

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION

October 6, 2008
M I N U T E S

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 06th day of October, 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
	William Standish	Budget Officer
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:35pm.

1. HIRING OF PART-TIME COURT ATTENDANT – LUIS REYES

Councilman Canterino made a motion to hire Luis Reyes as part-time Court Attendant effective October 8, 2008 at \$12.76 per hour. Councilman Newbold seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

2. SLESINSKI PDR – CLOSING DATE

Supervisor Bloomfield stated that since the Town has numerous BANS due in January 2009. He was advised to reschedule the closing date until February 2009. Technically the Town has until March 24 to finalize this transaction. Further discussion will take place at the next Town Board meeting.

3. CHIEF MARSH – 211 APPROVAL

Supervisor Bloomfield referenced a letter he received from NYS Civil Service Commission in Albany. The September 9, 2008 Commission's meeting approved the employment of retiree Dennis D. Marsh to the position of Police Chief (A) pursuant to Section 211 of the Retirement and Social Security Law for the period of August 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009.

4. COMPLETION OF FEIS – EXPENSES

Attorney Caplicki explained that BFJ Planning Consultants submitted a memorandum asking for an additional \$30,000 to complete the FEIS. *Tentatively*, the time line completion for the draft FEIS is November 7. With the final review and public input, the FEIS should be completed and adopted on December 12, 2008. Councilman Lyons wanted to know what assurances can be put in place to prevent the additional cost from exceeding \$30,000. Councilman Canterino asked Attorney Caplicki to review the original agreement. He feels that BFJ should have taken into consideration the additional work. They scoped it out and looked at the project, giving us a tentative amount. With this being their field of expertise, they should have anticipated public comments, input from the developers and sensitive areas that needed attention. Acknowledging that BFJ's work is highly commendable, the Board agrees that the additional cost factor needs to be scrutinized. This will be continued at the next Town Board meeting.

5. CRAIGVILLE PARK – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT STATUS

Councilman Lyons reported on the expansion of the kitchen at Craigville Park. There is a total of \$8,150 submitted, covering \$5,400 from Innovative Engineering for mechanical/electrical renovations and \$2,750 from the architect, David Crawford, for his services. Possibly, the electrical/mechanical fee can be lowered with negotiations. The cost to expand the wall will be \$20,000. Not included in this will be an additional cost to reconfigure construction into an L-shape improvement. Councilman Newbold cautioned the location of new construction in relation to the existing water pump. The money for this project will come from the Parkland Fee account. There was some discussion as to whether the Village of Goshen would be willing to share in the expenses, since this is a joint recreation facility venture. Supervisor Bloomfield suggested that this project be addressed at the joint meeting on October 20th. He asked Councilman Lyons to prepare a submission of the grand total of all the renovations to present at the joint meeting.

6. BUDGET PREPARATION

Supervisor Bloomfield opened discussion of opinions on the current state of the local, national and global economy. As noted in the media, the United States is in the middle of economic turmoil. With the Tentative Budget for 2009 in hand the Councilmen and the Budget Officer, William Standish reviewed the Budget line for line in detail implementing conservative changes as necessary in the Town's best interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Newbold made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. IWS Negotiations
2. Comprehensive Plan – Potential Litigation
3. John Drive – Code Enforcement Status
4. 4 Larchwood Drive – Code Enforcement Status
5. 6 Larchwood Drive – Code Enforcement Status
6. Ken Sullivan – Litigation
7. JRC Litigation

with the intent not to return. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried.

Time: 10:20PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk