

TOWN OF GOSHEN
PUBLIC HEARING & TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 12, 2019

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 12th day of December, 2019 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 Van Der Molen 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 7:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Supervisor Bloomfield added Attorney/Client meeting at the end.

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

D. REPORTS

Councilperson Gallo: There was no JRC December meeting.

Councilperson Lyons read the report submitted from Highway Superintendent Broderick Knoell as follows:

Highway Department Report – December 2019

1. *Joseph Schweizer began his career with the Town of Goshen Highway Department as of December 9, 2019*
2. *We had what seemed an endless snow fall between Sunday 12/1 through early Tuesday 12/3. This snow extravaganza ended up dumping about 10" of snow during that period. The guys did an excellent job in working this storm.*
3. *Our second snow happened early on Wednesday 12/11. This was an event that required applying melting materials to the roads only.*

On another note: He will be meeting with the Town insurance broker for quotes and bids for the coming year. He thanked Councilperson Gallo & Councilperson Van Der Molen for their service on the Town Board and wished them well.

Councilperson Newbold: nothing in the Water & Sewer Dept. to report. He noted window panels were installed in the Town Hall doors to each floor landing. This ensures safe passage of those entering/leaving a floor.

Councilperson Van Der Molen There was no Senior Center Commission meeting. Nothing to report from the Police Dept. **Supervisor Bloomfield** was notified by Sean Hoffman P.E. that the County replaced a culvert across Craigville Road and in doing so, put a line through our sewer line. Hopefully this will be corrected soon. Additionally, there has been no PBA settlement as of this date. Also, in a meeting with ADC Maplewood, the Developer's Agreement was reviewed. They are willing to install a new water tank to service the 68 homes projected in this development.

E. PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN OF GOSHEN INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2019 A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 97-55 OF THE TOWN CODE (“WIND AND SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS”) TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY AND CLARITY.**

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to open the public hearing on above said Introductory Local Law #2 of 2019.

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

Attorney Naughton explained the changes in the Introductory Local Law #2 of 2019 the Planning Board commented on. One of the main issues was the fencing. The Planning Board would like to add all fencing associated with a solar facility to be a minimum of eighty (80) feet from the property line. There should not be any provisions relative to fencing four (4) feet or less in height. The fence height should be measured from finished grade. Other comments are as follows: there is no need to revise § 97-55 (C) (1) (c) , Section 97-55 (C) (1) (b) does not encourage solar facilities on buildings with flat roofs, Section 97-55 (F)(5) – the voltage sign should be located on the battery storage structure and Section 97-545 (C) (2) (d) (2) may conflict with the revised provisions related to setbacks.

Councilperson Newbold motioned to close the public hearing for Introductory Local Law #2 of 2019. 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. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE TOWN OF GOSHEN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2020 AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO PUBLISH THE SAME IN THE GOSHEN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER.**

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to approve the Town Board meeting schedule for 2020 as presented. Councilperson Lyons seconded the motion.

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

- 2. DISCUSS THE CONCEPT OF PROVIDING AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE TOWN OF GOSHEN PLANNING BOARD TO FILL IN THE EVENT OF A BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE.**

Attorney Golden advised the Board that a person can be appointed to sit in if a member has a conflict with a project. A Local Law will have to be passed to appoint an alternate to fill in if someone on the Board is absent and also for conflict projects. Supervisor Bloomfield asked the Attorney to draft a local law for alternate membership.

- 3. APPROVE THE REQUEST BY THE TOWN OF GOSHEN BUDGET OFFICER TO ATTEND THE GFOA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRAINING SEMINARS FROM APRIL 1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 3, 2020 IN ALBANY, N.Y.**

Budget Officer Christine Cavaliere is requesting permission to attend the GFOA Annual Conference & Training Seminars from April 1st through April 3rd, 2020. The estimated cost is \$626.69 and is covered by a budget amount of \$1,500.00. This conference is important for ensuring that the Town remains in compliance with changing Federal and State regulations, strengthening internal controls, and improving government efficiencies.

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to authorize the Budget Officer to attend the GFOA Annual Conference as stated with a cost not to exceed \$700.00. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion.

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

G. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. INFORMATION: HAMBLETONIAN PARK AND ARCADIA HILLS SEWER LINE REHABILITATION WORK IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED JANUARY 14, 2020, WEATHER PERMITTING.**

As stated, for information only.

- 2. DISCUSS DENIAL OF A PEDDLER LICENSE REQUESTED FOR A FOOD TRAILER OPERATING AT THE INTERSECTION OF NY RTE 17M AND HARTLEY ROAD. CONCERN FOR "PUBLIC SAFETY" WAS GIVEN AS THE REASON FOR THE DENIAL.**

There is concern that the location doesn't have adequate customer parking. There is a high volume of traffic along Route 17M. Customers parked alongside Route 17M and Hartley Road are subject to unsafe conditions. This is of great concern to the Town Bd.

Councilperson Lyons made motion to deny the appeal to the Town Board of the denial of a peddler's license to operate a food truck at the corner of Route 17M and Hartley Road on the basis that conducting such peddler operation at a stationary location is prohibited on public property, or on private property unless all Planning Board and other approvals are secured. Councilperson Gallo seconded the motion

On a Voice Vote, the motion to deny 5 AYES Bloomfield, Gallo, Lyons, Newbold, Van Der Molen
0 NAYS

H. FINANCE:

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for 12/12/19 amounting to \$111,607.88 and Manual A/P Check Runs as of 11/30/19 amounting to \$19,228.90. Councilperson Newbold seconded the motion.

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Lyons made the motion to approve the Town Board meeting minutes of 11/14/2019. 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

J. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Councilperson Newbold wished Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. He also thanked Melissa & John for their time and service on the Town Board. Greatly appreciated.

Supervisor Bloomfield listed/explained, with appreciation, all of the projects Melissa has worked on.

He thanked John for his work as Police Commissioner and negotiating, along with Councilperson Lyons, the Legoland Community Host Agreement.

Councilperson Gallo noted it was great serving as a Town Board member. She thanked everyone she worked with in Joint Recreation and all the Town employees and professionals.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Gallo made the motion to adjourn the meeting to enter into Attorney Client meeting with the intent not to return. Councilperson Van Der Molen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
Time: 8:30PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Town Clerk