

TOWN OF GOSHEN
Town Board Meeting
May 28, 2020
MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 28th day of May at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York via videoconference due to the recent Covid-19 pandemic.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	Philip Canterino	Councilperson
	Richard Florio	Councilperson
	George Lyons	Councilperson
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilperson

Also Present:	Richard Golden	Attorney for the Town
	Christine Cavaliere	Budget Officer
	Mary Riso	Clerk to the Supervisor
	Kirsten Santangelo	Deputy Town Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Old Business

1. Review request by Christine Cavaliere to purchase a new server at a cost of \$12,200.69 (see attached quote for details).
Christine Cavaliere explained the need for the new server, which is not allowing the storage of data and is outdated.

Motion to approve the request by Christine Cavaliere to purchase a new server at a cost not to exceed \$12,200.69 was made by Councilperson Newbold and seconded by Councilperson Lyons.

Motion carried:	5 AYES	Supervisor Bloomfield
		Councilperson Canterino
		Councilperson Lyons
		Councilperson Newbold
		Councilperson Florio

2. Review request by Davis Solar, LLC for a twelve-month extension of the Special Use Permit that expires June 13, 2020 (see attached request from Jake Clay, Project Manager). Construction is set to start in the Summer/Fall of 2020. An extension is needed for one year.

New Business

1. Information: The Goshen Town Hall will not be used for the June 23, 2020 Primary Election due to Covid-19. The Board of Elections warehouse on Webster Avenue will be used instead.
2. Orange County has been given the go-ahead to implement Phase 1 of Start-Up New York which includes: construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, select retail for curbside pickup only, agriculture, forestry, and fishing. If all goes well, Phase 2 could begin on June 9, 2020.
3. Attached are copies of safety plans for Town Hall. Police Department and Highway Department. Guidelines have been developed to minimize the impact of Covid-19 while working or visiting these facilities.
As stated, for information.
4. The Town is affecting a cost reduction by utilizing part-time Building Inspector, Nick Elia, in support of Legoland Project versus utilizing a H2M inspector.
Legoland expects to begin construction again on June 15, 2020. By placing Inspector Nick Elia at the site instead of one of the Engineer's employees, the Town can charge Legoland directly for this service.
5. Information: George Lyons, Christine Cavalier and Supervisor Bloomfield held their first 2021 Budget Planning meeting in addition to discussing renewal of our MVP medical insurance policy.

The Supervisor discussed some cost-savings measures that have helped our Fund A and Fund DA – the reduction in mortgage tax should be off-set by the unexpected \$50,000.00 reimbursement from the Worker's Comp Second Injury fund and the sale of the Town's \$40,000.00 motor grader. For Fund B and DB, the reduction in sales tax should be offset by the Town Board's decision to reduce the road improvement program from \$1,144,000.00 to \$625,000.00. The Budget Director also feels that if the effects of the pandemic of 2020 continue into 2021, the Town will still have healthy fund balances to absorb losses in revenue. The Town Board may also consider reducing the road program for 2021. Prior cost- savings measures in past years, such as paying down old debt and employing the Orange County Real Property department to staff the Assessor's office have greatly helped the Town.

6. Information: The Town of Goshen received a mortgage tax payment of \$198,988.66 for 10/2019-3/2020.

Supervisor Bloomfield also noted that the Town of Goshen MS-4 Stormwater Management annual report will be finalized on May 29, 2020. It will be posted on the Town's website and sent to the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) on June 1, 2020.

Finance

1. Authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable Check Run for May 28, 2020 in the amount of \$90,637.16.

Motion was made to authorize the Supervisor to pay Accounts Payable Check run for May 28, 2020 by Councilperson Lyons and seconded by Councilperson Canterino.

On a Voice Vote:

5 AYES

Supervisor Bloomfield
Councilperson Canterino
Councilperson Lyons
Councilperson Newbold
Councilperson Florio

Motion carried.

Councilperson Lyons asked when the staff will be coming back to work in the buildings. Supervisor Bloomfield noted that all of Highway will be back on Monday, June 1. The Finance department works well from home and as soon as we can, they will come back to the office. As for Building and Zoning, Darlene Keely, the part-time person in the group has come back and Neil Halloran has installed plexiglass dividers in their office between the desks. Kathleen Krutki will come back to the office on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, opposite of Darlene. John Terry, a part-time building inspector will work in one of the judge's offices.

Attorney Golden noted that the justice courts may begin to open offices to handle administrative matters. Supervisor Bloomfield was concerned about the safety of Town employees when Court re-opens for proceedings due to health concerns of certain employees and himself. Attorney Golden noted that court proceedings cannot go back to how business was done before.

Councilperson Lyons asked if day camp will be open this year in the Town – Joint Recreation has submitted the application to the Health Department and is awaiting a decision, as per Councilperson Florio. If it can open, it will be limited occupancy due to the recent pandemic.

Councilperson Newbold noted that the Town of Goshen VFW did not forget about Memorial Day this year, even with the pandemic. He noted that down South Street there were hundreds of American flags lining the street.

Councilperson Lyons asked Attorney Golden about minor revisions to “big box” storage facilities and where we are with it – Attorney Golden will discuss it with Attorney Naughton and report on his findings.

Supervisor Bloomfield noted that he had previous discussions with the Town Engineer about zoning in 2015 or 2016 and more space or land for light industrial/commercial but we had to get more involved with solar issues.

Supervisor Bloomfield spoke about the plan that Bonnie Mayefsky created for re-opening the Goshen Senior Center. He was impressed with the plan she created.

Councilperson Florio asked if the Town had heard from Amy’s Kitchen – Supervisor Bloomfield said that Neil Halloran is awaiting the plans.

Adjournment

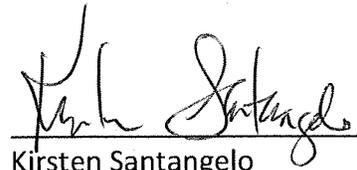
Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilperson Lyons and seconded by Councilperson Florio.

Motion carried:

5 AYES

Supervisor Bloomfield
Councilperson Canterino
Councilperson Lyons
Councilperson Newbold
Councilperson Florio

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM



Kirsten Santangelo
Deputy Town Clerk