

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
**TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION**  
June 22, 2009  
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2009 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
	Philip Canterino	Councilman
	Louis Cappella	Councilman
	George Lyons	Councilman
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman

Also Present:	Dennis Caplicki	Town Attorney
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield and he asked Councilman Canterino to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA:** Supervisor Bloomfield said he would like to add an item as number 5 on the agenda. He said he would like to authorize the Town Engineer to develop specifications for the water tank replacement in Scotchtown and the digging of a back up well in Stonehedge.

Supervisor Bloomfield asked for a moment of silence in memory of Daniel Madura. Mr. Madura was Highway Superintendent for thirteen years, and recently died in an accident. The Supervisor said he had not worked with him personally, but had heard a lot of wonderful things about him.

1. **RECOGNITION OF "ODYSSEY OF THE MIND" WORLD CHAMPIONS:** The winners of the "Odyssey of the Mind" World Champions from Goshen Central School were present. Supervisor Bloomfield asked to speak to Beth Laskoski, the team coach. Supervisor Bloomfield asked if she worked for the school, or if she was a volunteer? Ms. Laskoski replied she is a teacher, and the Supervisor introduced her two daughters, who are twins, and are part of the team. Supervisor Bloomfield said "the Town Board would like to congratulate you this evening on bringing great fame to the Town and Village of Goshen, and to the Goshen Central School District, from which I graduated from many, many years ago". Supervisor Bloomfield said that when he read what "Odyssey of the Mind is, how you had to compete and the fact that you have been at this for four years, and how you did it each year until you won this year. He said the competition itself is nothing short of amazing. The Supervisor stated he was sure they would succeed in anything they do as they are the "brightest of the bright."

The Supervisor explained that the Board would like to give each student a certificate. He read aloud the certificate he was presenting to Beth Laskoski, the coach, and said all of the certificates are the same.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The Town of Goshen extends sincerest congratulations to you, your coach and your fellow "Odyssey of the Mind" team members on winning the 2009 World Championship. You are a source of great pride and admiration for your school and the citizens of Goshen. The personal rewards will follow you throughout your life's work, reinforce qualities that build good moral character and in turn, strengthen our community and our world.

Congratulations,

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Douglas Bloomfield – Supervisor

Supervisor Bloomfield called the Coach, Beth Laskoski , and the team members to the front and awarded each with their certificates. The award winning students are:

- Alex Finkelstein      Kiersten Ellefsen      Katie MacDonald,      Rachel Jordan,      Ryan Kish
- Maddie Laskoski      Sara Laskoski

Councilman Cappella stated he was very proud of the students and what they had accomplished. He said when "I saw this, it blew me away, and it blows me away tonight, we are very proud of you." The entire Board agreed.

**2. PROPOSAL FOR COMPUTER DATA BACK-UP MANAGEMENT – FRED LEWIS COMPUTERS, Inc.:**

Supervisor Bloomfield asked Fred Lewis to approach the Board, and stated that since Mr. Lewis's company took over the Town's computer system everything has run smoothly. Prior to that there were many complaints from the employees about the service, the down times were significant and the response time was very poor. He stated that Mr. Lewis and his company have done a good job and the employees are very happy with the service. Supervisor Bloomfield stated he had asked Mr. Lewis here this evening to discuss his company doing a " back-up management" on our computers. The Board is concerned, (particularly since the Town Hall did have a fire years ago) for the safety of the computer records, and the storage of the back-ups.

Mr. Lewis said he had a conversation with the Board about this when he first came on board, but at that time he did not like the options available. However, now there is a service he is very satisfied with, which would allow the Board to do one of two things. He explained he could take the data from here in the town hall, back it over to the Police Department, and the Police Department could back up to the town hall. He said it would need a hard drive that would be separate from the server, but that would be just for the data backup. He said in the evening, or over the weekend the back up would copy anything that was changed over that day.

Mr. Lewis said the second option is to back it up to his office. He said it would be the same idea, the town hall and the Police Department would back up to his office. He said the advantage to have it come to his office, which would be no additional cost, is that he has a high speed file, and he has already done one test, which was to back up data from our server, on a trial basis, and it went quite well. Mr. Lewis said the actual cost of the software is pennies compared to what a real back up software would cost. The only real expense on the Town's part would be the initial cost of \$306.11, this is the hardware for each place, the town hall and the Police Department, if you want to do them both.

Mr. Lewis answered the various questions the Board had such as the time spans involved, etc. Supervisor Bloomfield asked about the security in Mr. Lewis' facility. Mr. Lewis replied the Town's back up would be encrypted from your site at Town Hall, over the internet, so the data is protected by the internet, and encrypted at his site as well. The total cost for one installation would be \$ 514.33. He explained this would be a one time cost of \$306.11 which is a piece of hardware, and the remainder of it is around \$200.00 which is the software and our monthly estimate of the labor for maintenance and will be part of the maintenance agreement. Mr. Lewis presented the Board with itemized copies of the costs and answered the Board's questions in regard to limiting access to some of the sites that are not job related. The Board thanked Mr. Lewis for coming and addressing their concerns.

### **3. REVIEW PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2009, REGARDING "EXTENSION OF APPROVALS" FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, AND SET PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Bloomfield asked Attorney Caplicki to address this and guide the Board through. Attorney Caplicki stated this is an initial, catch all, cleanup law in regard to zoning and it is covering three general areas: one is to change the discretionary approval aspect of your PAC communities from the Planning Board to the Town Board level, and number two is the same with soil mining permits and the third item which is a little complex is Section Five.

He said Section Five has to do with the exemptions to the zoning revisions. He said when the code was adopted, the Board exempted certain applicants who had conditional, preliminary or conditional final approvals. Attorney Caplicki stated there is a bit of a glitch in the law that conditional final is a concept recognized on the State level, and usually that is good for a one year period. Preliminary approval is recognized throughout State and Local Law, and can be indefinitely continued. He said the Board was concerned that some of the applicants might not act on their approvals and come back at a much later time, years in fact, and want to complete their project under a zoning that may have been changed, perhaps many times, since the initial approval was given. Attorney Caplicki said this provides for the fact that anybody that has been preliminarily exempted, based upon one of those approvals, has six months from the affected date of this Local Law to convert that into Conditional Final Approval, which can be done easily by going to the Planning Board and asking that it be changed to Conditional Final and then the State's statute of limitations of one year kicks in. He said this will lock in all of these exempted parcels to an eighteen month time period.

The Board discussed the various aspects of the Local Law and Attorney Caplicki answered their questions. Attorney Caplicki stated that the Planning Board, against counsel's advise, reactivated any number of these applications which had expired completely, some had not been pursued with developers finding the project was not viable enough to continue. The Planning Board did this without the projects having to meet the new protocols. Councilman Canterino was concerned about the time span of eighteen months and it might exclude some projects that were worth while, but would be made to go back and do all those engineer reports, etc. again. He asked if something could be done, so that an applicant would not have to do this. However, Councilman Canterino and the Board agreed if an applicant had previously had preliminary approvals, they should not have to do all the tests, etc., but they would have to meet the new protocols. The Board was a little confused as the new law applying to new applicants or just to the exempted parcels. Attorney Caplicki stated Local Law number four pertains only to the exempted parcels.

Councilman Newbold made a Motion to set a Public Hearing on Local Law #4 of 2009 for July 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it can be heard. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion Carried unanimously.

Councilman Canterino made a Motion for SEQRA purposes that this is a type two action and it is a negative declaration, no significant impact on the environment. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. REQUEST BY ASSESSOR TO ATTEND TRAINING:**

Supervisor Bloomfield explained there is a request for further education, from the Assessor, to attend a seminar on Appraising at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York on July 13<sup>th</sup> through July 17, 2009. She will be taking a course on exemptions.

She would also like to attend the New York State Association of Assessors Seminar to be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> through September 30, 2009. New York State will reimburse the cost of travel, hotel, course, materials and meals for both events.

Councilman Canterino made a Motion to authorize JoAnn Soules Assessor, to attend the Seminar at Cornell University from July 13<sup>th</sup> through July 17, 2009 and also the New York State Association of Assessors to be held in Saratoga from the 27<sup>th</sup> of September through September 30, expenses to be reimbursed by New York State. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. AUTHORIZE TOWN ENGINEER TO DEVELOP SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE WATER TANK REPLACEMENT IN SCOTCHTOWN AND THE DIGGING OF A BACK UP WELL IN STONEHEDGE.**

Supervisor Bloomfield reported he spoke to Joe Klopchin about the water tank replacement in Scotchtown and the back up well in Stonehedge. He said Mr. Klopchin would like the Town Engineer to draw up the specifications for a quote. Councilman Newbold made a Motion to Authorize the Supervisor and/or Councilman Newbold to authorize Town Engineer Dennis Lindsey, of Riddick's Associates to develop specifications for the water tank replacement in Scotchtown and the back up well in Stonehedge. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Newbold made a Motion to go into Executive Session, with the intent not to return to discuss the 1. Owen Road Associate – Potential Litigation; 2. Status of Water/Sewer Village Audit; 3. ACD Orange, Inc., Existing Litigation. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 5 to 0.

TIME: 8:45 p.m.

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Valma Eisma, Town Clerk

