

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

August 11, 2008

M I N U T E S

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 11th 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:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	Philip Canterino	Councilman
	Louis Cappella	Councilman
	George Lyons	Councilman
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman

Also Present:	Dennis Caplicki	Attorney for the Town
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk-in-training

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:45pm.

1. Wind Mills/Wind Energy Conversion Systems

Supervisor Bloomfield stated that a request was made by a local farmer to put up a couple of windmills. We don't have a code on this. The issue with this is, what if someone wants to put up 50+ windmills that would constitute a public utility. Supervisor Bloomfield asked Ed Garling to research windmills and solar panels and report back to the Town Board so we can develop a code.

2. Trail Grant Update

Supervisor Bloomfield stated that we received a follow up letter from NYS for a million dollar federal trail grant. Under this grant, \$800,000 will be funded by New York State and the other \$200,000 by us. Construction is supposed to start by 2010. Currently we don't have the necessary lands to enact this grant in phases. Supervisor Bloomfield has asked Ed Garling to continue the necessary paperwork to keep it active.

3. Village Of Goshen Moratorium

Councilman Canterino returned from attending the Village meeting pertaining to a one year moratorium on the Arden site. The zoning on this property is critical to the Town since the Town borders it. Discussion was held in favor of supporting the Village.

Councilman Canterino made a motion authorizing Supervisor Bloomfield to send a letter supporting the Village one year moratorium regarding the Arden area rezoning.

On a VOICE VOTE, the motion passed: 5 Ayes Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 Nays

4. Creation of a Local IDA

Supervisor Bloomfield addressed the need to create a Local IDA. This would give our community more control in the decision making process of prospective IDA applicants. Attorney Caplicki explained this would involve a special act of the State Legislature to form a local IDA. It may also involve substantial impact fees to initiate. Councilman Cappella inquired about forming a responsible board representative of the community. Supervisor Bloomfield asked Attorney Caplicki to put this on a priority to lead us through the process to create a Local IDA.

5. Inquiry to Produce Films in Goshen

Supervisor Bloomfield received an inquiry from Philip McGonigle who represents a film company. The independent feature film titled; Handsome Harry is scheduled to start production on September 15, 2008. He is scouting our area for potential locations. We don't have anything in our code as to how to handle this. Attorney Caplicki said that in the past we have asked for a contribution to the community to cover the costs of services rendered. Supervisor Bloomfield stated that he requested that any out of pocket costs, which maybe incurred, they would have to pay.

6. 325th Anniversary of Orange County

County Executive Edward Diana sent the Town of Goshen a letter stating that Orange County will celebrate its 325th anniversary of incorporation as one of the original counties of the Province of New York this year. Supervisor Bloomfield noted this for our information, if anyone has items for a photographic display in the Orange County Government Center.

7. Request for a Guardrail at 901 Pulaski Hwy.

Paul and Marisol Morales are asking the town to install a guardrail in front of their home at 901 Pulaski Hwy. Recently a car failed to negotiate the curve and rolled down a steep slope onto their lawn. After discussion, the Board determined that since this is a county road, to send a letter to the County Highway Department asking them to evaluate the situation and reply to us with their findings.

8. Request for a Speed Limit Study

Supervisor Bloomfield received a letter from Annie Rabbitt requesting a speed limit study on Pulaski Hwy. where the State of New York turned us down. We wanted to go from 55 mph down to 45mph. Councilman Canterino noted that this is a County road and the particulars associated with Pulaski Hwy. should be addressed by the County. Supervisor Bloomfield would like to see the data on our town roads that were denied speed limit reductions. He feels that the whole package of speed limits should be looked at rather than one road at a time. After a lengthy discussion, Boardmembers concluded it would be wise to review a traffic study recently done in Warwick to see what it entails.

9. Fred Lewis Computers, Inc.

Supervisor Bloomfield reported that he had a follow-up meeting with Fred Lewis Computers, Inc. after signing the contract. Also present were Bill Standish and Barbara Sokolofsky. We have a new server in the Town Hall and in the Police Department including new software for financials and Justices. Everyone was pleased with the service and response time. Fred Lewis brought up the possibility of additional software, Web Manager, for next year. This software provides additional protection if we get involved in litigation and screens employee searches. Supervisor Bloomfield is concerned about domicile backup data. We can possibly record our data onto the Police Dept. server and their data onto the Town Hall server. We'll have to take a closer look at this.

10. Driveway Repair Status at Craigville Park

Councilman Lyons reported on Craigville Park's second entrance. The issue is do we repair the potholes or repave 150 feet of this entrance. He received quotes from four contractors for paving. All are within the ballpark of \$10,000. Attorney Caplicki explained that the pot holes need to be dug out correctly. It's not just fixing a hole. To be done correctly, it will use a lot of equipment and labor. There was discussion on the bids and specs. We have the money in Parkland fees. Supervisor Bloomfield asked Councilman Lyons to contact Dennis Lindsay to inspect and handle this project. He can provide us with specs for a quality job. Since this is a capital improvement, we do have the funds set aside.

11. Vandalism – Arcadia Hills

Supervisor Bloomfield noted the activity of vandalism in the Arcadia Hills Development. Councilman Canterino reported that he met with Police Chief Marsh as to the difficulties the Police Dept. encountered while trying to catch the vandals. The Police Dept. has increased patrols in the development.

12. Workman Comp. Safety Visit

Supervisor Bloomfield reported on a workman's comp. meeting he had with Councilman Lyons and a representative from WRM/Comp Alliance. Supervisor Bloomfield is impressed with this company. They are sending a safety professional to talk with the dept. head's whose employment may put them in harms way. The depts. involved are: Police, Building & Zoning, Water & Sewer and DPW. For those who want to attend, this meeting will be on August 14, 2008 at 10:30am.

13. Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement ("DGEIS")

Supervisor Bloomfield reminded the Board that a public hearing on the DGEIS is scheduled for August 13, 2008 at 7:30pm. Many professionals as well as the public are expected to attend.

14. Joint Village/Town Bd. Meeting

Supervisor Bloomfield noted that the Town and Village will tentatively meet on October 20, 2008 concerning the Salesian property.

15. Request from the Board of Assessment Review

A letter was received from the Board of Assessment Review asking for a joint meeting of the Town and Village Boards and the Assessor to meet with them to discuss the results of this year's grievance day. Supervisor Bloomfield scheduled the meeting for Sept. 25, 2008 at 7:00pm. Since the Village is undecided as to their availability, they can meet with the BAR on their own.

16. Tour New Sewer Plant

The Village has invited the Town to tour their new sewer plant. With some discussion, Sept. 6, 2008 @ 10:00am was picked providing that is okay with the Village. Supervisor Bloomfield addressed the water and sewer billing rate in relation to the surcharge on the new sewer plant.

Councilman Canterino made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss item 4. With the intent to return to the worksession. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TIME: 9:05pm

Executive Session

1. Sullivan Litigation
2. 6 Larchwood Drive
3. 3 John Drive
4. Keating Water Supply
5. IWS Status
6. Tax Cert. Update

Councilman Canterino made the motion to reopen the work session. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Time: 9:15pm

Councilman Cappella made a motion to forgive 75% of the 291.06 water bill to Howard Keating of 1 Fleetwood Drive on 2/1/2008, 5/2/2008 and 8/7/2008, because of dirty water coming into his home from a faulty pipe lining. Councilman Newbold seconded the motion.

On a VOICE VOTE, the motion passed: 5 Ayes Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 Nays

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

Respectfully Submitted by:
Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy-in-training