

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 11, 2011

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 11th day of August 2011 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	George Lyons	Councilman
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
	Louis Cappella	Councilman

Absent: Councilman Philip Canterino

Also Present:	Dennis Caplicki	Town Attorney
	Valma Eisma	Town clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bloomfield opened the meeting at 8:35 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA: None

C. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (agenda items only) : No response

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss and Approve Resolution by the Town to Expand Hambletonian Park Water District by 75 Additional Homes.

Supervisor Bloomfield asked Attorney Caplicki to report the status of the above. Attorney Caplicki reported he had spoken to Jim Sweeney, and they set a target date for the adoption of the Resolution, Monday, August 22nd meeting. Mr. Sweeney assured Mr. Caplicki they were proceeding, waiting for our confirmation of the creation of the districts, water and sewer. He said there are some details that have to be updated, but all are aiming for the August 22nd date.

2. Discuss and Approve Resolution to Accept New York Farms, LLC (AKA Heritage Estates) Conservation Easement, Parcel A and Property Transfer With Conservation Easement Parcel B.

Supervisor Bloomfield asked Attorney Caplicki if the status of this was the same as the Resolution to Expand the Water District by the 75 additional homes. Attorney Caplicki stated yes it is the same date, etc. He also said he encouraged all parties concerned to attend that meeting.

3. Review and Approve Proposed Tax Certiorari Settlement for Eastgate Properties:

Attorney Caplicki reported to the Board that the proposal settlement that they had discussed was accepted, and he is waiting for the Order of Consent. He said when he receives this the Board can act on the Resolution. He said he hoped to have the Order by the August 22nd meeting also.

4. Approval of Minutes: Councilman Newbold made a Motion to accept the Work Sessions minutes of June 20th, July 11th, July 25, 2011 and Regular Meetings minutes of June 22nd, July 12th, and July 28, 2011. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried 4 to 0.

5. JEDI Update: Supervisor Bloomfield explained this is the Committee that was formed as the Joint Economical Development Initiative. The Supervisor explained that Phil Dropkin was chosen to be Chairman of the Committee, and after talking to the Mayor and the Building Inspector, letters were sent out to people who might be interested in working with Mr. Dropkin in the search to bring in commerce and a grocery store to the Village and Town of Goshen.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Memorandum From Building Inspector Regarding Planning Department Fees:

Supervisor Bloomfield explained that the State has allowed for the perpetual extension of Projects with Conditional Final Approval. He said with this a project could sit idle for years, and they will need to come back to the Planning Board every three to six months.

The Building Inspector is stating that it costs the Town, from the general budget, approximately \$800-900 for each Planning Board Meeting. This includes the cost of the Planning Board Members and the Secretary. He said it does not include the costs of his office involvement in the administration and tracking of the project approvals nor does it cover the cost of the consultants (which is paid from escrow funds).

The Building Inspector suggested that the fee should be \$100-\$200 per extension to cover a small part of the cost of a meeting.

Councilman Lyons made a Motion that Chapter 85, our schedule of fees in the Code, would be amended so as to add the fee of \$150.00 per ninety day extension of Condition of Final Approval at the Planning Board level. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

2. Discuss and Approve Tami L. Hough As Secretary for ERB & ZBA Boards Effective August 15, 2011. Rate of Pay \$13.80 per hour.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated the Board had discussed this hire at the Work Session, but did not have her resume and the rate of pay. Councilman Newbold made a Motion to approve the hiring of Tami L. Hough, as Secretary to the ERB and the ZBA Boards, effective August 15, 2011, at the rate of pay of \$13.80 per hour. Motion carried 4 to 0.

F. FINANCES: Councilman Newbold made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Manual A/P runs as of 06/28 – 08/03/2011 amounting to \$140,631.82, and Accounts Payable Check Run of 08/11/2011 amounting to \$1,02746.13. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried by a vote of 4 – 0.

G. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Joel Markowitz asked about the status of the Arbitration and the negotiations with the Village:

Supervisor Bloomfield said there was nothing new in negotiations, and asked Attorney Caplicki to comment on the arbitration.

Attorney Caplicki replied that presently we are on an hiatus based upon the submission of some materials. The Village has submitted the main part of it's case, and have indicated that they may have five more witnesses, and they are waiting for scheduling directions from the arbitrator. Attorney Caplicki said he suspects they will start proceedings on Monday, and it should finish up next week, as far as testimony is concerned.

Mr. Markowitz asked if the Village was still planning on adding the 75 homes to the sewer system? Supervisor Bloomfield said at this time the Village is refusing to accept the 75 homes into the sewer system. Attorney Caplicki clarified it by saying the Village is saying no unless we agree to the conditions put forth in that seven page letter sent to the Town in April.

Mr. Markowitz did not use the microphone, his question is inaudible, but involved the School Building at Salesian.

Councilman Lyons reply to his question was " that the stopping, at the engineering part, was that they didn't know how much asbestos was in the building." He said he contacted Dick Roberts, a former Councilman, and he had copies of the two reports, which the engineers now have. Councilman Lyons said he is trying to push them along to do a very cost effective RFP. Mr. Hoffman said he feels they can do a RFP at a reasonable cost.

Supervisor Bloomfield stated there were two examinations of the School Building. The first for the asbestos, which was found in the basement and the furnace room, that was done in 2004 Or 2005. He said the next one was for the structure to see if the building was salvageable. He said at that time the report said it was salvageable if it were done quickly. The Supervisor said it is far beyond reclamation now. There is no money now to do it.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments, Councilman Lyons made the Motion to adjourn the meeting, and go into Executive Session, with intent not to return, to discuss:

1. Sewer Arbitration Status Review
2. Personnel Case – PD
3. Review Current Status of Riya and Mattrock Equities Tax Certioraris
4. Review Current Status of Time Warner Cable Franchise Contract Renewal
5. Tax Certioraris First Presbyterian Church, Lubavitch and La Blanc.

The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

TIME: 7:51 P.M.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk