seeking clarification of the 2% Tax Levy Cap. He said they found that it is a 2% cap levy over all, it does not break into your funds. What they want is for us to keep our total tax increase within the 2% range.

**2. DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF GOSHEN'S ZONING AS TO WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE BUILT IN THE RU ZONE:** Supervisor Bloomfield asked Attorney Caplicki to address this subject. Attorney Caplicki stated that it has been approximately three years since the Board addressed and reviewed the current zoning, and there are now two new requests for change before the Board at this time. He said now would be a good time to have the Planning Board, Building Inspector and paid staff members review the current code, and bring to the Board's attention to any modifications they might feel necessary.

Supervisor Bloomfield said he had heard concerns about the available commercial space, which is being used up and concerns about signs. Attorney Caplicki stated that the Boards have been requested to look at some rather unique proposals lately, and it is important to look at the zoning at least every three years.

**3. DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF THE DEFIBRILLATOR PURCHASE AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:** Supervisor asked Councilman Lyons the status of the defibrillators. Councilman Lyons stated that he and Jennifer Hart had worked on this and sent in the purchase offer last week. He stated that they have arrived and will be installed, one in Town Hall and one in the Highway garage. He said some instruction will be needed, even though they seem to be fairly simple to use. Supervisor Bloomfield said that Broderick Knoell and his wife donated the defibrillators to the Town after losing a friend to a heart attack where there was no defibrillator available.

Councilman Canterino asked who would do the training? Councilman Lyons said he knows at least four CPR instructors who are certified, and he would suggest using one of them.

**4. DISCUSS REQUEST FOR TREE DEBRIS CLEAN UP IN HAMBLETONIAN PARK:** Supervisor Bloomfield explained he had received a request for the Highway Department to clean up the brush, etc. created by Hurricane Irene in Hambletonian Park. He said Highway Superintendent Broderick Knoell replied explaining that Highway has been inundated this year due to weather. He said beginning with a very wet summer, a tornado, a hurricane, and a tropical storm, much damage has been done to the road after Irene (the hurricane). As a result, Mr. Knoell explained the department is far behind this year, and racing the upcoming cold weather in which the asphalt plants will close. He said therefore they are trying to complete the necessary paving while weather permits.

The Supervisor stated that even after the Highway Superintendent's letter was received the party making the request said they understood, but wanted it picked up before Halloween. He asked the Board for their opinion as to how to address this, and if anyone on the Board had been out to Hambletonian Park recently.

Councilman Newbold stated he had been there, and saw where the person that made the request had moved the debris to the side of his yard. Otherwise, he said there was the usual amount of limbs, leaves, etc. However, he said he agrees that Mr. Knoell has to do what he has to do, the most important things first. He said it does not seem to be a health issue.

Councilman Cappella stated he had been out to see the problem, and saw a few homes with some brush in front of these homes, and some in the street, where by law it is not supposed to be. He said it should be picked up, but he understands the Highway Superintendent's problem.

Councilman Canterino said he had a lot of brush at his home too, but piled it behind his home until which time it could be picked up. He said he hoped some of the residents will do the same until it is picked up.

Councilman Cappella noted that Highway is now working on paving Ridge View Estates, and the roads have been reclaimed so they need to be paved as soon as possible with the wet weather coming. He also stated that if the work is not completed this year, the Town could lose the money.

**5. DISCUSS REQUEST TO APPOINT LEE BURGESS AS DEPUTY PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN:**

Supervisor Bloomfield explained that the Board had received a request to appoint Lee Burgess as Deputy Planning Board Chairman. Mr. Burgess is a member of the Planning Board at this time, and the Building Inspector and all other members of the Board agree with this appointment. Supervisor Bloomfield stated there are many times the Chairman is unable to be available, so a deputy is really necessary. Councilman Canterino made the Motion to appoint Lee Burgess Deputy Planning Board Chairman, effective immediately. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield asked if anyone had any other business they would like to discuss. James Cimino, Realtor asked if the final decision on the Kerr petition for a zoning change would be returned to the Town Board, or be determined by the Planning Board. Supervisor Bloomfield and Attorney Caplicki explained the process need for a change of zoning to Mr. Cimino.

With no further business, Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, with intent not to return, to go into Executive Session to discuss :

1. Discuss Development of a Sewer Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village
2. Discuss current status of CSEA negotiations
3. Discuss current status of request for negotiations with the PBA
4. Update current status of tax certiorari

Councilman Newbold seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 8:00 p.m.

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Valma Eisma, Town Clerk