

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION  
December 8, 2008  
M I N U T E S

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 8th day of December, 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
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:40pm.

**1. BUDGET OFFICER'S REQUEST: CLOSE OLD UNUSED BANK ACCOUNTS**

Supervisor Bloomfield read a memo from the Town Budget Officer, Bill Standish, requesting to close two old bank accounts which are no longer needed.

First Account: Chase Bank account #285442190 – General Fund –A-MM with a current balance of \$3,438.52 as of 10/31/08. Balance on closing date will be transferred to the "A" Fund Cash account.

Second Account: Chase Bank account #285442216 – Water Dist. 2-SD-MM with a current balance of \$447.02 as of 10/31/08. Balance on closing date will be transferred to the "SD" Fund Cash account.

Councilman Cappella made a motion to close the foregoing old unused bank accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino.

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

**2. IWS – REQUEST FOR UNPAID FEES – STATUS REVIEW**

Attorney Caplicki stated that he sent a letter to the Attorney representing IWS regarding unpaid fees. Since he hasn't received a reply, he's hoping to have more information for Thursday's meeting. Councilman Canterino questioned what steps can be taken to enforce the delayed payment of fees. Attorney Caplicki will look into the matter.

**3. PBA REQUEST TO HOLD CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

Supervisor Bloomfield received a letter from the NYS Union of Police Associations, Inc. to begin negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement effective January 1, 2009. He asked Councilman Canterino to assist him in this process.

**4. REVIEW INSURANCE CONTRACT PROPOSALS**

Councilman Lyons reported that we definitely have two insurance brokers interested to contract with the Town. One is the incumbent, Selective with Dickerson & Meany Ins. The other one is represented by Scott Liebert affiliated with Comp-Alliance and possibly a third broker, Prime Ins. Hopefully, the premiums will be lower this year. The Town is looking to increase the Umbrella coverage and to increase Crime coverage for the tax collector. The issue is to maintain coverage into 2009 until a contract is finalized. The Town Board will have to vote on a selected broker. Therefore, more information is needed and will necessitate a special meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December.

**5. INTERVIEW AND SELECTION OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

Supervisor Bloomfield has been working with Bill Standish interviewing for an external auditor. The NYS Law has changed in such a way that it is difficult for Steve Brown to be both the internal auditor and the external auditor. They will continue interviewing and will report back to the Town Board their findings. On behalf of the Town, we are obligated to choose the right auditors who are familiar with the State Laws and all of the functions and transfers needed.

**6. YEAR-END FINANCIAL FUND ADJUSTMENTS**

Due to the extent of the work involved, this report will be presented at another meeting.

**7. AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR REVIEW OF TAX CERT PROPERTY APPRAISALS**

Presently we have two requests for funding, because of tax certioraris. One is for the years 2006 & 2007 pertaining to 124 Goshen Partners which is the office complex off of Route 17. At this time we need our appraiser to review their appraisal. The other one is the Goshen Shopping Center 30-40 Matthew Street for the years 2003 thru 2008. They have filed a certiorari court appraisal. We are looking to fund costs for two different actions and two different procedures dealing with an analysis and an actual court appraisal. Supervisor Bloomfield suggested that further discussion of the details in litigation will be moved to the Executive Session.

**8. PLAN DEVELOPMENT FOR COST REDUCTION & CONTROL**

Supervisor Bloomfield plans to meet with Councilman Canterino and Bill Standish along with the Town Department Heads to develop plans for cost reduction and cash control.

Supervisor Bloomfield opened the meeting for discussion.

Councilman Cappella mentioned that it was previously determined to replace an employee in the Highway Department. With Department reductions, this replacement has been tabled to a later date. To clarify the status of certain employees, it is understood that two of the employees with CDL Licenses in the Water & Sewer Department will fill in, when needed, to assist the Highway Department for snow removal.

Tom Saviello along with his family came to discuss particulars involving a future court date. Attorney Caplicki interrupted and advised him that this is inappropriate for discussion and has directed the Town Board not to address this topic.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

1. Al Turi Tax Certiorari – Status Review
2. Lubavitch Outreach Center Tax Exemption – Status Review
3. 8 Finnegan Lane Code Violation – Status Review
4. FEIS – Status Review
5. Personnel Case Review
6. Building & Zoning Escrow Account Control
7. Authorize Funding For Review of Tax Cert. Property Appraisals

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

Time: 8:20PM

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Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk

