

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**

JANUARY 8, 2009

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 8th day of January, 2009 at 7:30pm 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
	Stephen Andryshak	Highway Superintendent
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:32pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

Supervisor Bloomfield changed the order of the agenda.

**C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

No one made a request to be heard.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Approval Of The Minutes**

Councilman Newbold made a motion to approve the minutes of November 24, 2008.  
Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilman Lyons submitted corrections which the Clerk agreed to correct.

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

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discuss Need To Develop Cost Control Program For 2009**

Supervisor Bloomfield has worked with Councilman Canterino, Commissioner of Finance and William Standish, Town Budget Officer, to review the budget to minimize spending. He read from several media releases as to the financial state of the nation. Referencing President-elect Barack Obama struggling with his stimulus package and the economic despair projected in Governor Patterson's media blogs, the Town will have to closely scrutinize spending. Quoting from Winston Churchill "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity and an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty", He feels this is where the Town is at financially. Supervisor Bloomfield detailed his concerns with the decrease in projected sources of revenue. In his brief synopsis of the economic crisis facing the Town; he put together a Cost Reduction & Control plan as follows:

1. Stop all discretionary spending
2. All purchase orders above \$500 to be approved by the Town Board in advance of purchase unless in the case of an emergency
3. Delay capital projects that are not absolutely critical
4. Restructure debt to extend payments and lower annual costs
5. Request purchase price reductions from material suppliers and contractors
6. Re-evaluate support for GOVAC, Humane Society, Joint-Recreation and Senior Center
7. Implement a hiring freeze starting immediately
8. Consider realignment of the workforce and take advantage of workforce flexibility
9. Repair versus replace, buy used versus new and/or lease versus purchase of capital equipment
10. Install a credit card machine in the Town Justice Office to ensure payment of fines in a timely manner
11. Pursue new sources of revenue

Supervisor Bloomfield would like to meet with all of the Department Heads and interested employees to develop a cost control plan to minimize spending within the Departments.

Supervisor Bloomfield called for comments from the Board.

Councilman Cappella supports having a meeting with everyone. It's good for the people who work for the Town to know what the financial burdens are and how each person can assist in reducing expenditures within their department.

Councilman Canterino spoke about contract negotiations with the Unions. "We are all on the same team and pulling in the same direction". He would like to see more *Community Spirit* in the negotiation process from the Delegates.

Councilman Newbold stated that the Union members are hard working people and are a very important part of the team. They are the backbone of the community.

**2. Request By DPW To Hire MEO**

A letter was submitted to the Town Board from Stephen Andryshak, Highway Superintendent, requesting a hire to fill the vacancy left last year when one of the MEO's (Machine Equipment Operator) left to work for the Water and Sewer Department. Supervisor Bloomfield explained that there was an understanding with the Moe's transfer that he could assist the Highway Department if needed. Mr. Andryshak stated that NYS has a "clear roads" policy for the winter, and all Town roads have to be plowed, salted and sanded for the traveling public. The vacancy creates a liability to the Town. One section of the Town is not being





**H. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

1. IWS Negotiations Status
2. Personnel Case Review

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

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk