

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
December 10, 2012
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 10th day of December, 2012 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 7:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION TO GRANT A “SPECIAL USE PERMIT” TO ORANGE & ROCKLAND UTILITIES, INC. TO BUILD AND OPERATE AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION ON THEIR HARTLEY ROAD PROPERTY

Kelly Naughton (Attorney for the Planning Board) reviewed three changes to the original draft pertaining to the “Specific Conditions” in the following paragraphs: (1) The approval shall be subject to site plan approval from the Town of Goshen Planning Board... (3) Conditioned upon the approval of the Public Service Commission (“PSC”), the Applicant shall place a Conservation Easement over 28.74 acres,.... and (4) limited to normal construction hours of 8am to 6pm, Monday through Friday, and 9am to 6pm on Saturday.

Approvals from the Boards have been submitted along with the County Reply- Mandatory Review of Local Planning Action as per NYS General Municipal Law §239-1, m, &n.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to accept the Resolution Of Conditional Approval, Special Permit For Orange And Rockland Utilities, Inc.. Councilman Canterino seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilman Lyons noted that the 28.74 acres dedicated for the Conservation Easement is a “good thing” providing that the PSC approves. He also questioned if the dedicated 25 feet from the centerline along the easterly side of Hartley Road and the southerly side of Cheechunk Road to the Town for highway purposes was sufficient. Answer: yes, this is a standard measurement. Our Superintendent of Highways is satisfied.

Attorney Alan Lipman mentioned that if Orange & Rockland wishes to expand in the future, those changes would be subject to approvals from the Boards.

Supervisor Bloomfield was impressed with the cooperation of Orange & Rockland with the Boards and in addressing the concerns of the neighbors/public to finalize this long ongoing project. Besides being a ratable to the community, O & R will provide more power distribution to our community.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Philip Canterino	<u>AYE</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 5 to 0.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE A DOG CONTROL OFFICER CONTRACT WITH THE GOSHEN HUMANE SOCIETY AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME

This is tabled for the next meeting.

3. DISCUSS AND APPROVE A MOTION TO EXCESS THE DOG CONTROL VAN

This is tabled for the next meeting.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSS MOTION REGARDING A MODIFIED TOWN TOWING POLICY

Attorney Caplicki stated he will have a policy in-hand for Thursday's meeting.

5. DISCUSS AND APPROVE MOTION TO HIRE LOUIS GELLYS AS PART-TIME COURT CLERK TO REPLACE MEREDITH MANTE WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED

Councilman Newbold made the motion to hire Louis Gellys as a part-time Court Clerk at \$14.08 per hour. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

Point of Reference: Mr. Gellys is replacing Meredith Mante. He will be working 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, with additional hours as needed during court sessions.

Discussion: Mr. Gellys years of experience in law enforcement will be an asset to the court office.

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

6. REVIEW STATUS OF "LIABILITY" INSURANCE PROCUREMENT

Councilman Lyons has been reviewing liability coverage bids with the carrier Marshall & Sterling. In comparing the bids, he feels that we are getting the best liability coverage with U. S. Specialty Insurance who we have been with for the past three years. This year the premium will be slightly higher (5.37% increase) due to market conditions.

Councilman Cappella made the motion to authorize the Supervisor or Insurance Commissioner to sign a contract with Marshall & Sterling to continue the Town's insurance policy for liability insurance coverage with U.S. Specialty Insurance Company for the year 2013. Councilman Canterino seconded the motion.

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

7. DISCUSS AND APPROVE CONTRACT WITH COUNTY OF ORANGE TO PROVIDE ASSESSING SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF GOSHEN FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2013 AND 2014 AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SAME

Supervisor Bloomfield met with John McCarey (Real Property Tax Service) to discuss the details of how the County will provide assessing services to the Town for 2013 and 2014. The contract is unavailable at this time. Hopefully, it will be ready for the next meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Susan Cleaver thanked the Bd. for their strong showing at the legislator meeting regarding the County sewer plan. This plan is to increase the capacity of the County's sewer system by building a new water treatment plant in Chester. Those who spoke made their opposition known. Therefore, this plan was sent back to committee. She also thanked the Town Highway Dept. for putting up new signs on Coleman Road.

On another note, she found out that someone from the Assessor's office was at her farm which is located on Craigville Road. For liability issues there are posted signs, as she is raising bulls and rams on the property. If one of the rams got loose it could seriously hurt someone. If someone needs to be on her property, she will be glad to meet them at the end of the driveway.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Discuss Cable Franchise Agreement
2. Discuss Tax Certioraris Update
3. Retiree Health Care Insurance Issue
4. CSEA Negotiation Update

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk