

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 28, 2008

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 28th day of August, 2008 at 7:30pm at Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Philip Canterino	Councilman
	Louis Cappella	Councilman
	George Lyons	Councilman
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman

Absent:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
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Also Present:	Dennis Caplicki	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Lyons at 7:35pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

None.

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one made a request to be heard.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #5 – 2008: Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption

Councilman Canterino made a motion to open the public hearing. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, the motion to open the public hearing passed:

4 Ayes	Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 Nays	

Discussion: Councilman Lyons stated that this Local Law exercises certain options with regard to a Real Property Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans as Authorized by Real Property Tax law Section 458-b. Essentially, the Town of Goshen is proposing to adopt qualifying residential property held by Cold War Veterans, shall be exempt from taxation to the extent provided for in Real Property Tax law Section 2(a)(ii), fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of such property; provided, however that such exemption shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) or the product of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less. Included is a memo from our Assessor, Jo Ann Soules, recommending a 15% exemption be considered instead of a 10% exemption.

bathrooms in the pavilion at Salesian Park. Estimates are currently being reviewed. The JRC has set up three winter programs: floor hockey, youth basketball and youth drama class. There are a few fall programs set up. One is a turkey trot at the Salesian Park. The other is the annual Halloween Party and a chili cook-off at Craigville Park. One other thing, an educational trail will be opening at Sterling Forest State Park on September 10th. The historical note of this trail is that it goes past the furnaces that were used to make the great chain that crossed the Hudson River during the Revolutionary War.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Reappointment of Kate Schmidt to Recreation Commission- Term 6/2008 to 6/2011

Councilman Canterino made a motion to appointment Kate Schmidt to the Recreation Commission to serve a three year term from 6/2008 to 6/2011. Councilman Newbold seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, motion passed: 4 AYES Canterino, Cappella, Lyons , Newbold
0 NAYS

2. Accept Resignation of Heather Charbonneau Effective August 14, 2008

Councilman Cappella made a motion to accept the resignation of Heather Charbonneau effective August 14, 2008. Councilman Canterino seconded the motion adding that a letter of appreciation, for her outstanding work, be sent to her.

On a Voice Vote, motion passed: 4 AYES Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

H. FINANCE

Councilman Newbold made a motion to authorize the Deputy Supervisor to pay manual check run - Town account of 6/17/2008 to 8/25/2008 amounting to \$13,683.58 and Town account check run of 07/11/2008 to 08/22/2008 amounting to \$10,523.54. Also escrow check run dated 08/28/2008 amounting to \$13,672. Councilman Canterino seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, motion passed: 4 AYES Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

Discussion: Councilman Cappella noted that at August 25, 2008 work session; Kevin Shanley's resignation was accepted. He requests that a letter of appreciation also be sent to Kevin for his dedication and years of service to the Town of Goshen.

I. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Doris Bialas informed the Town that she observed the County pulling trees out along the banks of the Wallkill River parallel to Celery Avenue. She feels this will undermine Celery Avenue and ruin the road. Her request is to have someone check with the County DPW to find out what their intentions are and why at this location. Doris Bialas addressed this issue to Assemblywoman Annie

Rabbitt in relation to the Wallkill River Flood Project. No response as of this date. Councilman Cappella will have our Highway Superintendent, Steve Andryshak, look in to it.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. 207C – Negotiations with PBA
2. Comprehensive, Zoning & Coding Discussion
3. Sullivan Litigation
4. 6 Larchwood Drive Litigation – Property Maintenance
5. 3 John Drive Litigation – Property Maintenance

Councilman Newbold made the motion to enter into Executive Session without the intent to return. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 8:10PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk