

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
January 8, 2007**

The Work Session Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 8th day of January 2006 at 7:15 p.m., following the Reorganization Meeting, at Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:

Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor	George Lyons	Councilman
Philip Canterino	Councilman	Kenneth Newbold	Councilman
Louis Cappella	Councilman		

Also Present:

Prior to opening the Work Session Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to go into executive session to discuss possible pending litigation with intent to return.

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Supervisor Bloomfield opened the work session at 7:30 p.m.

Items Discussed:

1. Review of Water Testing Protocols: Supervisor Bloomfield asked the Building Inspector, Neal Halloran and Susan Cleaver, Planning Board Member to come forward and join the Board. Inspector Halloran explained Susan Cleaver became concerned about the water testing protocols while dealing with a developer who was before the Planning Board. Her question was in reference to the use of weather stations to verify precipitation for the thirty days prior to the start of the well pumping. She presented the Board with a summary of "what I believe are the issues and the documentation I have gathered to support my statements."

She pointed out there is no allowance in the town protocols to allow for the use of any weather station other than Middletown and she said she believed she could show why that decision was made in the Town protocols.

Ms. Cleaver stated Mr. Sammon of the firm Schorr-Depalma agreed to let Heritage Estates well testing be allowed to use the data from the Flannery School automated weather service. She explained the Flannery School data is not complete for the water protocol purposes because it has no ability to record non rain precipitation and therefore should never have been suggested for use.

Ms. Cleaver explained the differences between the Flannery School, Northeast Regional Climate Center, National Climatic Data Center and why the Middletown Weather Station was chosen. At this time the Middletown Weather Station is the one named in our law. (for a full copy of the report, see file)

Mrs. Shapiro, a representative of Heritage Estates, explained the time element was a problem with Middletown. She said everything is in place, but the protocols make it impossible to continue, as it takes too long to obtain the results of the tests. However, Ms. Cleaver reported the results could be obtained in a short amount of time if the applicant foiled for the results. After a lengthy discussion it was determined the Middletown Weather Station will be the one used.

John McDermott stated the Board should make this very clear to the public that the Board is accepting this, as the Town's own hydrologist wrote a letter giving an applicant the choice of switching weather stations.

Ms. Cleaver also informed the Board the Orange County Water Authority report is showing two streams in Goshen are impacted, one being Black Meadow Creek and the other a section of the Wallkill River. She said she will be meeting with the Orange County Water Authority on Wednesday, in hopes of trying to get these on the 303D list or on the priority list. She said if they can be put on this list it will be easier to obtain funding. Some of the Board will plan to attend the meeting also.

Building Inspector Halloran suggested the Board consider issuing permits to drill wells so that the Town would be able to control where and how the wells were being drilled. The Board will look into this to see if it would require a local law and what the impact would be on the water protocols.

Supervisor Bloomfield complimented the Planning Board on the good job they are doing.

2. Status of Scotchtown Water District: Supervisor Bloomfield reported the owner of the district owed back taxes and the Town had refused to pay these taxes as the Board felt this was the owner's responsibility. He said the former owner paid the delinquent taxes and the Town closed on the property earlier in the day. The Supervisor said after all the paper work is finished, he will announce it to the public at Thursday's meeting.
3. Status of Salesian Lights: Councilman Newbold reported he approached the Village Police Chief about the complaints he has heard from the public. The Police Chief felt the lights should be left on as a safety factor. He said he spoke to the Mayor about obtaining a key to the electric box so perhaps the lights could be adjusted. The Mayor said he would get back to Councilman Newbold, but he has not done so at this time. Councilman Newbold said the members of the Village Board he has talked with are in agreement with the Police Chief and they

want the lights left on. He felt perhaps a softer light bulb would help, as these are very bright. He said some compromise has to be made between the Village and the Town in reference to how these lights are used. The Board agreed there is no need for all of the lights on all night and felt there would only have to be three or four in strategic places. Supervisor Bloomfield asked Councilman Canterino to ask Mayor Wohl for the key and the Village Board's wishes when he attends the Joint Recreation Commission meeting.

4. Status of Salesian Fence Modification: Councilman Newbold reported the cost of capping the top of the fence would cost \$23,000.00. As the fence was restored it still has the points on the top it always had. Unfortunately a deer was impaled on it. Various methods of correction were discussed. The Board will agree on a number of methods and consult the Village as to their opinion. Councilman Canterino will consult Mayor Wohl.
5. Status of DPW Truck Replacement: Highway Superintendent Andryshak reported truck that is rotting away. Supervisor Bloomfield went to inspect it and instructed the Superintendent to take it off the road. Supervisor Bloomfield said the Board has been searching for financial help from the legislators to purchase a new one, but the money does not seem to be available at this time. Councilman Cappella will look into the cost of repairs, if repairing the truck is possible.
6. Reappointment of Manuel Pardo to the Board of Assessment Review: Will be placed on Thursday's agenda. Councilman Bloomfield said the following appointments will be made on Thursday:

Lee Burgus to the Planning Board
Trino Cantor to the Zoning Board of Appeals
Norman Stein, MD, Carol Laskos and John Swift to the Environmental Review Board
Mark Johnson to the Board of Ethics
Maria Canterino as Commissioner of the Joint Recreation Commission

7. Excessive Equipment Assessor's Office: Supervisor Bloomfield reported the Assessor has been house cleaning and has presented a list of various pieces of equipment such as monitors, etc. that are out dated or not functioning. She would like to be allowed to put it out for bid as surplus equipment or dispose of them. The Board will address this on Thursday.

Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Conservation Easement and possible pending litigation, with no intent to return. Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 8:30 P.M.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk