

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 08, 2009
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 08th day of October, 2009 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
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:34pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Supervisor Bloomfield clarified the agenda item #3 under Old Business which will be separated into two parts 3 & 4.

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None at this time

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. HAMBLETONIAN PARK WATER LINE REPLACEMENT GRANT

Supervisor Bloomfield gave a brief history of what is probably the largest single grant the Town has ever received. In 2005, the Town applied to NYS, thru the office of Congresswoman Sue Kelly, for a new water line in Hambletonian Park. She was replaced by Congressman John Hall who assisted us in securing the \$400,000 grant.

Many thanks went to those who were politically persistent, those who oversaw the installation and those who physically worked on the line, those who repeated phone calls to Congressman Hall's office asking for the money and those who kept the paper flow on track, the input from many of the residents along with those who never gave up.

This grant signifies a significant savings to the residents in Hambletonian Park. According to Budget Officer, Bill Standish, the money "is in the bank". The Town received \$382,000 of the \$400,000, because the federal Environmental Protection Agency charged Congress \$18,000 for processing the grant. The money can only be used to pay off debt.

2. JESSUP SWITCH ROAD REHABILITATION STATUS

Supervisor Bloomfield along with Councilman Newbold are working on securing the Community Development Block grant for Jessup Switch Road. The planning, designs and engineering work has been completed. The Town is hoping for \$287,000 from the federal stimulus money. We will probably receive the money in December. This will give us time to advertise for bids in January/February. Hopefully, this project can start in the spring.

3. SEWER NEGOTIATION STATUS

Attorney Caplicki has been meeting with the Village Attorney Donovan trying to resolve the conflict between both municipalities over sewer billing. The Town held back \$100,000 of sewer monies until requested information is made public. Most of the Village trustees work during the day. Therefore, plans are being discussed to jointly meet in the evening for sewer negotiations.

4. JOINT MEETING OF TOWN AND VILLAGE

Supervisor Bloomfield noted that an invitation to meet with the Village in September was rescheduled due to the fact that 40% of the Town Board members were away. The rescheduled meeting between the Town and Village Boards will be held on November 2, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall. We are hoping to discuss issues concerning joint recreation and the IMA.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR 43 ACRES

Supervisor Bloomfield announced that the Town of Goshen has received a conservation easement for 43 acres of wet lands from Margretta and Jerome Fatcheric. This is located on Craigville Road. This property is to "forever be green" meaning no development/activity will be allowed and is to remain open space. [Declaration of Conservation Easement is on file in the Clerk's Office] This easement has been recommended to the Town by the Planning Board.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION**

**Authorization for the Supervisor to Sign Declaration of Conservation Easement with
Respect to Fatcheric Real Property**

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Kenneth Newbold
SECONDED BY: Councilman Louis Cappella
DATED: October 8, 2009

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York, held at Town Hall in said Town on the 8th day of October, 2009;

WHEREAS, Margretta and Jerome Fatcheric are the sole owners of real property located in the Town of Goshen known on the Tax Map thereof as Section 8 Block 1 Lot 7.22, and

WHEREAS, the Fatcheric's received approval from the Town of Goshen Planning Board on September 4, 2008 to subdivide the premises into two (2) parcels, and

WHEREAS, the Fatcheric's desire to create and convey a conservation easement over certain premises as shown and identified on the Subdivision Map dated June 7, 2007 and last revised March 12, 2009, for the purpose of preserving the natural, scenic and open space values of importance to the Town of Goshen, and

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Conservation Easement dated October 5, 2009 has been submitted to the Town of Goshen memorializing the foregoing,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Goshen accepts said Declaration of Conservation Easement as annexed hereto and authorizes the Supervisor of the Town of Goshen to sign same on behalf of the Town of Goshen.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	AYE	Councilperson, Philip Canterino	AYE
Councilperson, Louis Cappella	AYE	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	AYE
Councilperson, George Lyons	AYE		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

2. SEVERE WATER BREAK IN ARCADIA HILLS

Several days ago, there was a severe water line break in Arcadia Hills. About six years ago a similar break occurred. The repair was done using inferior materials. This time the break emptied the water tank. Councilman Newbold was apprised of the situation at 1:00am. He reported that the repair was completed for the morning computers usage. It took seven to eight truck loads of water to fill the tank. This major catastrophic break will be investigated.

3. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2010 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2009.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated that a week before the hearing, the budget will be available to the public in the Clerks Office.

Councilman Canterino made the motion to set the public hearing for the 2010 preliminary Budget for November 12, 2009 at 7:30PM. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

On A Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

F. FINANCE

Councilman Canterino made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay manual A/P runs as of 9/29/09 amounting to \$309.60 and also accounts payable check run of October 8, 2009 amounting to \$300,646.69. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 5 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Lyons, Newbold
0 NAYS

G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jerry Boss asked for update on the carters/haulers licensing. Deputy Clerk, Priscilla Gersbeck, stated that over \$7,000 in licensing fees have been collected. Presently, she is waiting for the delivery of stickers to accompany the licenses. The stickers are to be placed on the left side door panel as a visual reference of compliance with the 80-B Code. Attorney Caplicki noted that *all* carters/haulers are required to obtain a license.

John Graesser thanked the Town for addressing the water line issues in Hambletonian Park.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Cappella made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following,

1. Union Negotiations
2. Owens Road Litigation
3. ADC Litigation
4. Tax Certioraris
5. Town/Village Sewer Negotiations

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting concluded at 8:20PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk