

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2010
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 10th day of June, 2010 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
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:34 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

D. OLD BUSINESS;

1. Status Update On "Stop" Sign Study For Hambletonian Park

Councilman Canterino distributed a list of 12 stop sign recommendations from Police Chief Marsh. Councilman Canterino made the motion to set a public hearing on July 8, 2010 to designate stop signs at certain intersecting streets. Councilman Newbold seconded the motion.

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

2. Accept Bid Results for 2010 Per Diem Electrical Labor Services

Riddick Associates submitted the 2010 per Diem labor and services bids. Also submitted is the bid order contractor listing. This enables the Town to contact the contractors in the order of their bids in the event the low bidder is unavailable when needed.

[“ A total of three (3) bids were received and were based on a hypothetical work team (electrician and assistant) working two (2) hours. Separate bid prices were received for weekdays (8:00AM to 4:00PM), nights (4:00PM to 8:00AM) and weekends/holidays (anytime). The low bid for the weekday work was submitted by Harry Rotolo & Son, Inc. of Middletown, NY; the low bid for night work was submitted by County Wide Electric, Inc., of Goshen, NY and the low bid for weekend/holiday work was submitted by Raw Power Electric Corp., of Middletown, NY. ”]

Councilman Lyons made the motion to accept the bids as presented in the correspondence from Riddick Associates. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

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

3. Proclamation for Alice Eckler, Dial-A-Bus Driver

Supervisor Bloomfield stated that Alice Eckler was one of the first Dial-A-Bus drivers who worked for the Town for 27 years. The Town passed a Resolution and a Proclamation in her honor.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION**

Proclaiming June 10, 2010 Alice S. Eckler Day in the Town of Goshen

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Louis Cappella

SECONDED BY: Councilman George Lyons

DATED: June 10, 2010

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York, held at Town Hall in said Town on the 10th day of June, 2010;

WHEREAS, Alice S. Eckler first became employed with the Town of Goshen in 1983 as a full time dial-A-bus driver, and

WHEREAS, Alice S. Eckler has worked for the Town of Goshen either on a full time or part time basis for in excess of twenty-seven (27) years, and

WHEREAS, Alice S. Eckler has exemplified all the qualities a municipality requires in an employee such as loyalty, perseverance, initiative, stick-to-it-tiveness, dedication, confidence and exemplary work ethic,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Goshen in honor of Alice S. Eckler and her imminent retirement as an employee of the Town of Goshen does hereby declare June 10, 2010 to be Alice S. Eckler Day throughout the Town of Goshen.

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.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Town of Goshen wishes to acknowledge the dedication and loyal service to the citizens of Goshen and Chester as an original driver for Dial-a-Bus; and

Whereas, the Governing Boards represented throughout your twenty-seven years of employment with the Town, wish to extend their thanks for the exemplary work ethic and unending level of patience displayed toward Dial-a-Bus riders; and

Whereas, your fellow co-workers in the Town of Goshen want to express their best wishes for many fun trips and endless days of rest and relaxation; and

Whereas, in grateful appreciation we wish to offer you congratulations upon the occasion of your retirement;

*I, Douglas K. Bloomfield, Supervisor of the Town of Goshen do hereby proclaim June 10th, 2010 as **Alice S. Eckler Day** in The Town of Goshen and encourage all citizens to join in commemorating its observance.*

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed

Attest: _____ Douglas K. Bloomfield, Supervisor

E. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Authorize Budget Officer To Move DB Fund To Orange County Trust

The Budget Officer, Bill Standish, is requesting approval to move the DB Fund out of the Bank of America in an effort to reduce monthly banking charges. Bank of America no longer bids on our BANS and is assessing higher banking fees than other banks.

Councilman Canterino made the motion to authorize the Budget Officer to move the DB Fund out of the Bank of America and into Orange County Trust. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

2. Authorize Budget Officer To Close Bank Of America Investment Account

The Budget Officer, is requesting approval to close the Bank of America Investment Account #009458914200. This account has a current balance of \$112,000 as of 6/7/2010. The balance on closing date will be transferred to the "B" Fund cash account B0200 to satisfy the 2010 BAN principle and interest payments on the Salesian demolition and the Salesian Phase 1 improvements.

Councilman Cappella made the motion to authorize the Budget Officer to close the Bank of America Investment Account #009458914200 and to transfer the balance to the "B" Fund cash account. Councilman Canterino seconded the motion.

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

3. Authorize Police Chief Marsh To Scrap Two Crown Victoria Vehicles

Police Chief Marsh asked if he could be authorized to scrap two Crown Victoria vehicles. Car 2003, Vin# 2FAFP71W13X106017 has been stripped of usable parts and has no value. Car 2001, Vin# 2FAFP71W51X159915 was out for bid in December 2009 without sale. This vehicle has been stripped of usable parts and has no value. Both are not insured.

Councilman Cappella made the motion to authorize Police Chief Marsh to scrap the two Crown Victoria vehicles listed in the memo. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

Discussion: There were comments about the fact that there might be value to the “scrap” metal for recycling. The Board Members were unclear of the towing expense justifying the value of the “scrap”. It was decided for Councilman Canterino check into this matter with Police Chief Marsh.

Councilman Cappella rescinded the motion to authorize Police Chief Marsh to scrap the two Crown Victoria vehicles listed in the memo. Councilman Lyons rescinded his second motion.

F. FINANCE

Councilman Newbold made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable check run for June 10, 2010 amounting to \$243,749.78. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

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

G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Councilman Canterino inquired on behalf of Police Chief Marsh if there was a way to transfer funds to purchase another police car. Attorney Caplicki will look into this matter.

Councilman Canterino asked Councilman Lyons for input on an event that the Joint Recreation Commission is sponsoring. Councilman Lyons stated that the event “Games For Grace” fund raiser will be *totally* handled by the JRC. This includes managing the parking without using Officers from the Town Police Dept. The JRC has devised a parking strategy and sufficient coverage to keep the event safe.

Joel Markowitz inquired if the Town has had communication with the Village regarding Salesian Park. Councilman Lyons stated that the JRC has filed the extension for the bathroom construction. With the RFP (request for proposal), both the Town and the Village initially decided that the Salesian School Building should be demolished. It’s in a state of disrepair. However the Village has been evasive in committing to this.

Joel Markowitz questioned the status of the “potential litigation” between the Town and Village over the sewer issue. It was clarified that the Town has *never* used the word “litigation” when discussing this issue. The Town is “negotiating” to avoid the expense of a lawsuit to the taxpayer. If need be, the contract clearly indicates binding arbitration between both parties. The details of the sewer negotiations are still confidential.

Neil Hickok stated that on May 18, 2010 Governor David Paterson signed the NY school pesticide bill into law. The Child Safe Playing Fields Act bans the use of chemical pesticides on school playing fields and day care playgrounds. Preventing chemical pesticides from school playing fields and day care playgrounds was hailed as a major step toward other restrictions on lawn care chemical applications throughout the U.S. Mr. Hickok questioned the Board Members if they would consider not applying a chemical to the Town Hall's grassy areas. We have the grass treated against grubs. This treatment fertilizes as well. Mr. Hickok would like to see what would become of the grassy areas if we stopped the chemical application for a year or two. Councilman Newbold will check into this matter.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Cappella made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following;

1. Al Turi Certiorari
2. Village/Town Sewer Negotiations Status
3. Negotiation Of Contract For Property Revaluation Photos - Status
4. Personnel Police Department – Status Update
5. Tax Certiorari – Status Update

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting concluded at 8:24PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk