

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
May 24, 2010
MINUTES**

A Work Session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 24th day of May 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	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
George Lyons	Councilman		

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki Town Attorney
 Valma Eisma Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Bloomfield invited James Cimino to approach the Board. Mr. Cimino introduced himself and stated he wanted the Board to know he has had an application before the Planning Board for a four lot subdivision on Old Chester Road for about five years. He said when he gets the bills from the Planning Board he has " never had a break down on any bill, just a number". He said the only person to give him a break down in the past was Ed Garling. Mr. Cimino said therefore, he has no idea what hours any of these people are putting in on his application or what he is being billed for.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated that he thought the Board had solved this problem by asking the professionals to bill the applicant to show in detail what was done, and would be billed through their escrow. He said if this is not being done, the Board will follow up on it.

Mr. Cimino said at the last meeting, the Planning Board did not even call his name and he did not even speak. However, he was billed \$1,417.00 from the engineer, and \$588.00 from the Planning Board Attorney Mr. Golden for that meeting. He said he had completed his well testing four months ago and now is being told he may have to do them again because the Planning Board changed it's criteria for testing wells. Mr. Cimino presented the Board with a copy of the current bill.

Supervisor Bloomfield assured Mr. Cimino the Board would look into the situation. Mr. Cimino thanked the Board for their consideration.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. TIME WARNER FRANCHISE CONTRACT RENEWAL: Supervisor Bloomfield asked Attorney Caplicki if he had been able to contact the attorney for Time Warner? Attorney Caplicki said he would suggest, since this will be involving negotiations, that we move this into Executive Session.
2. STREET LIGHT LIST – ORANGE & ROCKLAND UTILITIES: Supervisor Bloomfield explained the Town received a bill from Orange & Rockland for street lights the Town had never been billed for in the past. He asked Councilman Cappella to look into the bill and the location of these street lights. Councilman Cappella explained there are eight street lights, and Orange & Rockland is billing for

\$397.00. He said he went out to find eight streetlights, and said the first one is located on Arcadia Road, four houses down, on the left hand side of the first entrance to Arcadia Hills. He said this street light does not go over the street, it is turned around to go over the driveway. Councilman Cappella said the next two are on Craigville Road at the entrances to Hambletonian Park, the first one we are being billed for, but we are not being billed for the second one. He said he felt this should be looked into to see who is paying for it, possibly a taxpayer. He reported there are two on Old Chester Road located almost at the entrance to the cemetery on the right hand side, and one further down. He reported there are three on 17M, two on the Training Center Lane, and one on the entrance to the Orange County Landfill. Councilman Cappella stated these three definitely should not be ours. He continued saying there is one on South Street, on the left side, at the entrance to the Town.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated he felt that when these were put in they were free to the Town and County, and were put in when the Training Center and the Orange County Landfill were built. He said the one on South Street was probably placed accidentally on Town property when they put the lighting in for the Village. He said he will now approach Orange and Rockland and clarify which ones we want and have the others turned off.

ORANGE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND DRAFT WATER MASTER PLAN: Supervisor Bloomfield asked the Board if they had read the report on this and if anyone had any comments. Councilman Lyons referred to page seven of the report and asked about the two well fields maintained by the Town of Goshen as back up wells. He said he knew of none, and Supervisor Bloomfield agreed the Town is not maintaining two wells. All agreed that this statement in the report is wrong.

Councilman Lyons said he questioned the figures on page eight stating the supply, demand, and surplus of water for 2008, 2013, and 2018. He questioned the figures, and from where the County got them.

He and the Supervisor agreed on objecting to a sentence on page 11 stating “the Authority’s current planning function coupled with its utilization of its bonding capacity to support a capially funded construction/operations function”. Supervisor Bloomfield stated Bonding is almost a tax on the public. “Bonding capacity, that’s money, where is that money coming from? He said also “are we going to have a say in this?”

The Board continued to discuss some of their other concerns that included: 1. The Orange County Water Authority’s organizational structure in order to assess its capability to support the various institutional agreements or projects. 2. Adequate Total Demand of Affordable Housing, 3. Interconnection between Towns, such as Wawayanda/Village of Goshen and why the Town is not mentioned here.

Supervisor Bloomfield said he was concerned about the County going into the water business and begin taxing it’s residents. He said what he could see as a conflict with the Town and the Board would be the cost and where the money would be coming from. He objected to the Town giving up some of it’s Home Rule, and letting the County take control. Members of the Board were also concerned about the discrepancies in many of the numbers in the report. It was decided that Supervisor Bloomfield would sit down with the two legislators who would be voting on this, and present the Board’s concerns.

4. CITIZEN’S REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND IN HAMBLETONIAN WATER DISTRICT PROPERTY TO BUILD A DRIVEWAY: Supervisor Bloomfield asked the Board if they all had a chance to look at this property? Councilman Lyons said he went out to observe the area. He said

where the Town granted the resident, who asked for an easement, it would be almost impossible to build a driveway, since the area is so steep. He said the surrounding homes built their driveways not straight up, but across the front of the property and back to the other side. He said this would be the feasible thing to do. Councilman Lyons questioned whether the Board would be making this decision? Attorney Caplicki stated it would be the Board that would make the determination. The whole Board agreed with Councilman Lyons. Supervisor Bloomfield said he would talk to the residents and ask them to try to make the driveway work on their own property.

5. 911 RE-NUMBERING OF 17A OF HOMES & BUSINESSES: Supervisor Bloomfield explained that a resident came into his office very upset about the County wanting to issue new numbers to all the businesses and homes on 17A between Goshen and Tuxedo. He said the County had made a mistake when they did the original 911 numbers. The resident was angry as he said this would be the third time he has been asked to do this. It means he has to change all his business cards, stationary, etc. Supervisor Bloomfield said he suggested he talk to the County.

6. REQUEST FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE BRIDLE PATH LAND PARCEL: Supervisor Bloomfield referred to a letter from C.A.R.E. wanting to have their attorney review the agreement the Board makes with Heritage Estates as to the donation of this piece of property. Their attorney is requesting a "Conservation Easement" with language in the deed that it shall forever remain undeveloped. Attorney Caplicki stated that at the Board's request, he has already instructed the representative of the Heritage Estates to be sure this wording is in any document they present to the Town. Attorney Caplicki stated he would follow up on it to be sure.

7. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING TO HIRE MEREDITH W. MANTE, PART TIME AT \$13.80 PER HOUR, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2010: Supervisor Bloomfield stated the problems that were discussed with the judges recently seemed to have been corrected, and at that time the Board approved their hiring another part time clerk. Councilman Newbold made the Motion to authorize the Justice Department to hire Meredith W. Mante as a Part Time Clerk at \$13.80 per hour, 20 hours a week with no benefits, effective June 1, 2010. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried unanimously.

8. DPW REQUEST FOR NEW TRUCK CAB AND CHASSIS: Supervisor Bloomfield asked Councilman Cappella to explain the request, and he referred to a letter to the Board from Highway Superintendent Andryshak. He said Highway has purchased the used truck from the Town Of Hamptonburgh to replace a 1989 International Dump Truck that had a cracked frame. The cost of the truck purchased from Hamptonburgh was \$12,250, and this leaves \$93,000 in the equipment line.

Councilman Cappella explained that Highway had planned to use the body from the 1989 truck, and put it on another 1990 truck. However, when they sent it out for the replacement the contractor informed them that the 1990 had a much larger crack in the frame than the 1989 dump truck had, making it a serious safety issue. Councilman Cappella stated "this leaves us down another truck."

Superintendent Andryshak stated in the request letter that he has tried to find another used truck, and has been unable to do so. He is asking the Board to help him purchase a new cab and chassis on State Bid for \$104,457.04. The Board discussed the purchase at length and Supervisor Bloomfield Suggested doing a "full court press". He said somewhere in the United States and Canada there has to be a used truck "we might get a deal on". Councilman Cappella said he had done this today, and all of them he saw were about the \$100,000 and approximately 100,000 miles on them.

Supervisor Bloomfield reported that between the Mortgage Tax and the Sales Tax the Town is \$211,000. short through the end of April. He said he also looked into the fund balances for the end of the year, and all the legal expenses coming up. The Board discussed at length the total financial state of the town. Supervisor Bloomfield asked how many trucks do we have to have? He is very worried

about what will happen in the next two years. Councilman Cappella informed the Board of the number of vehicles Highway has at this time. The Board agreed there is no question the trucks are needed. Councilman Lyons said he felt the Highway Superintendent should be before the Board discussing this with them. Supervisor Bloomfield asked the Board Members to give the purchase of another truck at this time some more thought and they will discuss it at a later date.

The Supervisor then asked if anyone else had any thing they would like to discuss before closing the meeting? No one responded and Councilman Newbold made a Motion to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. P.D./PERSONNEL
2. VILLAGE/TOWN SEWER NEGOTIATIONS
3. AL TURI LANDFILL CERTIORARI
4. INTERSTATE WASTE LITIGATION AND
5. TIME WARNER NEGOTIATIONS

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

Time: 8:45 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk