

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

July 6, 2009
M I N U T E S

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 6th day of July, 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
	George Lyons	Councilman
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
Absent:	Louis Cappella	Councilman
	Dennis Caplicki	Attorney for the Town
Also Present:	JoAnn Soules	Assessor
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:39pm.

1. REVIEW PROPOSED TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT FOR HARNESS ESTATES

Jo Ann Soules, Assessor, detailed the settlement of Harness Estates, LLC for the years of 2006, 2007 and 2008. Basically, there is a 10% reduction for each year. Ms. Soules presented the Board members with a packet detailing the breakdown by year and parcels. The following illustrates the total summary of the settlements to pay back.

	<i>Town</i>	<i>Fire</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>School</i>
2006	697.30	880.98	2,460.06	4,386.44	12,904.62
2007	3,227.55	2,880.31	8,425.26	16,449.12	43,571.81
2008	2,095.65	2,002.28	6,241.35	11,311.28	29,665.67
<u>Total</u>	6,020.50	5,763.57	14,906.66	32,146.84	86,142.10

The Board members complimented Ms. Soules for a job well done. A resolution will be presented at the next meeting for acceptance.

2. ESTABLISH A BID DATE FOR THE STONEHEDGE BACK-UP WELL AND SCOTCHTOWN WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECTS.

This will be discussed at the next work session on July 20th. Riddick Associates asked for more time to prepare the information.

3. REVIEW THE 2010 BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Supervisor Bloomfield requested our Budget Officer, William Standish, to document the **2010 Budget Review Schedule** –for the calendar year 2010. The tentative budget is due 9/30/2009. He also charted the Fund Balances as of December 31, 2008.

The tentative budget is due for presentation to the Town Clerk September 29/30 of 2009.

Note 1: Tentative budget is only the first presentation. We have all of October to do further manicuring, in preparation for a November 12th public hearing presentation.

Note 2: After the November 12th Preliminary Budget public hearing, we have 5 business days to make any final cuts. Preliminary Budget **MUST** be adopted **NO LATER THAN** Thursday night, November 19th.

Supervisor Bloomfield predicts financial hardship in revenue, particularly in the mortgage tax.

Supervisor Bloomfield opened up the meeting for public comments.

Jerry Boss inquired about purchasing vehicles for the Police Department. In his opinion, many of the cars have very *high* mileage. He is also concerned about the safety maintenance of the older cars. Supervisor Bloomfield responded that he has communicated with the Police Chief that it is the responsibility of those in charge to have the cars repaired as they breakdown to keep them operational and safe at all times.

Councilman Canterino is looking into *acquiring* vehicles for the Police Department until we are able to obtain grant monies to purchase vehicles. "It's on the front burner to resolve this".

Geri Corey inquired as to how many Police Officers are employed by the Town. Response: We have 18 officers, 11 full time, including the Chief and 7 part time. Actually, there are 9 part time Officers totaling 20.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Newbold made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Gary Randall – De-Annexation Request
2. Owen's Road Litigation
3. ADC Inc. Litigation
4. Rooster Code Enforcement Status
5. Land Donation Status
6. Personnel – Water/Sewer Department

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

Time: 7:57PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk

