

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

November 6, 2017

M I N U T E S

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 6th day of November, 2017 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 VanDerMolen	Councilmember

Also Present:	Richard Golden, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:31pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. ANDREW PERSOON, WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON MAPLE AVENUE AND SOLICIT TOWN OF GOSHEN SUPPORT. MAPLE AVENUE IS AN ORANGE COUNTY ROAD.**

Andrew Persoon addressed the Board. He requested support from the Town Board to reduce the speed limit along Maple Avenue (County Road) between Cross Road and Orzeck Road. Maple Avenue has several signed speed zones: Police Dr. to Gibson Rd. is signed 35mph, Gibson Rd. to Cross Rd. is signed 45mph, Cross Rd. to Orzeck Rd. is signed 55mph and Orzeck Rd. to the end of Maple Ave. (Town line) is signed 45mph. There has been an increase in traffic along the 55mph zone with multiple entrances to businesses including truck traffic and farm vehicle traffic. Andrew Persoon opined that hills and curves contribute to blind spots citing multiple serious/fatal traffic accidents.

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to authorize a resolution to reduce the speed limit on Maple Avenue from Gibson Road to Orzeck Road to 45mph and further authorize the Supervisor to sign the necessary documentation to formalize the request to the County.

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

Discussion: Many residents along Maple Ave. added *more* reasons to reduce the speed limit to the entire length of Maple Ave. In the past few years, several large subdivisions have been built ingressing/egressing onto Maple Ave. Increased residential traffic lends itself to increased commuter and school bus traffic. The residents are requesting a uniform speed limit along Maple Ave. to be set at 35mph.

**Amended Resolution:**

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to authorize a resolution to reduce the speed limit on Maple Avenue from Gibson Road extended to the end of Maple Avenue (Town line) to be set at 35mph and further authorize the Supervisor to sign the necessary documentation to formalize the request to the County. Councilperson Gallo 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 passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

2. PBA NEGOTIATOR HAS REQUESTED NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN JANUARY 2018.

A letter received on behalf of the PBA is requesting to commence negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement effective January 1, 2018 for both full and part-time police officers.

3. DISCUSS AND ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DAVID GAWRONSKI, FROM THE TOWN OF GOSHEN PLANNING BOARD.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to accept the resignation of David Gawronski, effective immediately, from the Town of Goshen Planning Board. Councilperson Gallo 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 passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF FRANK LEVA TO THE TOWN OF GOSHEN PLANNING BOARD.

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to appoint Frank Leva, effective immediately, to the Town of Goshen Planning Board. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

5. INFORMATION: A CHLORINE DISINFECTION SYSTEM HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE STONEHEDGE WATER DISTRICT AT THE REQUEST OF THE ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. COLIFORM CONTAMINATION WAS DETECTED DURING ROUTINE SAMPLING. THE SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY IN A START-UP MODE: FLUSHING, SAMPLE TAKING ETC.

Residents in the Stonehedge water district were advised to boil water until testing shows that the coliform contamination has been cleared up.

6. INFORMATION: THE HERITAGE OF GOSHEN SUBDIVISION WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS ARE ALSO IN START-UP MODE. EVERYTHING IS GOING WELL THUS FAR.

As stated, for information only.

7. THE "FIRST ROUND" OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION HAS DENIED THE HAMBLETONIAN PARK AND ARCADIA HILLS REHABILITATION GRANT APPLICATIONS. BOTH GRANT APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RESUBMITTED FOR "ROUND TWO" CONSIDERATION.

As stated, for information only.

**Councilperson Gallo** thanked the Town of Goshen Police Officers for attending the Town Board meetings. With the current public attacks on innocent people, we are thankful to the officers for keeping us safe. Secondly, the public is welcome to attend the JRC meetings held on the second Tuesday of every month. The Goshen Recreation is shared between the Town and the Village. She is the liaison representing the Town and Chris Gurda is the liaison for the Village. There are five commissioners working jointly together and people can attend the meetings to voice their concerns.

**Councilperson Newbold** thanked the Highway Superintendent, Broderick Knoell, and his employees for being pro-active and vigilant monitoring the water situation in the Stonehedge development.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Time: 8:00PM

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk