

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
November 09, 2009
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 9th day of November, 2009 at 7:30pm at 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:	Dennis Caplicki	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:32pm.

SET DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR RENEWAL OF TIME WARNER CABLE FRANCHISE

Attorney Caplicki requested more time to review the contract. The date will be set at the next meeting.

1. REQUEST FOR SPEED REDUCTION:

Thomas Schaumburg (Greencrest Rd.) submitted a request to the Town Board to move a speed limit sign (55mph) about 200 yards. This would place the speed limit sign past a sharp turn before Greencrest Road. He has had several close calls from speeding vehicles while waiting to turn onto Greencrest Rd. Supervisor Bloomfield will speak with someone in the NYS DOT on how to proceed.

2. REVIEW CURRENT DRAFT OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN 2010 BUDGET:

Supervisor Bloomfield reviewed *additional* cuts to the budget, since the last Board meeting.

They are as follows; A FUND-Board wages at 0% increase = \$3,300
B FUND-Full time Police holiday overtime= \$13,000 / Full time Police regular
Overtime=\$15,000 / Training = \$6,250
DA FUND – Highway Capital Equipment = \$60,000
DB FUND – Capital Road Improvement = \$60,000

Total Additional Cuts = \$157,550. Preliminary tax rate with PDR 6.97% and Preliminary tax rate without PDR 3.77%. Supervisor Bloomfield stated that "in reality we will be spending less money in 2010 than we did in 2009 by about \$25,000 to \$26,000." He also noted that there are 196 parcels

listed in the Chronicle which have not paid taxes. The financial health of our community depends on keeping the taxes as low as possible. The public hearing for the budget will be held on Thursday night.

3. DISCUSS APPROACH TO PROCESSING A 'SPECIAL USE' PERMIT FOR TIMBER TRAIL, LLC, PLANNED ADULT COMMUNITY.

Neal Halloran, Building Inspector, presented a conceptual site plan for Timber Trail, LLC. This is a proposed planned adult community to be located on Route 207 north of the Village. The total acreage is 122.43 with 82.49 acres of unconstrained land. Most of the wetlands are under the jurisdiction of NYS DEC and require a 100 foot buffer. The maximum number of dwelling units is 200. The applicant is proposing 230 individual dwelling units with an equivalent dwelling unit count of 163.16. Under the Town Code, 230 units are not permissible for this proposal. There are several adult communities that have not succeeded, because the market is not there. There is a need for a market study to be completed prior to any further consideration.

Neal Halloran has raised several questions to be considered by the Town Board pertaining to this adult community. *[Memorandum on file in the Clerk's Office]* There was much discussion over the nine points for consideration. The main concerns covered issues associated with the availability of water and sewer service, isolation from the community and density in that particular location. The Board members were in agreement that this PAC is unacceptable.

4. RESOLUTION: RELEVY OF UNPAID WATER/SEWER BILLS TO TOWN & COUNTY TAX BILL

TOWN OF GOSHEN RESOLUTION
RELEVY OF UNPAID WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following charges for water and/or sewer service remaining unpaid as of the date of this resolution is relevied upon the 2010 real property tax rolls:

Levy of Unpaid Utilities

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hambletonian Park	District 1 Water	\$27,089.37
	District 1 Sewer	\$34,147.55
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$61,236.92
Arcadia Hills	District 2 Water	\$56,109.71
	District 2 Sewer	\$148,140.69
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$204,250.40
Stone Hedge	District 3 Water	\$5,306.97
Scotchtown	District 4 Water	\$5,510.88
TOTAL LEVY OF UNPAID UTILITIES FOR 2009		\$276,305.17

Levy of Meter Installation

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hambletonian Park	District 1 Water	\$4,791.60
Arcadia Hills	District 2 Water	\$7,440.27

TOTAL LEVY OF METER INSTALLATION 20009 \$12,231.87

On a motion by Councilman Kenneth Newbold, seconded by Councilman Louis Cappella,

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	AYE	Councilperson, Philip Canterino	AYE
Councilperson, Louis Cappella	AYE	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	AYE
Councilperson, George Lyons	AYE		

the resolution was adopted on a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. The Supervisor declared this resolution adopted on November 09, 2009.

5. RE-APPOINT CHESTER ENGLE Y AS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Councilman Kenneth Newbold made the motion to re-appoint Chester A. Engley as member of the Board of Assessment Review, term to expire September 30, 2014. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

6. ACCEPT WALLACE F. GANTTER'S RESIGNATION FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD

Councilman Philip Canterino made the motion to accept the resignation of Wallace F. Gantter's who recently moved to Connecticut, from the Environmental Review Board. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Newbold suggested a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Gantter for all of the years of service he has given on the Environmental Review Board.

7. REVIEW PLAN TO IMPROVE RESERVOIR ROAD DRAINAGE ADJACENT TO DR. SERDAREVIC PROPERTY

Supervisor Bloomfield stated that Dennis Lindsay has gone out to evaluate this situation. Presently, the Town doesn't have the money to improve the road. Supervisor Bloomfield would like to see this project done in the spring.

8. REVIEW AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO RENEW A CONTRACT WITH DONOGHUE, THOMAS, AUSLANDER & DROHAN, LLP

Supervisor Bloomfield received a letter from Stuart Waxman referencing DTAD Legal Fees – 2010. The firm of Donoghue, Thomas, Auslander & Drohan has elected to freeze their rates at the 2009 level. This firm is used as add-need bases. There is no formal contract. The motion was made by Councilman George Lyons and seconded by Councilman Phil Canterino to sign the agreement. Discussion followed, Councilman Newbold inquired if we could ask for reduced rates. As a result of this inquiry, Supervisor Bloomfield will like to pursue this further. Therefore, Councilman George Lyons withdrew his motion and Councilman Phil Canterino withdrew his second.

9. BID RESULTS FOR SCOTCHTOWN PARK WATER STORAGE TANK

Supervisor Bloomfield reviewed the bid results for the Scotchtown Park water storage tank purchase. Attorney Caplicki asked if a letter of recommendation was submitted by Riddick Associates. It was advised to wait until Riddick Associates who review the bids to see if they are all in order, legitimate and substantial. This will be taken up at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Lyons made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following,

1. Discuss Renewal Of Time Warner Cable Franchise
2. Village Sewer Negotiation Status Review
3. Owens Road Litigation Status Review
4. ADC Litigation Status Review

with the intent not to return. The motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried.

Time: 8:57PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk

