

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 22, 2009
MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 22nd day of October, 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
	George Lyons	Councilman	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
	Louis Cappella	Councilman		

ALSO PRESENT:	Dennis Caplicki	Town Attorney	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk
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A. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bloomfield called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: None

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only) None

D. REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN CAPPELLA announced the Senior Center will be having a Senior Thanksgiving luncheon on November 19th at 1:00 p.m., and the cost is \$15.00 per person. He also reported that the rentals for the last few months of this year are up, and most every weekend is reserved.

Dial-A-Bus: Councilman Cappella reported that in 2005 total passengers were 11,206 people, and in 2008 it went up to 14,218, an increase of 27%, and 3,012 passengers. He said the mileage in 2005 was 46,515, in 2008 they drove 77,000 miles. creating an increase of 65%. He said projected figures for 2009 are about 14,000 passengers, as numbers seem to be down a little, and total mileage 72,000.

Councilman Cappella reported that the withdrawal of Hamptonburgh from the Dial-A-Bus has not had a large impact on the system. In 2009, only 69 seniors participated up until the time they withdrew. He stated that seniors pay only fifty cents and others pay one dollar. The bus takes the fares shopping, to doctor appointments, shopping, etc. Councilman Cappella said he met with Supervisor Bloomfield, Michele Radakovits, from Dial-A-Bus and Chester Supervisor Steve Neuhaus, and his clerk. He said he thought they were quite surprised at these figures when they were presented to them, and the great service that we give the Village and Town of Chester and Village and Town of Goshen. Also how economical it really is with the County and the State picking up 90% of the cost and Chester and Goshen picking up the other 10%. He said it is such a little cost to pay for those 14,000 people to be able to use the service. He thanked Michele for the wonderful job she does scheduling and doing the accounting, etc.

Highway: Councilman Cappella reported that Highway has been doing some preliminary work with some piping, culverts and drainage on Jessup Switch Road in preparation for the grant we are waiting for to repair the road. He said highway is doing this so they can do the paving themselves instead of contracting it out, and Conklingtown Road is now completely repaved.

Councilman Cappella also reported on the restroom situation at Salesian Park, saying that both Highway Departments, Village and Town have been talking to each other, and will work together to hook up the sewer if it can be done.

COUNCILMAN NEWBOLD said he met, along with the Supervisor with the Assessor and the State and County representatives in reference to the revaluation. He said the representatives said the Town is in great shape, and they made some recommendations, and felt that we should be able to do the revaluation very quickly.

He also said he was happy to announce that A Plus Sewer is installing the new well in Stonehedge. The well has been drilled, the pump is in and new lines are being put in. The contractor is anticipating a quick completion of the job. He said the new well will be a great asset to the residents of Stonehedge. Councilman Lyons asked about the testing and Councilman Newbold said yes it will be tested and it is producing 40 gallons a minute.

COUNCILMAN LYONS reported the Joint Recreation Commission is holding the annual Halloween Party this Saturday, October 24th at Craigville Park. However, he said the weather report is expecting rain, but the rain date will be Sunday.

He said the Commission is still in the process of interviewing for the new director, with the final interviews being done next Tuesday.

Councilman Lyons reported they have had a lot of rentals of Craigville Park Pavilion also. He said the JRC would like to meet with the Board to address the budget cuts that are planned. He asked if the Board would prefer to discuss this at the next Work Session or wait till the Public Hearing to be held on November 12th. The Board agreed the next Work Session would be best, however Supervisor Bloomfield said usually he would meet with the Department Head and discuss these things in his office. Councilman Lyons will make arrangements with the Joint Rec Commission to set an appointment.

Councilman Lyons said he met with Mike Nuzzolese about the drainage problem at Craigville Park, they are still working on getting the Village and Town DPWs along with Joint Recreation all working together to solve the drainage problem they have there.

COUNCILMAN CANTERINO reported he has been working on the budget, and one of the departments that can contribute the most to reduce our tax burden at this time is the Police Department. He said there have been three meetings with the Chief and they discussed ways to cut \$150,000 from their budget. However, many of these would cause problems with the union, which could lead to litigation. He said they asked the Chief to work on his budget some more, and Councilman Canterino said he had received a new list today, but only had time to go over it briefly, but it would cut the budget down by \$124,000.

SUPERVISOR BLOOMFIELD reported the closing for the PDR rights to the Slesinski Farm took place and he thanked Attorney Caplicki and Councilman Newbold for negotiating this and following it all the way through. He said this parcel is 102 acres and our part of it was \$420,000 which the County matched, and this will be the last PDR parcel purchased by the County.

Supervisor Bloomfield said he met with the Supervisors of New Windsor, Chester, Warwick, and Ottisville and Annie Rabbit, trying to get as much input on this budget as he can. He said one of the things he has gotten out of these meetings, is that we are in better shape than others. He felt this was due to the fact

that when this Board first got together in 2006 we said no borrowing except for PDR. The Supervisor said the Board has done this in the last three years, 2007, 2008 and currently in 2009. He said by the end of 2009 we will have off one million and on half dollars in the last three years, and this cannot be done by borrowing more money.

Supervisor Bloomfield reviewed again how far down the Mortgage Tax will be this year, over a million dollars, and 2010 is not looking to be better. He said they are still working hard on the budget and at this point we are at 10.9% with PDR and 7.7% without it. "There is no extra cash at this point, everything we have is going to be in this budget for 2010." We are trying to protect services, jobs, and continuity of solvency.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. REVIEW RESOLUTION TO GO OUT TO BID TO PURCHASE A WATER STORAGE TANK FOR SCOTCHTOWN WATER DISTRICT:

Councilman Cappella made a Motion that the bid notice for the purchase and delivery. for storage, of a 15,000 gallon water storage tank for Scotchtown Water District be issued by Riddick Associates, P.C. prior to October 27,2009 be adopted. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Canterino	AYE	Councilman Lyons	AYE
Supervisor Bloomfield	AYE	Councilman Newbold	AYE
Councilman Cappella	AYE		

Vote: This Resolution carried by a vote of 5 Ayes 0 Nays

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZE ASSESSOR TO IMPLEMENT A REVALUATION FOR THE 2011 ASSESSMENT ROLL:

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF NEW YORK
RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZE ASSESSOR OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN TO UNDERTAKE AND
IMPLEMENT A REVALUATION FOR THE 2011 ASSESSMENT ROLL**

Introduced By: Councilman Philip Canterino
Seconded By Councilman Kenneth Newbold
Date of Adoption: October 22, 2009

WHEREAS, Section 305 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law mandates uniform and equitable assessment; and

WHEREAS, computer-assisted mass appraisal systems and technical advice are available by cooperative agreement with the New York State office of Real Property Services; and

WHEREAS, the last revaluation of our real property took place in 1998, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is convinced that a revaluation is necessary to comply With Section 305 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GOSHEN, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Assessor of the Town of Goshen is hereby authorized to undertake and implement a revaluation for the 2011 assessment roll.

SECTION 2. That the Town Board agrees, in conjunction with the New York State office of Real Property Services, to support the Town's assessment staff in this revaluation.

SECTION 3. That the Town Board and the Assessor are authorized to enter into any necessary agreements to achieve this purpose. The Town Board must first approve any agreements resulting in expenditure by the Town of Goshen. Any agreement with a private contractor to provide services for this reassessment shall be entered into only upon review by the Town Counsel, the Assessor and a representative from the Office of Real Property Services.

This resolution shall take effect October 22, 2009.

Vote: This resolution carried by a vote of 5 Ayes 0 Nays

2. REVIEW PLANS TO INSTALL CULVERTS AND REPAVE RESERVIOR ROAD NEAR DR. SEDAREVIC'S PROPERTY:

Supervisor Bloomfield said this item is just for the Board's information. The Town Engineer, Dennis Lindsey, will be delivering the plans tomorrow for the culvert work and the re-pavement of Reservoir Road near Dr. Sedarevic's property.

G. FINANCE: Councilman Canterino made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P Runs as of 10/15/09 amounting to \$8,649.02, Manual A/P Runs as of 10/22/09 amounting to \$13.86 and Accounts Payable Check Run for October 22, 2009 amounting to \$239,547.02. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried Unanimously.

H. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Gary Wiley thanked the Board for deciding to do the revaluation, and trying to keep the Town's budget down.

Jerry Boss agreed with Mr. Wiley in thanking the Board for controlling spending. He also asked if the PDR Property could be posted. There was a discussion on the hunters shooting from one property and taking down a deer on someone else's property.

Joel Markowitz asked if the Town of Goshen would work with the Goshen Fire District to share some services to save money. Supervisor Bloomfield replied that this Town Board would be happy to work with any municipality, Fire Department, school, Library, etc. if it could save money for the taxpayers. He said the Town already works with the Fire Department in allowing them to purchase gas from our DPW.

With no further business or comments, Councilman Newbold made a Motion to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session, with intent not to return, to discuss the Owens Road Litigation and PBA Negotiations. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk