

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING AND WORK SESSION
November 10, 2014
MINUTES

A combined Public Hearing and Work Session Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 10th day of November, 2014 at Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present: Douglas Bloomfield Supervisor
Louis Cappella Councilman
George Lyons Councilman
Kenneth Newbold Councilman

Absent Philip Canterino Councilman

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki Attorney for the Town
Priscilla Gersbeck Deputy Town Clerk
William Standish Retiring Budget Officer, TBA Consultant
Christine Cavalier Internal Auditor, TBA Budget Officer

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:34 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: 2015 TOWN OF GOSHEN BUDGET

Councilman Cappella made the motion to open the public hearing as published in the Independent Republican on October 29, 2014 and November 5, 2014, for the Town of Goshen 2015 Budget along with the proposed fiscal 2015 salaries of the elected Town of Goshen Officers. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

The Supervisor's detailed presentation of the 2015 Budget Review is derived from multiple meetings he had with Councilman Canterino and the Town Board, Department Heads and the Budget Officer.

Following is a summary of the approaches in budgeting for 2015.

Town of Goshen Financial Planning Goals: Re-establish fund balances, financial stability-live within our means, protect jobs, protect services and achieve the NYS 2% tax levy cap or annual inflation rate (1.56%), whichever is lower.

Budget Planning Strategies: Utilize a 5 year strategic plan, Involve all department heads and union leaders early in the process, solicit/share ideas with other municipalities and seek NYS expertise/assistance and participate in accordance with the NYS tax levy guidelines.

Assessable Base: Between 2012 and 2015 our assessable base grew 4.4%. In 2014 the assessable base was \$578,581,035. In 2015 the assessable base will be \$592,267,391. The change is \$13,686,356 (+2.4%).

Revenues:

<u>Cumulative Mortgage Tax Loss</u>		
Actual (\$ in thousands)		Budget (\$ in thousands)
<u>2006</u> → → → → <u>2014</u> → → →		<u>2015</u> ► Cumulative impact: 2006 through 2014 = -\$2,855
701	271	225

<u>Sales Tax</u>		
Actual (\$ in thousands)		Budget (\$ in thousands)
<u>2006</u> → → → → <u>2014</u> → → →		<u>2015</u> ► Cumulative impact: 2006 through 2014 = +\$758
1,015	1,229*	1,100

*Estimated based on 3 quarters

Abnormal Costs To Be Managed For 2015

<u>Cost Increases</u>	
1) Al Turi Certiorari	+\$310,000
2) Miscellaneous Tax Certiorari	+\$35,000
3) Healthcare	+\$24,000→CSEA, +\$11,000→Retirees, +\$8,400→PBA
4) Labor Contracts	+19,700→CSEA Contract, TBD→PBA Contract
5) Police Department Legal Expenses	+\$75,000
6) Road Improvements	+\$80,000
7) Sand, Salt & Plowing	+\$46,100
8) Town Hall Cupola	+\$50,000
9) Goshen Joint Recreation	+\$5,000
Goshen Volunteer Ambulance Corps	+\$5,000
Goshen Humane Society	+\$5,000

<u>Cost Reductions, New for 2015</u>	
1) Workers Compensation	-\$30,200
2) Pension Costs	-\$80,000
3) Debt Payment Reductions	-\$28,500

Town of Goshen Budget Debt History

		<u>12/31/06</u> → → → →	<u>12/31/14</u>
Operations	\$	3,076,999	\$ 1,066,150
PDR	\$	1,511,923	\$ 1,448,850
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Total Debt	\$	4,588,922	\$ 2,515,000

Debt. Payment in 2006 was \$677,492 (BANS & Serial Bonds) down to \$125,000 in 2014 a total reduction of \$552,492 or -82%. This is a significant decrease due to paying off *high interest debts*. The town now has an AA (high) Standard & Poors Bond Rating.

In Summary

The 2014 Inflation Rate is 1.56%.

The tax increase for the Village will be +3.79% and for the Town +0.50%.

Tax levy change for a home with \$300,000 Fair Market Value: (\$201,000 Assessed Value)

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	^
Town Resident Bill	\$1,363.32	\$1,370.16	+\$6.84
Village Resident Bill	\$ 498.24	\$ 517.13	+\$18.89

Supervisor Bloomfield called for comments from the public.

Councilman Lyons (inaudible) questioned monies allocated to the Humane Society for dog control officer/contributions placement in Fund A and Fund B.

Reynell Andrews (inaudible) asked about the length of time required to pay off serial bonds and debts.

(With no further comments)

Councilman Newbold made the motion to close the public hearing for the Town of Goshen 2015 budget. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

Councilman Newbold recognized and thanked those who worked many hours on the 2015 budget.

2. DISCUSS AND PASS RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWN OF GOSHEN 2015 BUDGET

Attorney Caplicki presented the following resolution based upon the Public Hearing having been concluded.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION**

Adoption of 2015 Budget

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Louis Cappella

SECONDED BY: Councilman George Lyons

DATED: November 10, 2014

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York, held at Town Hall in said Town on the 10th day of November, 2014

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen has prepared a budget for the town for year 2015, Exhibit A annexed, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen held a public hearing at Town Hall on November 10, 2014 with respect to said proposed 2015 budget and heard all persons in favor of or in opposition to said 2015 budget, and

WHEREAS, no changes or modifications were made to said proposed 2015 town budget subsequent to or as a result of the aforementioned public hearing on said 2015 town budget

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Goshen does hereby adopt for year 2015, the proposed budget, Exhibit A annexed hereto

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Philip Canterino	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilperson, Louis Cappella	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 4 to 0

3. REVIEW STATUS OF CODE ENFORCEMENT STATUS OF TRAILER STORAGE AT HOME IN HAMBLETONIAN PARK

In a meeting with the property owner, it was decided that he relocate his fence in order to store his trailer behind his home according to the code. Completed. Six notification violation letters were sent out in Hambletonian Park, four were corrected and two have not replied.

4. DISCUSS AND PASS RESOLUTION TO REFUND THE ORANGE & ROCKLAND UTILITIES ROAD OPENING PERFORMANCE BOND

Orange & Rockland is almost finished building their power distribution plant off of Hartley Road. A \$37,814.83 road opening performance bond was given to the Town to be refunded upon completion. The Highway Superintendent has approved the work done and has signed off on the road work portion of the project.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION**

Release of Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc. Road Opening Bond; Hartley Road

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Kenneth Newbold

SECONDED BY: Councilman Louis Cappella

DATED: November 10, 2014

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York, held at Town Hall in said Town on the 10th day of November, 2014

WHEREAS, previously Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc. has posted with the Town of Goshen a road opening bond in the amount of \$37,814.83 with respect to the installation of underground electrical primary services in the Hartley Road Substation which project effected certain Town roads; to wit, Owens, Cheechunk, Echo Lake and Hartley Roads, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Goshen has inspected the project and determined that same has been completed in an acceptable manner to the Town of Goshen and that any effects upon Town roads have been properly addressed,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Town of Goshen does hereby authorize the release to Orange & Rockland Utilities of the \$37,814.83 road opening permit bond previously posted with the Town of Goshen and the Town Clerk is so instructed to take any such acts as are necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Philip Canterino	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilperson, Louis Cappella	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>AYE</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 4 to 0

5. DISCUSS REQUEST TO RETURN LIFESTYLE CONCEPTS PERFORMANCE BOND FOR ACCESS ROAD TO ELANT PROJECT

This bond was for an auxiliary service road for housing units to be built by Elant. Only three homes were built. This was a Village project, therefore, a call has been made to the Village Planning Attorney to recommend a release of this bond. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

6. DISCUSS REQUEST TO RETURN BEAZER HOMES PERFORMANCE BOND IN CONNECTION WITH THE GLENVIEW HOUSE PROJECT

This Performance Bond involves an 80 foot strip which is located in the Town of Goshen, but maintained by the Village of Florida. A request was made for a copy of the deed showing that Beazer transferred the strip to the Village of Florida. The County has listed the 80 foot strip, which is privately owned, for sale for non-payment of taxes. The tax maps also show this strip incorrectly listed as part of Route 94. There are a couple of issues that need to be corrected before we return the Performance Bond. The Town doesn't want the responsibility or the liability.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

1. Al Turi Tax Certiorari Litigation Status
2. Hambletonian Park Water Service, Section F
3. Hambletonian Towing

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

Adjournment: 8:45PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk