

TOWN OF GOSHEN
THE TOWN BOARD COMBINED WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
December 4, 2017
MINUTES

A combined meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 4th day of December, 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
 Kenneth Newbold Councilmember
 John VanDerMolen Councilmember

Absent: George Lyons Councilmember

Also Present: 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. NEW BUSINESS:

1. REVIEW REQUEST BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM FOR THE TOWN TO PROVIDE A COPY OF 2016 NUGENT & HAEUSSLER, P.C. AUDIT OF THE TOWN COURT RECORDS.

As requested by the State of New York, Resolution of the 2016 audit of the Town Justice Court.

TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION

Town's acknowledgement that 2016 audit of the Town of Goshen Justice Court was performed pursuant to Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act

INTRODUCED BY: Councilperson Kenneth Newbold

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Melissa Gallo

DATED: December 4, 2017

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 4th day of December, 2017

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2019-(a) of the State of New York Uniform Justice Act, the Town of Goshen is required to annually provide the Town Justice Court records and dockets to be examined and audited by an independent auditor, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen has provided such records and dockets to be examined and audited by the firm of Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., certified public accountants, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. has performed such audit for the year 2016 which audit is dated October, 25, 2017 and delivered such audit to the Town of Goshen on November 20, 2017,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that pursuant to the requirements of Section 2019-(a) of the State of New York Uniform Justice Act, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen hereby acknowledges that the above required examination/audit was conducted.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Melissa Gallo	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, John Van Der Molen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>ABSENT</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 4 to 0

2. DISCUSS PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO SETTLE A TAX CERTIORARI FOR A RECENTLY SOLD BUILDING AT 70 HATFIELD LANE.

Attorney Robert Rametta distributed documents pertaining to the building on 70 Hatfield Lane: a proposed resolution, assessment/tax spread sheet, and two proposed consent orders. His detailed review of the property transfer, appears not to be an "arms-length" transaction. After negotiations it was decided to use the "income capitalization" approach. This takes the income earning potential of the property, then capitalize it to determine what a reasonable investor pay for that line of income. That is translated into a potential value. A proposed value was agreed upon is 5.9 million with an alternate amount to be 5.4 million. The alternate includes no refund of school taxes. The two potential settlement offers are tentatively accepted, pending the school district approval. We are waiting to hear back from the Village and the school district.

3. DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF A CODE RED INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TOWN OF GOSHEN.

The CODE RED Emergency Planning Program is a no cost service. Councilperson Gallo explained that this program enables information to get out to the public in the event of an emergency. Another item is to prepare an emergency disaster planning program.

Councilperson Van Der Molen suggested meeting with the Village Mayor to see if we can share this service.

4. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE 2018 TOWN OF GOSHEN REORGANIZATION MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018.

Councilperson Van Der Molen made the motion to set the public hearing for the 2018 reorganization meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at 41 Webster Avenue.

Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Newbold, Van Der Molen
0 NAYS
1 ABSENT

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. INFORMATION: ORANGE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT HELD AN ADVANCED DISCUSSION REGARDING ALL THINGS SOLAR TO A PACKED ATTENDANCE.

Councilperson Newbold attended the meeting on solar. He noted that one of the biggest challenges presented at the discussion was how to assess property value using solar. He said the meeting was very informative.

2. INFORMATION: ORANGE COUNTY DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS ACKNOWLEDGED CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE TOWN REQUESTING A SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ALONG MAPLE AVE. AND HAS SUBMITTED THE TOWN RESOLUTION TO THE NYS DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION.

As stated, for information.

F. FINANCE:

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P runs as of 11/30/17 amounting to \$12,205.08 and Accounts Payable check run for 12/04/17 amounting to \$235,806.66. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Newbold, Van Der Molen
0 NAYS

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Newbold made the motion to approve the minutes of the work session of November 6, 2017, regular meeting of November 9, 2017 and combined meeting of November 20, 2017. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Newbold, Van Der Molen
0 NAYS

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Joe Papisidero (inaudible) stated that he is pro-solar. Using solar power has enabled him to save a great deal of money on his utility bill. He is unhappy with our Assessor and the assessment of his home since he had solar panels installed along with other improvements to his property.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

J. ADJOURNMENT: 8:05PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk

