

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION**  
**February 22, 2011**

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 22nd day of February, 2011 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:	Matthew Caplicki	Attorney
	Valma Eisma	Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:30, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

**1. DISCUSS EXTENTION OF TIME TO COMPLETE THE BATHROOM PROJECT AT SALESIAN PARK FROM DECEMBER 17, 2010 UNTIL JUNE 1, 2011:** Supervisor Bloomfield reported Mary Heiferman, Joint Recreation Coordinator, brought over a form for him to sign which is requesting another extension of time to complete the bathroom project at Salesian Park. He explained the extension asked for is from December 17, 2010 until June 1, 2011. He signed it, after talking with the attorney, as this is the last extension that can be granted, before they will lose the funding.

**2. FRIENDS OF GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY – TOWN TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN TRIVIA CONTEST, MARCH 5, AT 6:00 P.M.** Supervisor Bloomfield explained the Board has been asked, as a Town, to form a team to participate in a trivia contest to be hold on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The event is to be sponsored by the Goshen Library, there will be seven teams and the trivia will be about Goshen and it's history, etc. He said since there was little time to form a team, he took it upon himself to choose three people he felt would be good candidates. He asked Attorney Dennis Caplicki, and Richard Wallace, both life long residents of Goshen, and himself, as he has always been interested in the history of Goshen.

**3. REVIEW SEVERAL COST REDUCTION ITEMS BEING PURSUED BY BUDGET OFFICER:** Supervisor Bloomfield asked William Standish, Budget Officer, to address the Board. Mr. Standish stated he had four items his department has been working on looking for cost reductions. He said the first item was the electric, which has been with Orange & Rockland for years. He said since June 2010 he switched providers from Orange & Rockland to MX Energy, and by doing so he reported the following savings:

- (1) O & R cost for 2009=\$32,533
- O & R/MX Energy Cost for 2010= \$30,225
- 8 month savings using MX Energy = \$2,309
- Contract is renewable every 6 months.

Mr. Standish explained that Orange and Rockland would still be billing us for the use of the transmission lines, and that the power is supplied by MX Energy.

Mr. Standish also reported the following cost reduction steps for 2011:

- (2) Telephone: Currently comparing cost of services between current provider (Frontier), and Time Warner Cable/Telephone, and Telecom Data Service.

This research will continue for the next few weeks, but early indications are savings in excess of \$500 per month or \$6,000 per year.

Cost Comparison on the three providers will be presented to the Board as soon as all quotes are in place.

- (3) Bank Fees: We are in the process of closing unused accounts and moving other accounts to banks with lower service charges. Any balances in accounts to be closed will be moved into the appropriate fund main accounts.

- (4) Energy Audit: Orange and Rockland will be performing an energy audit of our facilities to advise areas where costs can be reduced. A report will be provided to the Board of the findings.

**4. 2010 MISCELLANEOUS YEAR-END BUDGET TRANSFERS:** Budget Officer Standish presented a request to make year-end budget transfers in all funds from their contingency account budgets, from accounts with excess budget dollars available for transfer, and from fund balance accounts where necessary. These transfers will facilitate account overages that may run beyond budget especially for those where invoicing is still outstanding and difficult to forecast.

I would also like to request approval to make budget transfers in the following list of accounts for year-end closing purposes, also from monies budgeted originally to cover cost overruns and price increases during the year: See Attached List (this list is available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office.)

Budget Officer Standish reviewed the items on the list with the Board. The Board thanked Mr. Standish for coming and explaining the transfers.

**5. DISCUSS VILLAGE BOND RESOLUTION FOR \$7,000,000 TO FINANCE REMOVAL OF THE LANDFILL DIRT PILE AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON HAMBLETONIAN PARK AND ARCADIA HILLS RESIDENTS:** Supervisor Bloomfield stated this was for informational purposes only. He said the Village of Goshen has just announced the adoption of a bond resolution that will have an impact on the residents of Hambletonian Park and Arcadia Hills. The adopted bond resolution is entitled:

"Bond Resolution of the Village of Goshen, New York, adopted February 13, 2011, authorizing the abandonment of a refuse disposal area, consisting of the removal and disposal of stockpiled landfill material, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$7,000,000, appropriating said amount for such purpose, and authorizing the issuance of \$7,000,000 serial bonds of said Village to finance said appropriation"

**6. DISCUSS P.D. REQUEST TO PURCHASE A NEW POLICE CAR:** Supervisor Bloomfield stated he had received a request from the Police Department for a new 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor car. He said the purchase price is \$24,718.00, and it is in the budget. Councilman Canterino made a Motion to authorize the Budget Officer to purchase the vehicle. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. There was a discussion among the Board about various unknown things, and Councilman Newbold asked if the police department had looked at any six cylinder cars. He felt the six cylinders were more economical to run.

Councilman Cappella agreed that the six cylinder cars have better longevity. Supervisor Bloomfield suggested the Motion be tabled, and the department could explore the state bid for the availability of six cylinder vehicles. With the Board having many questions unanswered Councilman Canterino withdrew his Motion and Councilman Newbold withdrew his second. Supervisor Bloomfield said this would be tabled until the Board could obtain more information.

**7. REVIEW PROPOSED WATER/SEWER CONTRACT DEVELOPED BETWEEN HERITAGE ESTATES AND THE TOWN OF GOSHEN AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 10,**

**2011:** Supervisor Bloomfield stated they are still working on the final details, but a date has to be set for the hearing so that it can be properly advertised. Councilman Newbold made a Motion to set the Public Hearing for the proposed water/sewer contract between Heritage Estates and the Town of Goshen for March 10, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business Councilman Newbold made a Motion to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Update Village/Town Sewer Arbitration Status
2. Review 2010 Village Sewer Charges for Hambletonian Park and Arcadia Hills and Authorize the Town Budget Officer to Pay Them as Directed by the Board
3. Update Time Warner Franchise Contract Renewal
4. Update the Status of Personnel Case Arbitration
5. Review Owens Road Subdivision
6. Proposed Tax Certiorari Settlements
7. Discuss Text of Potential Law Regarding Subdivision Bonds
8. Police Personnel Problem

with intent not to return. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 8:04 p.m.

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Valma Eisma, Town Clerk