

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 27, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 27th day of May, 2010 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
	George Lyons	Councilman
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:	Dennis Caplicki	Town Attorney
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

ABSENT: Louis Cappella, Councilman

A. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bloomfield called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Lyons to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: Attorney Caplicki stated, just to be technically correct, Woodland Estates' Appeal should be added to the Executive Session, as he will be speaking to the Board about this.

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only) No response

D. REPORTS:

Councilman Kenneth Newbold said he was out on Sunday with the ERB, the Broderick Knoll family, members of the 4H, the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Town of Goshen DPW members for The "Trees for Tribs" project. He said they planted over 300 trees. .

Councilman George Lyons reported the Joint Recreation Office is busy preparing for the upcoming Summer Recreation Day Camp Program, and the staff for the camp is currently being hired. He reported the following appointments: Amanda Roddey has been hired as Camp Director. Ms. Roddey has attended the camp for most of her childhood, and worked as a councilor, and a head councilor. Anthony Cestaro, also a former camper and councilor has been hired as Health Director.

Councilman Lyons reported the first day of camp begins on Monday, June 28th at the Goshen Intermediate School. He said Joint Recreation is also offering sports camps such as beginner Lacrosse, multi sports ,and beginner golf, in partnership with U. S. Sports Institute. Councilman Lyons said Joint Recreation is also offering, free for Goshen Residents, tennis, basketball and track. The cost of the free programs are partially covered by a grant from the Orange County Youth Bureau.

Councilman Lyons reported the Parks Department's staff and the volunteers are busy with spring cleanup, and are busy mowing the grounds. He said Joint Recreation has submitted a request for an extension of the grant for the bathrooms at Salesian.

Councilman Lyons extended special thanks to Adam Graesser, a member of Boy Scout Troup 62, who worked at Ganley Park, toward earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He painted the pavilion, lined the basketball courts and painted the basketball back boards. He also weeded and mulched the playground. Councilman Lyons said the park looks great.

Councilman Philip Canterino reported Police Chief Marsh will be on vacation May 29th through June 5th and Sergeant Faust will be in charge. He said PBA negotiations are continuing. Councilman Canterino said there was an issue involving the Police Department and a prisoner, that everyone is aware of, and all correctional, educational measures have been taken.

Supervisor Douglas Bloomfield reported the Orange County Department of Emergency Services provided two training seminars last week. The morning seminar was titled Continuity of Operations Planning, and he and Councilmen Canterino, Lyons and Cappella attended. He and Councilman Lyons also attended the afternoon session which was called Incident Command Systems Training. Supervisor Bloomfield said the sessions were very informative, and there are things that we should do, and we will be doing going forward.

Supervisor Bloomfield reported he checked on Jessup Switch Road and the Orange County Planning Group still has the plan, and it has all been approved. He said it looks like in about two to three weeks we will get the plan back and be able to put it out for competitive bids. He said again we should thank the County for the \$287,000 for a project that otherwise we could not do.

The Supervisor said he did go out to talk to Chief Marsh about things, and all seems to be going well there.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Minutes: Councilman Newbold made a Motion to accept the Work Sessions of April 12th and April 26th 2010 and Regular Meetings of April 15th and April 29th 2010 with two minor corrections. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 4 to 0.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resignation of Part-Time Police Officer William Davis, Effective June 23, 2010: Councilman Canterino made a Motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer William Davis. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 4 to 0. Councilman Newbold stated that Officer Davis has been a Part-Time Officer almost since the inception of the Police Department, and has always been a dedicated officer. He said he was a "low key" officer, always available when needed. Councilman Newbold said he did a great job. Councilman Canterino suggested a letter of gratitude be sent to Officer Davis, all Board Members agreed.

2. Resignation of Dial-A-Bus Driver Alice Eckler Effective June 4, 2010: Councilman Newbold made the Motion to accept the resignation of Dial-A-Bus Driver Alice Eckler. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 4 to 0. Supervisor Bloomfield stated that Alice

was one of the first Dial-A-Bus Drivers chosen when the Dial-A-Bus was established in 1983. He said she is eighty years old and had decided when she reached that age she would give up driving the Dial-A-Bus. Supervisor Bloomfield said she was the employee you always want to have, and we will miss her. Councilman Newbold stated Alice worked in the Town Hall for many years. He said she worked in the Town Clerk's Office, and any other office in the building that needed her. He said she always said she would never drive the bus, but when the driver hurt herself Alice stepped in and started driving. The Board will see that she is sent a letter of acceptance and regret that they are losing her.

3. Property Assessment Grievances: 298-2009 and 290-2010: Supervisor Bloomfield stated this item is just for information purposes. He reported that Grievance Day was held last week and last year the grievances increased significantly. He said surrounding towns increased this year, but Goshen went from 298 in 2009 to 290 in 2010. The Supervisor said most of these were from the companies that solicit homeowners saying they can lower their taxes for a percentage of the savings.

G. FINANCES: Councilman Canterino made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable Check Run for May 27, 2010 amounting to \$135,741.03. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 4 to 0.

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Legislator Thomas Pahucki said he was asked to come in to speak on what is going on in the County, and he started on the Wallkill River upkeep. He said the County is making great headway with this. He explained to the Board all the various steps that the County has been doing to clean up and care for the River. Mr. Pahucki did not utilize the microphone and many details were lost on the tape. He answered many questions on various county programs for the Board and the audience.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated the Board had just critiqued the Orange County Water Master Plan and the Board had some comments he and the Board would like to see get to Legislator Pahucki and Legislator Katie Bonelli. He asked if it would be possible for the two of them to meet with him and members of the Board so that they would have an opportunity to register their comments, concerns and fears. The Supervisor said he understood there will be a Public Hearing on June 7th, and since the Board will be holding their Work Session on that evening the Board will be unable to attend. The Supervisor said he would call Legislator Pahucki to make arrangements during the week.

Mr. Pahucki answered some questions the public asked in reference to the possible privatization of the Valley View Center. When doing so he moved away from the microphone and could not be heard. He explained in detail what was being done, but spoke so softly the microphone did not pick up his entire statement.

Joel Markowitz asked Legislator Pahucki, as Route 17 is being converted to I 86 and there is a question of the availability of Federal Funds, whether or not the DOT is going to skip Goshen. He also said he has been concerned for sometime over the rebuilding of the Mathew Street Bridge to make it wide enough for a two way rather than a one way. He said this would funnel local traffic right on down to Mathew Street rather than out onto the highway. He said I understand the priority of these projects will be basically up to the County. He asked what the County could do to make sure Goshen does not get skipped over, and that that project gets prioritized and the bridge gets rebuilt and not skipped.

Mr. Pahucki replied he is not sure that is entirely correct. He said he believed that I 86 was a federally funded project, and he did not know what the County has as far as input on it. He said he

did understand that the intersection at Matthew Street is going to be re-designed. Mr. Pahucki stated he would look into it.

Councilman Canterino made a Motion to adjourn the Meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Towing Issue]
2. Al Turi Tax Certiorari
3. IWS Tax Certiorari
4. ADC Litigation
5. Time Warner Cable Franchise Renewal
6. JRC – Personnel Issue
7. Woodland Estates Litigation Appeal

with intent not to return. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Time: 8:15 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk