

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in 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
Philip Canterino	Councilman		

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki, Town Attorney

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Bloomfield opened the meeting asking Reynell Andrews to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Newbold made a Motion to go into Executive Session, with intent to return, to discuss personnel. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons. Motion carried unanimously. Time 7:35 p.m.

Supervisor Bloomfield reopened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

2. Amendment to the Agenda: None
3. Privilege of the Floor (agenda items only): No response.
4. Old Business:

A. Public Review: Status of Scotchtown Water District

Supervisor Bloomfield announced to the public the purchase of the Scotchtown Water District. He explained the Board has been working on this since last February when we were asked to assume responsibility for it. He said back taxes were owed by the former owner of the district and the Town Board did not feel we should have to pay this. The matter was settled through negotiations, the former owner paid the back taxes and the Town assumed ownership. Supervisor Bloomfield said the first step will be to work with the engineer to order and install water meters and operation will then continue in the same manner as the other three water districts. He also reported he had received a letter from the Orange County Department of Health stating we do not have to sample the water quite as often for certain ingredients as the water quality is good where it is and water does not have to be boiled any more.

Supervisor Bloomfield thanked Joseph Klopchin, water operator and our own three water operators for the wonderful job they have done flushing, etc. to bring this water quality up to standard.

Supervisor Bloomfield asked Councilman Newbold to report on the progress of the water pipe installation being done in Hambletonian Park. Councilman Newbold stated he has been inspecting the work daily and the contractor feels fifty per cent of the work has been done. He said the main problem is the amount of rock being found and surely there will be a cost over run. However, everything else seems to be moving along nicely and if the good weather holds the contractor should be finished soon.

5. New Business:

A. Authorize Chief Marsh to Hire Luke W. Markiewicz as Full-Time Policeman

Councilman Lyons made a Motion to authorize Chief Marsh to hire Luke W. Markiewicz, Of 10 Meadowbrook Lane, Goshen, New York, as a full-time Police Officer to replace Officer John Smith, at a salary of \$41,795.00, starting on or about February 1, 2007.

B. Authorize Assessor to hire Derek MacRobbie as part-time clerk/field person. Supervisor Bloomfield reported there is a temporary vacancy in the Assessor's office due to an employee out on disability. Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to authorize the Assessor to hire Derek MacRobbie as a part-time clerk/field person at \$12.28 with no benefits. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Councilman Newbold asked how long the position would be filled and Supervisor Bloomfield replied "as long as the disabled employee is out. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Bloomfield complimented JoAnn Soules, Town Assessor, on the outstanding job she is doing and her concern for the taxpayers.

C. Appointments:

1. Lee Burgus to the Planning Board (1/1/07 to 12/31/2011)

Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to re-appoint Lee Burgus to the Planning Board, term beginning 1/1/07 to 12/31/11);

- 2, Trino Cantor to the Zoning Board of Appeal (1/1/07 to 12/31/11);
3. Norman Stein, MD, Carol Ladkos and John Swift to the Environmental Review Board (1/1/07 to 12/31/09)
4. Manuel Pardo to the Board of Assessment Review (10/1/06 to 9/30/2011)
5. Mark Johnson to the Board of Ethics (1/01/07 to 12/31/10)

6. Maria Canterino as Commissioner of the Joint Recreation Commission (09/30/08) Filling a vacancy, normally a three Year term.

Supervisor Bloomfield's Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Authorize Assessor to Put Surplus Equipment Out to Bid.

Supervisor Bloomfield reported the assessor has asked to sell, recycle or dispose of some outdated, some perhaps non working equipment in her office. She would like to free up the space this equipment is using. Supervisor Bloomfield read the list of equipment. Councilman Newbold made a Motion stating there is a finding by this Town Board, based upon input from the Assessor, that she has equipment of minimal value, useless to the Town, surplus property taking up valuable space in her office. Therefore, the Town Board authorizes the Assessor to put this equipment out to bid to the public sector. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Finance:

Councilman Canterino made a Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Voucher #2006-3041 to Voucher #2006-3274 amounting to \$463,557.75. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Privilege of the Floor:

Nick Petraglia asked about the salary for the Police Officer, feeling it seemed a little low. Councilman Canterino stated the salary is well within the range of wages in this area and includes benefits.

Leslie Cosgrove asked about the Hambletonian water main repairs and how much are we into the \$600,000.00 original bid? The Board reported there will be extra costs due to the large amount of rock the contractor is finding. The Board is waiting for an estimate from Al Fusco, the consulting engineer.

Keith Roddey asked what part the Village people would be paying with the proposed town tax increase. Supervisor Bloomfield explained the process that is used and what funds the Village people are called upon to pay. He

explained part of the cost is to pay for the maintenance of the roads. This includes all machinery, snowplowing and other highway related expenses. These he said are paid for by the Town and Village and is called fund BA. He said there is fund A, which is the cost of running the Town Hall, the Town Board and all the offices within the Town Hall. The Village pays a portion of this fund also. He also went on to explain all of the various expenses that have gone up in this last year and funds that now have to be paid, such as the payments for Salesian and PDR. Councilman Canterino reported the increase is .63 cents per thousand.

Combining services was discussed as the Village taxpayer is paying for both highway departments and could be asked to pay for the Town Police Department too.

The lights that have been installed on the Salesian property were discussed. Councilman Canterino said he spoke with the Mayor and asked for a key to the electric box that controls the lights, as taxpayers have been complaining about the cost of the lights and some are complaining about them shining into their bedrooms, etc. The Village Police Chief would like them left on as a safety factor, however they are very expensive. The Chief felt the safety factor offsets the cost. A motion detector and timers were discussed. The fence was also discussed. The Mayor told Councilman Canterino he would take both problems back to the Village Board.

The Board will look into ways to control the cost.

Supervisor Bloomfield reported the Orange County Department of Public Works sent a letter stating the Department is requiring the County of Orange to commence sampling immediately (no later than January 22, 2007) of already monitored private well supplies on or adjacent to Police Drive in association with DEC Spill No. 0650563 in regard to the MTBEs. Supervisor Bloomfield explained the Town has been monitoring these wells, now the Department of Public Works is telling the County to monitor these wells. The letter also stated an alternative water supply to impacted private water well supplies is also required to be instituted by the County of Orange.

A gentleman asked about the status of the problem on Jessup Switch Road and the attorney said they are compiling a report. The problem stems from an owner littering his property. Attorney Caplicki referred the gentleman to the Building Inspector.

Supervisor Bloomfield reported he wrote a letter to the Mayor and Trustee Susan Fast in reference to the potential sewer charge to the Town residents in regards to the Village's new sewer plant. He reported the Town has been receiving a large number of requests for information from the residents of Arcadia Hills and Hambletonian Park. The letter requested the Village share

with the Town Board their plans for this issue. The letter also requested a public hearing be made available by the Village to these residents so that they can receive, first hand, what the particulars are in regard to the new sewer plant and the rates. The letter is dated January 5, 2007.

With no further comment from the public, Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella and carried unanimously.

9. Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.

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Valma Eisma, Town Clerk