

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 14, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 14th day of August, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:

Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor	Louis Cappella	Councilman
Kenneth Newbold	Councilman	Philip Canterino	Councilman

Absent: George Lyons, Councilman

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki, Town Attorney
Valma Eisma, Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bloomfield called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: NONE

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Agenda items only: No Comments

D. OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Bloomfield stated there was no old business, however, he would like to thank the public, the applicants, and their attorneys and engineers for attending the Public Hearing last night for the proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning map and associated coding. He said the comments that the Board received will be looked at by the Board, studied and incorporated where the Board deems appropriate. He said he was pleased with the turnout as the: "the best plan is made by lots of minds, not just a few." Supervisor Bloomfield said he would also like to thank all the professionals whp put the whole package together, our attorneys, our planners, our consultants. He said they worked hard and they have worked the Town Board hard, he said they have spent two years on this.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEETING: SEPTEMBER 22, AT 7:00 P.M.: Supervisor Bloomfield reported the Board of Assessment Review would like to share with the Town Board and the Village Board a review of the work they accomplished and how, during this last year. A date had been set up for a previous meeting, but some of the members were unable to make that meeting, so the Board of Assessment Review is proposing they meet with the Board at the September 22nd meeting at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Bloomfield asked if that was agreeable with the Board and the Board agreed. The Supervisor will advise the Board of Assessment Review and confirm the date.

E. FINANCES: Councilman Canterino made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Escrow Check Run dated 8/14/2008 amounting to \$18,388.24 and Check Run dated 8/14/2008 amounting to \$243,623.63. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried.

F. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Jerry Boss spoke, not using the microphone. It was very difficult to hear him and the disc did not pick up portions of his conversation. He was concerned about the garbage haulers not being licensed in the Town. He is concerned that the haulers are not obtaining a license and are operating without a permit. He said there is such a permit requirement according to our code. He quoted a previous Supervisor, Stephen Hopkins, when asked why this law was not being enforced, Supervisor Hopkins reply was, "why would I want a \$25.00 fee, for a licensing code, when it would take \$25.00 to bill for it. He said this was said in 1995. He asked if the Board was still negotiating with Frank Celli, Jr. Supervisor Bloomfield said, no longer. The Supervisor said Mr. Celli was no longer with the company. Mr. Boss said we are negotiating with a company that is not licensed in our municipality. He said he does not understand that.

Supervisor Bloomfield said you are right, we are involved in this now. and it will be discussed and addressed with the Board, on where do we go from here. I do know now that the haulers have not come in to obtain their license. He said the haulers are supposed to come to the Clerk's office to register and pay the fee for the license. The Board needs to decide what we want and what we should be doing. He said this will be on the agenda in the very near future. The Supervisor said there are other fees he would like to look into such as the alarm system. He said the alarms are supposed to be registered and this is not being enforced either. Attorney Caplicki said as a result of Mr. Boss's previous request, he has asked the Town Clerk to research all materials pertaining to the collection of fees and the laws that are on record in her office on this type of activity.

Councilman Canterino stated we should look also at the enforcement, as well as the fees. He said an overhaul is needed, so that anyone trying to avoid our Town ordinance will not be able to do so. Supervisor Bloomfield assured Mr. Boss that the Board will continue to address this.

Mr. Boss asked again if Mr. Celli was the person the Board was negotiating with and again Supervisor Bloomfield replied no, that " Mr. Celli has now gone to the corporate head quarters of AIG Insurance Company, that is my understanding." Mr. Boss said Thomas Milo and someone else (could not hear other name), control solid waste from this county on up to Boston. Mr. Boss continued to address the Board, but without the use of the microphone it was quite impossible to transcribe the rest of his comments. Supervisor Bloomfield continued to state that Mr. Boss was right and up until this time nothing has been enforced, in regard to the solid waste haulers. However, he stated he wants to look into this problem and correct all of the things that have been set aside and ignored over the years.

Supervisor Bloomfield reported the Board changed our Workmen's Compensation Insurance carrier, he said the Board went with Comp Alliance. He said Councilman Lyons was appointed the Commissioner of Insurance, as the Board felt it was that important to have a Commissioner in place. The Supervisor stated that Councilman Lyons met with the insurance representatives and would probably want to report on that meeting, at the next Town Board meeting. He said today is the first day, since he has worked for the Town of Goshen, that a safety consultant came

into the Town Hall who wanted to look at the DPW, the Police Department, Water/Sewer Department, Building and Zoning. He said the consultant wanted to look at their safety practices and to see what they all actually do.. Supervisor Bloomfield said the consultant talked with everyone giving suggestions on how to perhaps change what they were doing, to do it in a safer, different way, all ways to possibly limit the compensation claims and make the work place safer.

With no further business, Councilman Cappella made a Motion to go into Executive Session, without intent to return, to discuss maintenance issues on 1 John Drive and 6 Larchwood Drive, The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion Carried.

Time: 8:00 p.m.

VALMA EISMA, TOWN CLERK