

TOWN BOARD WORKSESSION
JUNE 19, 2006

Present:

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

Also Present:

Village of Goshen Officials:

Scott Wohl	Mayor	John Higgins	Trustee
Susan L. Fast	Trustee	Lynn Cione	Trustee

Joyce Gooss, Village Clerk; John Cappella, Town Attorney

Supervisor Bloomfield called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed the Mayor Wohl and the Village Trustees. He thanked the Village Officials for joining the Board to discuss the various inter-municipal projects the Town and Village are dealing with. He asked to deal with one item on the agenda as Carol Vanderslice had come from Connecticut to speak to the Board.

Carol Vanderslice, Representative of General Code: Ms. Vanderslice approached the Board to explain the project completion of our Town codes. Due to the time spent drawing up the Comprehensive Plan many of our new laws have not been entered into our code books. Since a traffic study is being done and other changes may be made in our Comprehensive Plan, General Code is offering to at least include the current local laws of the Town (the last supplement to our code was published in August of 2003). The Board agreed it should be done and accepted Ms. Vanderslice's proposal and a resolution will be prepared for Thursday's meeting.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. JOINT VILLAGE & TOWN MEETING:

The Village and Town Boards discussed the Inter-municipal agreement regarding the policy and procedures for extension of municipal sewer service from the Village of Goshen to the Town of Goshen. Since the Village is actively engaged in designing a new waste water treatment facility and both the Village and the Town favor the utilization of existing, municipally owned and maintained waste water treatment facilities, the Town and Village are trying to work out an agreement advantageous to both parties.

The two Boards discussed the agreement at length. Items of concern were clustering and what effect servicing them could have on the system and which clusters would or could be serviced. It was determined the smaller contiguous ones would be no problem and the larger, not contiguous to the Village system would have to do their own package plan. The question was asked, if the Village will be responsible for the sewer system, would the Town's independent engineering consultants have to review all reports, studies and plans related to the provision of sewer service to the proposed project from the Village's treatment plant. This is how the first bullet on page four of the proposed municipal agreement reads. (proposed agreement on file in the Town Clerk's Office). Attorney Cappello said it is if the Village is going to be responsible. He said if it is a Town District then the Board should have their engineer look at it from a Town District point of view.

Mayor Wohl stated this relates to page five. He said this agreement was supposed to be simple in that we were not going to go around usurping your Master Plan. However, now we start talking about management of districts, future districts, etc. He said there really has to be a whole lot more logistical questions about that. He referred to # six that refers to billing and states "as it relates to usage, operation and maintenance charges shall be in the same amount and billed in the same manner as those charges to Village of Goshen users". Mayor Wohl said the Village bills their consumers based on their water consumption and we don't know what your users' water consumption is. Various ways of addressing the problem were discussed.

Capacity was discussed and Mayor Wohl said at this time a conservative estimate, total build out of the Village, we have a half million capacity under our speedy permit, 900,000 gallons under the plant to be constructed. Mayor Wohl said the Village is running out of time and it needs to make a decision. If an agreement cannot be made with the Town, the Village will have to start working with the developers. Supervisor Bloomfield said his problem is the Town's water. Since the Town does not have water, it would end up with more sewer capacity than it has water.

Mayor Wohl asked about # nine in the agreement which states "each individual request to access the Village sewer district, the Town Board and Village Board of Trustees shall receive and review an analysis of the capacity available for commercial users in the Town requesting service." The Mayor said he and the Board had a hard time with this one. He said, with all the Village Board has been through, that before they could annex someone they would have to ask the Town if they have enough capacity. Councilman Cappella said this paragraph was inserted so that there would always be capacity reserved for commercial as the ratables are needed. Councilman Canterino voiced the same concern, saying the Town does not want all the capacity used for residential homes and clusters, etc. not leaving any reserved for commercial and industrial.

Trustee Lynn Cione said she could not speak for the rest of the Board, however, "this is our sewer plant and we are responsible to Village residents for this and we do not want to be put in the position of saying we are turning over control to another municipality". She said the intent of this paragraph should be made crystal clear for future Boards.

Supervisor Bloomfield summarized the meeting saying the three items that seem to be issues are:

#3: on page three needs rewording.

First Bullet on page 4: the question of who is going to pay the engineer.

#9: Will clustering come in here and how to maintain some commercial capacity.

Two different documents be drawn up, one how the Village is happy with the Town's zoning and that the Village will provide service for the Town. The second one to how to take over management as they are two entirely different items.

Billing. Trustee Fast asked exactly how the Village will bill the Town. Various methods were discussed.

The Boards will each talk within their own Boards and the attorneys will work on drawing up another agreement.

Supervisor Bloomfield said everyone had received the assessment to refurbish the Salesian Building, nearly eight million dollars. He addressed the Mayor and the Village Board telling them how the Town Board met, at a special meeting, to do some possibility thinking. This is a session of just throwing out any possible solution and jotting them down. He stated neither the Town or the Village have four million dollars to spend. He spoke of some ideas that came out that night. However, the Village would prefer to have their own meeting, doing the same, not to be influenced by some one else.

Supervisor Bloomfield said the Town and Village have to get together on the opening of the Park and what it will be called. He felt since the Joint Recreation Commission will be taking over the park, perhaps they could take the lead on the opening.

Supervisor Bloomfield said the last item the two Boards have to get to is to choose a name for the Park. Mayor Wohl said his Board felt some type of contest would be a fun idea and get the public involved. Both Boards are hoping for a September opening.

Supervisor Bloomfield asked the Village Board what their thinking was on the school building. Mayor Wohl replied it would have to come down, as it cannot accommodate all the things on the wish list. He said perhaps something could be built on it's original footprint for a lot less. Demolition was discussed, the possibility and the cost.

Councilman Cappella asked if the Village Board would be in favor of selling the building to someone who might come in and buy the building and do something that would blend in with the park. Mayor Wohl said "I don't know that we would want to sell it".

Councilman Cappella said I am not against the park, I am for the park, but many people who have approached him feel it is a money pit. He said it is time to think "outside the box". He said there is frontage on Craigville Road that could possibly be sold off so

there would be a win/win situation. We would have the park and some money to help the taxpayer buy down the debt. He said he would like to explore all options.

Supervisor Bloomfield discussed the add ons that have come from the company doing Phase One. He said he will speak with them, as he feels our DPWs can do the work much cheaper and perhaps Joint Recreation can help too. Both Boards agreed to cut down or out the add ons.

The Village Board will have it's own possibility thinking meeting and arrangements were made to meet at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on a Tuesday night. Date to be agreed upon later.

Other Items Discussed:

1. Set Public Hearing for Hambletonian Park Sewer Study for July 13th at 7:30 p.m. It will be an informational meeting, but no action will take place at Thursday's meeting.
2. Contract Review – JPK Environmental, Inc. – Resolution to accept contract will be placed on Thursday's agenda.
3. General Code: Resolution to accept the proposal given by Carol Vanderslice and General Code earlier in the meeting.
4. Humane Society: July meeting: The Humane Society is asking if they could use the court room for a meeting in July. Since we do support them the Board felt it could be allowed. Permission will be granted on Thursday and the Clerk will make arrangement for the actual date.

Councilman Newbold asked about the request from the Humane Society to have a fundraiser out at the shelter using part of the Highway property. He expressed concern for the liability there with the uneven ground, the highway equipment, sand and salt piles. The Board agreed special measures will be needed for safety and insurance must be provided and a letter stating details must be sent to the Board before permission will be granted. Supervisor Bloomfield will contact Mr. Bosley about the liability and suggest perhaps they should think of Craigville Park instead.

5. Korycki Impound Yard Modification: Set public hearing on Thursday for 8:00 p.m. on July 13th meeting.
6. Traffic Study Review with Public for 6/22/2006: Supervisor Bloomfield reminded the Board David DeBaie, PE, PTOE. Would be coming in on Thursday to speak to the public to explain how he is conducting the traffic study.

7. Water Quality Review – Police/Highway/Humane Society: The quality of the water servicing the three is very poor. There are two wells, one for the Police and Highway and one for the Humane Society. Supervisor Bloomfield reported Joe Klopchin had everything checked on Monday, June 12th and it takes ten days to receive the results. The Supervisor will report to the Board when the results arrive.
8. Moriarty – Conservation Easement: The Board discussed the fence Mr. Moriarty erected on the Town’s conservation easement on Arcadia Road. Supervisor Bloomfield asked if everyone had seen the plan Mr. Moriarty presented showing the fence on the easement. The Board agreed he has broken the law by putting up the fence. The Board agreed the fence should come down. Attorney Cappello will write him a letter telling him to remove the fence and replace the trees he took down.
9. Survey Proposal Orzeck: Councilman Cappella reported he met with Al Fusco and the highway foreman and he also spoke to the Highway Superintendent about how to proceed with the road improvement. He said they cannot proceed with the repair of the road without a survey of it. The survey must be done quickly to meet the needs of the grant. The cost will be \$8,200.00. Councilman Cappella reported the total grant is for \$400,000.00 with the Town contributing \$80,000.00. A resolution will be prepared for Thursday’s meeting to authorize the survey.
10. Building & Zoning Requests: Building Inspector Halloran submitted three memos for the Board’s consideration.
 1. Fire loss, Ruby Lane: a single family home was totally destroyed by a fire last November. The Building Inspector asked if the Board would like to waive the cost of the building permit as it did once before. After discussing it the Board decided it would like to do so and will approve it at Thursday’s meeting.
 2. Office Staffing: As the Building & Zoning secretary’s daughter is undergoing medical treatment that is requiring a lot of attention and time, she is working as much as possible, but frequently must take time off. The Building Inspector is asking to hire someone to assist the department during this period of time. The Board will discuss this and get back to the Building Inspector to see what can be worked out.
 3. Training: The Building Inspector is asking for permission to attend the Association of Towns Planning and Zoning Summer School on July 13th. The classes are significant as they are dealing with issues such as future enforcement of conservation easements, restrictive covenants, homeowners associations and conditional approvals, all of which are issues in front of us at this time. The Board will approve his going and a resolution will be placed on Thursday’s agenda.

11. Highway Equipment Purchase: Councilman Cappella presented the Board with a request from the Highway Superintendent to purchase equipment.

1. Steam Cleaner - \$4,410.00
2. Paver - \$23,500.00 – could be purchased from the Road Program funding so that Highway could do much of the work themselves
3. State Bid Loader: \$105,000.
4. A Vehicle for the Mechanic

The Board discussed the purchases at length and decided authorization would be given for the paver, as doing one job with it could save enough to pay for it. The Board will also give authorization for the steam cleaner if money can be found in the Highway budget. Councilman Canterino said there should be no more bonding to purchase equipment. Supervisor Bloomfield said the Water/Sewer Department owes Highway \$7,500.00 that could be used to purchase the steam cleaner. Councilman Cappella also said last year's Spring Cleanup cost the Town \$35,000.00, this year we saved \$16,000.00 thanks to the Highway Superintendent's letter that was sent out to home owners telling them there would be no pickup for certain items and the public could dispose of them with the County at no charge to the taxpayer. These items were computers, monitors, etc. He felt perhaps some of this money could be used.

State Bid Loader: The Board felt this cannot be done at this time.

A Vehicle for the Mechanic: The mechanic needs a truck to carry his tools so he can go out and make repairs. The Superintendent Andryshak is asking if he can possibly take over one of the old police cars that are being put out to bid as surplus and use it and let the mechanic use his truck. The Board discussed the idea and had no objections, but suggested perhaps the 4 wheel drive the Police have could be used by the Superintendent. Councilman Cappella will look into it with the Superintendent.

Paver & Steam Cleaner will be put on agenda for Thursday.

Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible pending litigation and personnel with no intent to return. Councilman Cappella seconded the Motion. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Time: 10:40 p.m

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk

