

Town Board Meeting
December 10, 2007

**TOWN BOARD WORKSESSION
DECEMBER 10, 2007**

Present:

Kenneth Newbold	Deputy Supervisor	George Lyons	Councilman
Louis Cappella	Councilman		

Absent: Douglas Bloomfield, Supervisor; Philip Canterino, Councilman.

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki, Town Attorney.

Councilman Newbold opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the absence of Supervisor Bloomfield and Deputy Supervisor Canterino.

1. PUBLIC HEARING: HOMETOWN ON LINE FRANCHISE

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:35 p.m.. Attorney Caplicki explained this is an application for a cable franchise by Hometown Online, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Warwick Valley Telephone Company. The franchise is for an area currently being serviced by the Warwick Valley Telephone and has the capacity to provide video service to this area via the existing Telephone lines. He said it is in the south west quadrant of the Town bordering Warwick and Florida.

Martin C. Rothfelder, Attorney for Warwick Valley Telephone Company and Hometown on Line approached the Board and introduced Chris Vecchiarelli, Senior Vice President, and Joyce A. Stoeberl, Vice President – External Relations Corporate Secretary of Warwick Valley Telephone. Mr. Rothfelder reviewed the application they presented to the Board on October 11th, and answered questions from the Board. Ms. Stoeberl presented the Board with a map showing the initial primary service area and the entire area where Warwick Valley Telephone now provides telephone service.

Attorney Caplicki reported the application was publicly advertised and the other cable companies having franchises in the Town were notified of the Public Hearing. He also reported the application before the Town states the applicant is willing to pay the Town of Goshen a five percent franchise fee.

Mr. Vecchiarelli stated the franchise will be using the existing telephone lines, so there will be no new cable needed. Therefore, there will be no disruption to the Town at all. He said they will be offering 150 channels of service, and he presented the Board with a flyer that will be going out to the public. The flyer informs the public the company will be offering a three way digital plan that will include digital television, internet and telephone for \$29.95 a month and a combined price of \$89.85 a month for one year.

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With this plan they will be competition for the other cable companies and the Board agreed this is always beneficial to the consumer. Councilman Lyons asked if they might be expanding service in the future? Mr. Rothfelder replied the company could not commit to an expansion at this time, but would have to see how the business goes.

Councilman Newbold asked for public comments and there was no response. Councilman Cappella made a Motion to close the Public Hearing. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Attorney Capplicki said the Board will take up the actual proposed franchising at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Rothfelder said he hoped it would be soon as they would still have another step with the Public Service Commission. He thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

2. BRIAN MEANY: INSURANCE PROPOSAL: Brian and Mary Beth Meany approached the Board. They presented the Board with their insurance renewal package for the Town. They went through the various sections to be covered and listed the various changes from last year to 2008. There was a lengthy discussion between the Meany's and the Board in reference to the coverage for the Town Parks. Other items discussed were coverage for Property, Employee Benefits, OCP, Public Officials Liability, Police Professional Liability, Inland Marine, Automobile and Umbrella.

The Board will consider the proposal and also check with all departments as to the changes that might have taken place pertaining to the Town's vehicles.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Councilman Lyons made a Motion to approve the minutes, with minor corrections in the October 25, November 8, and the combined meeting of November 19th. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Councilman Newbold abstained from voting on the November 8th meeting, as he was not present. Motion carried to approve October 25th and November 19th minutes 3 to 0. November 8th minutes will be approved on Thursday at the regular meeting.

2. Councilman Lyons made the Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session of November 5th. Motion seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried 3 to 0.

4. SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON CROSS ROAD:

Councilman Newbold referred to a letter, received by the Board, from Daniel Slesinski asking for a speed limit reduction on Cross Road. He is requesting the speed limit be reduced from 55 mph to 40 mph. The Board had no objection to pursuing the request, however there was some confusion as to what the speed limit is at this time. Councilman Cappella will drive out and check the speed limit in the morning and the request will be readdressed at Thursday's meeting.

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5. SET DATE FOR RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING: JANUARY 2, 2008

Councilman Lyons made a Motion to set January 2, 2008 for the Re-Organization meeting, to begin at 6:00 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried 3 to 0.

6. ACCEPT TERRY WICKHAM'S RESIGNATION: Councilman Cappella made a Motion to accept Terry Wickham's resignation from the Town of Goshen Justice Court with regret. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried 3 to 0. However the Board would like to discuss it in Executive Session.

7. FINANCE: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO PAY MANUAL A/P RUN AS OF 11/20/07 TOTALING \$998,074.97 AND MANUAL A/P RUN AS OF 12/10/2007 AMOUNTING TO \$270,693.42.

The Board would like more information in reference to the A/P Runs and decided to address them at Thursday's meeting when the Supervisor or the liaison, Councilman Canterino to the Joint Recreation, will be present.

Councilman Cappella made a Motion to close the work session and enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel problem (resignation) and Joint Recreation litigation. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk