

TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
December 5, 2011
MINUTES

A work session of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 5th day of December, 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:	Dennis Caplicki	Attorney for the Town
	Priscilla Gersbeck	Deputy Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bloomfield at 7:31pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. OVERVIEW OF ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ON POST DISASTER COUNSELING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE IRENE AND TROPICAL STORM LEE

Project Hope is an organization that has received federal grants to provide services to those who have been affected by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Rosa Gorman and Tarik Greene addressed the Board explaining that their services primarily consist of crisis counseling. Mr. Greene wants people, who have substantial losses, to know that they can possibly receive financial assistance as well as counseling for mental and environmental health. Areas that have reported a high level of hardships include property and residential damages, children relocating to another school or living accommodations and those who have lost income from damaged crops. Project Hope interacts with case management teams which are specialized to handle the mental and emotional trauma occurred in these areas. FEMA has opened a two week period to accept applications for assistance. The deadline is December 15, 2011. An information event will be held on December 8, 2011 at Safe Harbors of the Hudson in Newburgh. FEMA representatives as well as representatives from the Small Business Administration and Project Hope teams will be there to answer questions and help fill out applications from residents who might be eligible for assistance. Reporters from the media were present and will inform the public of these dates.

2. DISCUSS REQUEST BY THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FOR POLICE ROAD GUARDS 12/11/2011

Parishioners will honor Our Lady of Guadalupe by a series of events. The first event will take place on December 11th with a traditional Mexican Race. The meeting point is at the Hacienda Restaurant with participants crossing Route 17M to get to the Heritage Trail. A request is presented to the Board to have police officers present in order to ensure their safety as they cross the street.

The Town is not in a financial position to provide this type of service as overtime. The road patrols can be in that area as part of their normal duties. However, if a patrol has to leave for an emergency, they will leave that area unattended. It would behoove any organization which needs road guards to provide their own. Councilman Canterino will talk to the Police Dept. to coordinate their patrols accordingly. Councilman Cappella suggested that the Fire Police may be available for backup.

3. DISCUSS ORANGE & ROCKLAND ELECTRIC CO., INC. ENERGY ANALYSIS RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on Federal legislation that was passed in 2005, manufactures will be phasing out their production of T-12 lamps and ballasts. Councilman Cappella referred to a letter written by the Highway Superintendent explaining that Orange and Rockland Utilities offered a program this year to help offset the cost of upgrading lighting fixtures to the more energy efficient types. This program includes free upgrades of incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs and also paying 70% of the cost of new lighting fixtures with associated installation costs. The Town would be responsible to pay for the 30% portion of the upgrade costs. The Towns' 30% share of the costs totals \$1,555.92 and is broken down as follows: a) Highway - \$669.45 b) Water & Sewer - \$353.52 and c). Police - \$532.95. The estimated annual energy savings total \$1,542.93 which puts the return on investment at 1 year. Councilman Cappella believes that this will be a substantial savings to the Town and recommends approving the upgrades as presented.

Councilman Cappella made the motion to authorize the Superintendent of Highways to proceed with the program to upgrade lighting fixtures to the newer and more energy efficient types. Councilman Canterino seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilman Newbold inquired as to who will do the electrical work. Response: Orange & Rockland will handle replacing the fixtures.

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

Additionally, Councilman Cappella will check with Orange & Rockland to see if a similar program can be implemented at the Senior Center. The Center has many fixtures and some of the ballasts will no longer be available for replacement. The Town Hall had this done about two years ago.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE AMENDED RESOLUTION FOR UNPAID WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

Supervisor Bloomfield pointed out that at the November 10, 2011 meeting, a Resolution was passed to relevy unpaid water and sewer charges. The Total of unpaid water and sewer bills was \$280,132.93. Afterward, a \$4.00 error was discovered. Accordingly, an amended resolution is presented to read as follows:

TOWN OF GOSHEN RESOLUTION

AMENDMENT OF RELEVY OF UNPAID WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following amendment to the 11/10/11 resolution for charges for water and/or sewer service remaining unpaid as of the date of this resolution be relevied upon the 2012 real property tax rolls:

Levy of Unpaid Utilities

NAME		AMOUNT
Hambletonian Park	District 1 Water	\$18,634.37
	District 1 Sewer	\$46,666.86
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$65,301.23
Arcadia Hills	District 2 Water	\$61,773.34
	District 2 Sewer	\$131,179.85
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$192,953.19
Stone Hedge	District 3 Water	\$4,649.07
Scotchtown	District 4 Water	\$6,137.05
TOTAL LEVY OF UNPAID UTILITIES FOR 2011		\$269,040.54

Levy of Meter Installation

Hambletonian Park	District 1 Water	\$4,334.55
Arcadia Hills	District 2 Water	\$6,753.84
TOTAL LEVY OF METER INSTALLATION 2011		\$11,088.39
Total Levy of Meter Installation 2011		\$280,128.93

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>AYE</u>		

On a motion by Supervisor Bloomfield, seconded by Councilman Newbold, the resolution was adopted on a vote of 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

The Supervisor declared this resolution adopted.

Dated 12/8/11

5. DISCUSS REQUEST BY DEVELOPER DAVID MAKAN TO REDUCE THE MEADOWS OF GOSHEN SUBDIVISION PERFORMANCE BOND ON WORK COMPLETED (See Sean Hoffman, P. E., 11/30/11 letter to Building Department)

The Meadows of Goshen developer, David Makan has put in a request to reduce his Performance Bond for his subdivision. This is to reduce an outstanding \$961,200.00 Performance Bond to \$328,818.00. This is based on the developer's estimation of the value of the remaining work using the original unit price and quantity estimates. A recommendation from Sean Hoffman PE of Riddick Associates, P.C. is to reduce the Performance Bond and the Town retains \$558,400 to ensure completion of the remaining work. This excludes the \$10,000 security posted by the developer to be held by the Town in an interest bearing account to mitigate any effects to offsite adjoining homeowner water supply wells.

Councilman Newbold made the motion to reduce the Performance Bond according to the recommendation by Sean Hoffman, P.E. Councilman Lyons seconded the motion.

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

6. INFORMATION: THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HAS APPROVED THE TIME WARNER NY CABLE LLC, FRANCHISE RENEWAL REQUEST

Councilman Lyons has been working on the renewal for the Time Warner Cable franchise contract for about two years. On November 30, 2011 the NYS Public Service Commission approved the application of "Time Warner NY Cable LLC for renewal of its cable television franchise to provide cable television service in the Town of Goshen (Orange County) is approved, subject to the conditions set forth in this Order. [Available in the Clerk's Office] The Term of the renewal is ten years, beginning on the date that this order is issued and effective."

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

This has been tabled for the next meeting.

Supervisor Bloomfield called for comments from the public.

Councilman Lyons informed the Board that at the next meeting a resolution will be presented to approve payment (for the Town) to our insurance carrier, Marshall & Sterling for coverage in 2012. There will be a slight increase from the coverage in 2011 because of two things: one that some of the properties were sufficiently low, because they haven't been re-valued in years and second, there was a rate increase for bonds.

Joel Markowitz inquired if we knew the percentage of households in the Town with unpaid water and sewer bills. Response: we would have to work that up. The contents of the document voted upon this evening are required by law. He also wanted an update on the status of the Village/Town sewer arbitration and the IMA. Response: This will be discussed in tonight's executive session and there should be an answer to your question at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Bloomfield made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

- 1) Discuss Potential Settlement Proposal Of Village/Town Sewer Dispute And New IMA
- 2) Discuss Notice Of Claim In Matter Of Sheila Faith, Steven faith, ET AL, Versus Town Of Goshen, County Of Orange And NYS DEC
- 3) CSEA Negotiation Status

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

Time: 8:10PM

Priscilla Gersbeck, Deputy Town Clerk