

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2011
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 10th day of February, 2011 at the 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
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
Absent:	George Lyons	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 7:33 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

None at this time

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only)

None at this time.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Property Revaluation Program Update

JoAnn Soules, Assessor, addressed the Board Members stating that the property revaluation is "on schedule". She presented a timeline schedule for 2011 and 2012. She hopes to complete the 500 remaining photos to the County by March. There was a good return of the "Data Mailers" that were sent to each home owner. Currently, her office is busy processing exemptions which are due by March 1st. They are also working on the 2011 Assessment Roll which has to be finalized by July 1. Ms. Soules suggested that some work may have to be done on Saturdays. It was discussed that an employee from another office could come over for about four hours a day as necessary, to assist her staff to complete the work without coming in on Saturdays. Ms. Soules estimates that it will take 5 months to complete the field work of data value placement

on the properties in the Town of Goshen. "We're right on schedule and I'm pleased, I really am, with all the ups and downs of this past year – I'm pleased where we're at." stated Ms. Soules.

2. Resolution to Authorize Appraisals for Mienwald Properties in Preparation of Tax Certiorari Response

Attorney Caplicki reviewed the resolution to retain Molinas Realty Inc. to prepare appraisals of eight parcels of property located within the Village/Town of Goshen.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RESOLUTION**

Authorization to Retain Molinas Realty Inc. as Appraiser for the Town of Goshen with Respect to Tax Certiorari Proceedings, Goshen Corp., Meinwald Realty, et al

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Louis Cappella

SECONDED BY: Councilman Kenneth Newbold

DATED: February 10, 2011

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 10th day of February, 2011;

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen presently has pending against it numerous tax certiorari proceedings involving mixed use, apartment and commercial office parcels owned by Goshen Corp., Meinwald Realty, et al, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Goshen will require the services of an expert appraiser/consultant with respect to the preparation and defense of the subject litigation, and

WHEREAS, Molinas Realty Inc. has agreed to provide such appraisal/consulting services,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said Molinas Realty Inc. of Sugar Loaf, New York be hired/retained as an appraiser/consultant to prepare appraisals with respect to the aforementioned real property parcels as per Molinas Realty Inc.'s proposal annexed hereto; the total fee(s) for such appraisals not to exceed \$20,000.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor, Douglas Bloomfield	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Philip Canterino	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, Louis Cappella	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson, Kenneth Newbold	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson, George Lyons	<u>ABSENT</u>		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilman Newbold made the motion to approve the work session minutes of January 10, 2011 and January 24, 2011 and the regular meeting minutes of January 13, 2011. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Newbold
0 NAYS

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss the Purchase of Two Defibrillators, One for Town Hall and One for Highway Department

Supervisor Bloomfield noted that Broderick Knoell was hired as a technical consultant in November of 2010 to assist in the development of a Permit Required Confined Space Program and a Workplace Violence Prevention Program for the Town of Goshen. In February, Supervisor Bloomfield received a letter from Broderick Knoell stating that he would like to donate to the Town his fee of \$2,500.00 to be used towards the purchase of one cardiac defibrillator for the Town Hall and another one to the Highway/Police Dept. building. Supervisor Bloomfield will have Councilman Lyons look into this purchase. The Board unanimously thanked Mr. Knoell and his wife for this gracious gesture. Supervisor Bloomfield praised Mr. Knoell for the *many* hours he devoted to develop the above programs for the Town.

2. NYS Assemblywoman, Annie Rabbitt, is Scheduling a NYS Budget Informational Meeting

Supervisor Bloomfield announced that NYS Assemblywoman, Annie Rabbit, is scheduling a NYS budget informational meeting on February 18th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Town Hall.

F. FINANCE:

Councilman Canterino made the motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay accounts payable check run for 2/10/2011 amounting to \$297,051.76. Councilman Cappella seconded the motion.

On a Voice Vote, the motion passed: 4 AYES Bloomfield, Canterino, Cappella, Newbold
0 NAYS

G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Geri Corey asked for an explanation of the Confined Space Program and Workplace Violence Prevention Program.

Councilman Newbold thanked Stephen Andryshak for the many years he dedicated to the Town as Highway Superintendent. The Board Members wished him and his family "all the best in the future."

Joel Markowitz inquired as to the status of the arbitration between the Village and the Town Attorney Caplicki answered that a meeting with the arbitrator is scheduled for 2/18/2011 which will be procedural (setting the ground rules). He is unsure if the arbitration will be open to the public or not. The decision is up to the arbitrator.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Newbold made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following;

1. Review Proposed Water/Sewer Contract Developed Between Heritage Estates and the Town of Goshen.
2. Update Village/Town Sewer Arbitration Status
3. Update Time Warner Franchise Contract Renewal
4. Vacancies on Environmental Review Board, Ethic's Board and the Board of Assessment Review

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

ADJOURNMENT: 7:59PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk