

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
May 22, 2008

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Goshen was held on the 22nd day of May, 2008 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 Councilmember
George Lyons Councilmember
Kenneth Newbold Councilmember

Absent: Louis Cappella Councilmember
Dennis Caplicki Attorney for the Town

Also Present: Susan Maysels Deputy Town Clerk
Priscilla Gersbeck Deputy Town Clerk – in - training

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:30pm, 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. OLD BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing on 2009 Community Development Block Grant Projects

Councilmember Lyons made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects. Councilmember Canterino seconded the motion.

Discussion: Supervisor Bloomfield explained that CDBG are annual grants funded by the Federal Government's Housing & Urban Development Agency, but administered through Counties. The purpose of the grants is to fund capital infrastructure improvements in low to moderate income areas. Projects must be completed within the grant year. Last year the Town and Village of Goshen jointly applied and received \$125,000 each to resolve the drainage problem along Greenwich-Green Streets and by the Church Park. After additional research, the Village found that the project cannot be done, so the \$125,000 awarded to the Town will be reallocated to another municipality. Identifying a project in the Town that meets the criteria is difficult. The one exception to the income eligibility is handicap accessibility improvements.

On a voice vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

Supervisor Bloomfield opened the meeting to the public for project suggestions.

- Resident Doris Bialas suggested that an application be submitted to shore up Celery Avenue.
- Councilmember Lyons stated that there are only two census tracts in the Town that qualify under the very strict income criteria. The staff at the County's Office of Community Development has the

information on the location of these two census tracks. He suggested that those tracks be examined to see if improvements within those are needed.

- Supervisor Bloomfield said he is looking at all the water & sewer district projects for consideration, but an income verification of all residents within the districts would have to be done to see if they qualify.
- Councilmember Canterino suggested that the Town and Village consider applying for funds to continue work at the Salesian property park.

The deadline for eligibility determination is May 28th. The deadline for applications is June 30th. Supervisor Bloomfield will follow up on all suggestions to determine what may be feasible.

Councilmember Lyons made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Canterino seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Lyons, Newbold
 0 NAYS

2. New Hires: (a) Nancy McBride as Part-Time Relief Dial-a-Bus Driver, and (b) Terry McBride as Part-Time Relief Dial-a-Bus Driver

Councilmember Newbold made a motion to hire (a) Nancy McBride as part-time relief Dial-a-Bus driver at \$15.95 per hour effective once all background checks have been satisfactorily completed, and (b) hire Terry McBride as part-time relief Dial-a-Bus driver at \$15.95 per hour effective once all background checks have been satisfactorily completed. Councilmember Lyons seconded the motion.

Discussion: Supervisor Bloomfield noted that both applicants currently drive for the Goshen Central School District.

On a voice vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Lyons, Newbold
 0 NAYS

3. Consolidation of Town Bank Accounts

Councilmember Newbold made a motion to approve Town Budget Officer, William Standish's request which reads: in an effort to consolidate work detail, and to view on-line banking account information more efficiently, I am requesting to transfer all water/sewer district bank accounts from the current Bank of America and Chase accounts into Key Bank. Town of Goshen is set up with electronic deposit capability with Key Bank thereby making it more functional to make deposits electronically into one bank instead of three. Bank accounts to be closed and re-opened with Key Bank are:

CLOSE: Bank of America - Hambletonian District
CLOSE: Bank of America - Stonehedge District
CLOSE: Bank of America - Scotchtown District
CLOSE: Chase Bank- Arcadia Hills District
Councilmember Lyons seconded the motion.

OPEN: Key Bank- Hambletonian District
OPEN: Key Bank- Stonehedge District
OPEN: Key Bank- Scotchtown District
OPEN: Key Bank- Arcadia Hills District

Discussion: none.

On a voice vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Lyons, Newbold
 0 NAYS

4. Rotary Club Request to Hold Annual Road Races July 5, 2008

Councilmember Canterino made a motion to approve the annual Great American Weekend 5K and 10K road race to be held July 5th from 8am to 11am along the following course: for the 5K race > Green Street to Old

Chester Road to Goose Pond Road and back, for the 10K race > Craigville Road to Knoell Road to Old Chester Road, ending at the Surrogate Court building. Councilmember Lyons seconded the motion.

Discussion: Supervisor Bloomfield read the letter from the Goshen Rotary Club, the Race Director, which states that a certificate of insurance naming the Town will be provided.

On a voice vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Lyons, Newbold
 0 NAYS

5. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Newbold made a motion to approve the following minutes:

April 21, 2008 Work Session

April 24, 2008 Meeting

May 5, 2008 Work Session

May 8, 2008 Meeting

Councilmember Lyons seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Lyons made several corrections to the April 21, 2008 minutes, which the Clerk agreed to correct.

On a voice vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Lyons, Newbold
 0 NAYS

E. FINANCE - A/P Computer Check Run Dated May 22, 2008

Councilmember Newbold made a motion to authorize the Town Supervisor to pay A/P computer check run dated May 22, 2008 amounting to \$146,895.41. Councilmember Lyons seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

On a voice vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Lyons, Newbold
 0 NAYS

F. COUNCILMEMBER MONTHLY REPORTS

Councilmember Newbold welcomed Priscilla Gersbeck, as the Town's future Deputy Town Clerk. Regarding Water & Sewer Districts, grants are being aggressively pursued. Congratulations to Mark Warren Jr. as recipient of the Operator of the Year award from the World Water Association of NY State. Councilmember Newbold recognized Chronicle reporter, Leslie Cosgrove for her years of accurate reporting.

Councilmember Lyons reported that the Youth Group from St. John's Parish attended the last JRC meeting and donated a defibrillator to the JRC in memory of the late Jacob Koenig. It was blessed by Father Kent Wilson. Also at that meeting was Lisa Howell, Head of Support and Outreach for the Goshen Library to discuss joint library-JRC events. The first two concerts at Salesian property park funded by the County's \$3000 grant will be July 9th and July 23rd from 7-9pm. A community Grand Opening picnic will be held at Salesian on June 14th from 4-6pm with kids' activities and games. The JRC's annual re-organization meeting will be held June 10th at which it's likely that Pam Lorenzo will step down as Chair due to numerous other obligations, and Patricia Sherlock is likely to be elected the new Chair.

Councilmember Canterino reported that the increase to \$150 fee for background checks on new employees is largely due to the new requirement to send each person's fingerprints to Albany and the FBI for checking at the cost of \$100 each. Regarding Police Department vehicle inventory, there are a total of eight cars in service, one car for spare parts and one van for hauling. Police Department overtime is very low because the former SRO Officers are back in rotation. The only overtime is on STEP programs, shift overlap and court appearances. A grant for \$7000 for child safety has been awarded, but in order to get the funds, a public event must be held. Councilmember Canterino will be contacting

Town car dealerships to join the PD in this event where child safety seats will be installed in residents' vehicles. The Police Station is in need of air conditioning and Councilmember Canterino expects to obtain a grant from Assemblywoman Annie Rabbitt for about \$10,800 to cover the cost. The Chief has been asked to set up meetings with all Town employees to discuss the two investment plans, one being a "457 plan".

Supervisor Bloomfield, along with Councilmember Canterino will be doing a mid-year budget review because revenues may not meet expenditures, given the reduction in Mortgage Tax income and the increase in fuel prices. Regarding fuel costs, the goal given to Town PD, Highway and Dial-a-Bus is to reduce consumption by 10%. Dial-a-Bus Coordinator Michele Radakovitz has a plan to reduce trips by setting fixed days and times for shopping trips rather than the multiple everyday, individual, call-by-call trips done at present. Both US Congressman Hall and NYS Senator Larkin have been asked for grant funds for the water & sewer district projects. Supervisor Bloomfield attended the World Water Association ceremony, and was extremely proud of the accomplishments and commitment of Mark Warren Jr.

For the Highway Department report, Supervisor Bloomfield read the following memo from Highway Superintendent Andryshak dated May 22, 2008:

"Everett Road will be closed the week of June 9th for a box culvert installation. The installation is expected to take the entire week. Durland Road will be closed the end of June for one week for the installation of another box culvert. Both of these culverts were damaged by floods and have been paid for by FEMA (at an estimated \$80,000).

In July, Highway will begin our 2008 Road Program. This year we will pave Vetri Road, Moonlight Trail, Milburn Road and Scolza Terrace with our CHIPs fund. We will cold mix pave Everett Road and Shale Lane. This we will be doing in conjunction with [Town of] Hamptonburgh (who shares Everett Road and will be doing White Oak Terrace also). We own Shale Lane and the center section of Everett Road. With remaining funds we may do either Axworthy Lane or Clark Road and South Gate (or a combination of the two). We have not yet decided.

Sweeping and road side mowing will begin shortly."

By doing the paving themselves, Highways saves about 25% over hiring a contractor allowing the Town to pave more mileage of road every year.

G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Supervisor Bloomfield noted that Reporter Leslie Cosgrove will no longer be covering Town Council meetings for the Chronicle. He thanked her for her honest, accurate reporting.

Leslie Cosgrove asked Council to consider the repair of Jessup Switch Road for the CDBG application.

Councilmember Newbold stated that he is excited about the Salesian property park, and believes now that it was a great investment for the community. Regarding Craigville or Land of Goshen Park, he requests that Council consider renaming the park for past Supervisor Myron Urbanski in recognition of all the labor he contributed to making that park and its fields. Councilmember Canterino supports that suggestion.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

Councilmember Newbold made a motion to enter into Executive Session, without intent to return to public meeting, to discuss (1) Indiana Road legal clarification, and (2) Sullivan litigation. Councilmember Canterino seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Lyons, Newbold
 0 NAYS

No actions were taken in Executive Session.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Maysels, Deputy Town Clerk