

TOWN OF GOSHEN
THE TOWN BOARD COMBINED WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING

November 20, 2017

MINUTES

A combined meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 20th 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
	Kelly Naughton, Esq.	Attorney
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

D. REPORTS:

Councilperson Gallo: Reporting for JRC, Repairs were done to pipes in the pavilion at Craigville Park. The ice rink at the Erie St. Park is scheduled to open Dec.2 or Dec.3. Halloween festivities were a huge success. Lottery winners of the NYC trip to see the holiday show will be notified shortly. Two/three locations in Arcadia Hills are flagged for a basketball court. Once the location and costs are established, the JRC are anticipating breaking ground this spring. Looking into property suitable for additional soccer fields. A Memorial Bench will be placed in Craigville Park honoring Kevin Cullen.

Councilperson Lyons: The Highway Dept. spent 10/30 clearing downed trees and branches from high winds and three inches of rain from a recent storm. Drainage pipes and catch basins were cleared from debris. The end of McNamara Road was widened and paved so the plow truck could safely turn around during snow removal. A narrow section of Orzeck Road was widened and paved. Southgate was also paved. Two driveway culverts were replaced on Fox and Strack Roads. Likewise, all driveway culvert and catch basin cutouts were asphalt patched for the winter. Scotchtown Park (John Dr., Fran Rd., Ruby La.) paving has been completed. Efforts to clean-up leaf and brush piles in the developments will continue after Thanksgiving.

Councilperson Newbold: Complimented our DPW employees working to clear up the water contamination in Stonehedge. Pleased that Assemblyman James Skoufis is actively pursuing legislation to clean up the unsightly zombie poles in Orange County. Again, the issue of putting up a traffic light at Houston Rd & 17A will be looked into. Looking into a grant (2018) to replace the windows in the Town Hall. Estimated cost is around twenty-five thousand. Secondly, we are waiting for Al Fusco, P.E. to complete a grant project to install the lobby ADA doors. "Have a Happy Thanksgiving and have a safe trip".

Councilperson Van Der Molen: The Senior Commission has suspended the November and December meetings until January. Received a police report from 10/26/17 to 11/08/17. There were twenty-eight motor vehicle accidents and one personal injury. The afternoon of Oct. 29th through the morning of Oct. 30th the Police Department responded to over a dozen calls for service associated with bad weather conditions. Numerous trees, branches and utility wires were downed from the storm. Halloween went smoothly with no major incidents. A bear was spotted in the vicinity of Arcadia Hills. Phone the Police reporting nuisance bears. Reports of computer/telephone scams continue. Report any suspicious telephone calls to the Police Dept. Deer hunting season opens November 18th until December 10th. Be cautious of your surroundings. Reminder: the Police Dept. has a house check program for those who will be away during the holidays.

Supervisor Bloomfield: The chlorine contamination in Stonehedge has been cleared up. Back in April, a capital improvement plan for Stonehedge was looked into. A backup well was thought to be compromised from ground water slipping into the casing. There may be a crack in the casing. Consequently, a 4 inch PVC pipe was placed in the well casing with three separate seals at different levels. This will be checked periodically. Once the problem is resolved, this well will be put on line as a backup.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS ISSUE AT GOSHEN LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION SITE: STORM WATER DRAINAGE PIPE DAMAGED DURING INSTALLATION OF THE SANITARY SEWER PIPE.

The conflict is caused by the sewer pipe which is gravity fed and must be slanted. The drainage pipe cannot be replaced in its original location. Therefore, the contractor for the library construction should make the necessary repair to the full size existing pipe with compatible materials. If more drainage is needed in the future, the material can be cleaned out for better drainage.

2. AUTHORIZE REQUEST BY CHRISTINE CAVALIERE, BUDGET OFFICER, TO ATTEND THE NYS GFOA SEMINAR - DECEMBER 1, 2017 IN WHITE PLAINS, NY.

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Budget Officer, Christine Cavaliere, to attend the GFOA Training Seminar on December 1, 2017 at the membership cost of \$95.00 and up to \$25.00 for travel expenses. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion.

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

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. REVIEW UPDATE OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN TO INCLUDE THE APPLICATION FORM, QUESTION/ANSWERS FOR PROSPECTIVE HOME BUYERS AND THE PROCESS FOR DETERMINING THE AFFORDABLE HOME PRICE RANGE.

Councilperson Gallo working with Attorney Kelly Naughton updated the Board on their progress. They have done extensive research into the median housing prices, median incomes in 2017, and area sales and rent limits. An *Affordable Housing Program Application Form* was put together. Next, they will work on a Q & A sheet and FAQ section for the web site. The goal is to have everything completed after the first of the year.

G. FINANCE:

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run as of 11/20/2017 amounting to \$683,435.02. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Jerry Boss asked if the Town has heard anything about the purchase of a monitor for the Otterkill or have we heard what the Moodna Creek Watershed Council is planning? Ans: The Town has plans to purchase a monitor soon. We are looking for someone to install it. The Moodna Creek Council will look into the matter in the spring.

Several people commented on the Affordable Housing Program. Discussion covered the criteria for the point system, procedure for purchase or lease, how the resale value of the affordable home will be effected by improvements, monitoring process of program continuation, and a committee of volunteers will access which applications are chosen,

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to adjourn the meeting for an attorney client discussion. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

J. ADJOURNMENT: 8:10PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk

