

TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
JULY 23, 2007

Present:

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

Absent: George Lyons, Councilman

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki, Town Attorney

Supervisor Bloomfield opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and asked if the three members here tonight will be attending Thursday's meeting as he will not be able to attend and Councilman Lyons will not be available. All three Councilmen agreed they will be able to attend, therefore, there will be a quorum.

1. Recommendation by the Association of Towns for Resolution Regarding Local Government Control of the Siting of Utility – Scale Wind Turbines.

Supervisor Bloomfield explained the New York State Legislature is currently negotiating a renewal of Article X of the Public Service Law which will put in place a new State Permit for the siting of power plants. He said Towns have had the authority to site power plants off an on over the years. With the expiration of the State power siting legislation on December 31, 2002 towns have spent considerable time and expense developing and implementing local laws to site large-scale wind turbine power generation facilities (wind-farms). The legislation currently under consideration by the Legislature will preempt local authority over the siting of wind-farms in favor of the "streamlined" state siting policy.

The Association of Towns is asking that our Board pass a Resolution opposing the State preempting local authority over the siting of the wind-farms. The Board agreed they did not want this to happen and the Town Attorney will draw up the Resolution for Thursday's meeting.

2. Persoon Subdivision Storm Water Management and Conservation Easement Review:

Attorney Caplicki said he had the Persoon Subdivision and also the next item on the agenda, the Dickerson conservation Easement Status. He explained the present code allows all of these applicants to come to the Town Board and request the Town Board create these districts. He said this is not just water/sewer districts, but for everything else such as storm water districts, Conservation Easements, Open Space, scenic, etc. He said what the Board has to determine is how you want to handle that. He said the current code allows the applicant to ask the Board to take these over. This could ultimately lead to enormous expense. Each district would need administration, enforcement and inspection

of these districts. The Board discussed the problem at length and the fact that these districts should really have homeowners associations. The Board inquired as to their ability to force the developers to create a homeowners association. Attorney Caplicki stated it is possible. Attorney Caplicki said he and Attorney Golden are trying to work this out with the Planning Board to encourage the homeowners associations.

Attorney Caplicki will present the Board with a response to the special districts at Thursday's meeting, giving the Board what alternatives are available to them, if any. He will address the Persoon Storm Water Management and Conservation Easement as well as the Dickerson Conservation Easement.

3. Purchase of Asphalt Distributor: Supervisor Bloomfield informed the Board that Highway is asking to purchase an Asphalt Distributor. The Board discussed the expense and the different sizes. Supervisor Bloomfield said this is not a must as in a couple of weeks Highway will be finished with the asphalt for this year. Supervisor Bloomfield suggested it would be a good item to consider when doing next year's budget.

4. Citizen Request for Shifting Police Presence to Subdivisions: Supervisor Bloomfield said he has been asked to approach the Board about shifting more police presence to the subdivisions. There was an accident on Craigville Road involving a young thirteen year old who was struck while riding his bike. Also Arcadia Hills development is asking for Children at Play signs. The signs were discussed and the Board was not sure of what signs the Town could post. Attorney Caplicki said the Town can do signage and suggested talking to the Insurance Company and the Highway Superintendent. Attorney Caplicki will look into it further. The Board will ask chief Marsh about patrolling the sub divisions more often. Speeding in all of the subdivisions was discussed, and the fact that often the speeders are members of the development. The Board also discussed the fact that in many areas the children are playing in the road, rather than in their own yards.

5. Final Planning for Workplace Violence Prevention and Right to Know Training: Supervisor Bloomfield said he would like to have the Right to Know training extended to three sessions instead of the two sessions that are now scheduled. He would also like to have the Workplace Violence Prevention given at the same time along with the Right to Know. The Town Clerk felt the two sessions might be enough and the New York State consultant, Jim Cutrone, has assured us he will come another time. Supervisor Bloomfield would like the Clerk and Councilman Lyons to try to coordinate the two trainings so they can be done at the same time. When Councilman Lyons returns the Clerk and the Councilman will try to coordinate the two.

6. Goshen Residential Services Plans for Communicating With Citizens: Supervisor Bloomfield reported the Director of the Goshen Residential Services would like to meet with the Town Board to discuss communicating with the residents who live near by should one of their inmates escape. The facility houses young male offenders. The Director will be placed on the agenda for Thursday.

9. Approval of the Following Meeting Minutes:

Regular Meeting of June 28, 2007 and Work Session of July 9, 2007. Councilman Canterino made the Motion to approve the Regular Meeting of June 28th and the Work Session of July 9th. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Cappella. Motion carried 4 to 0.

10. Goshen Trail: Supervisor Bloomfield explained that Highway is paving in the Reservoir Road area and there is a question about the Goshen Trail being a dedicated road. He explained the homes in the area at one time, were all small vacation homes and the area was known as Goshen Hills. The whole area was laid out originally with a series of paper roads, and many of the roads never came to be. Through the years, as the area began to change many of the roads were dedicated to the Town and our Highway Department assumed responsibility. The question here is whether all of Goshen Trail was dedicated to the Town. After a lengthy discussion the Board decided to pave any road they have been maintaining in the past until the actual status of the roads can be established.

Councilman Cappella made a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss SRO/BOCES. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. Motion carried unanimously.

Time: 9:30 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk