

TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION
JANUARY 22, 2007

The Work Session Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 22nd 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	Philip Canterino	Councilman
George Lyons	Councilman	Louis Cappella	Councilman

Absent: Kenneth Newbold, Councilman

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki, Town Attorney

Supervisor Bloomfield called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Items Discussed:

1. Healy Easement for Driveway: One of Paul Healey's exits from his property is onto Stone Hedge Drive. The small spur is in disrepair and used only by Healey as a driveway and the Town to access the water easement. Mr. Healey would like to purchase the property to improve it for his driveway, the Town retaining an easement. The Board discussed this at length and instructed the attorney to prepare an agreement stating the Town does not choose to sell the property, but has no objection to Mr. Healey improving the road at his expense and the fact that he cannot build anything on the Town property that would impede access by the Town trucks and the Town will take no responsibility for any damage to the road caused by said trucks. Attorney Caplicki will prepare agreement for Thursday's meeting.
2. Hiring of Prosecutor for Justices' Office: Due to the fact the State Police cannot act as prosecutors in traffic cases any more there is a need to hire a prosecutor to represent the Town. The Justice Department contacted four possible candidates. Their recommendation is for Joseph Owen, Esq. Supervisor Bloomfield made a Motion to hire Joseph Owen, Esq. as Justice Court Prosecutor for the Town of Goshen, at the rate of \$125.00 per hour as of 01/22/2007. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried 4 to 0.
3. Full-Time Clerk for Justices' Office: The Justices are asking for an additional, full-time Court Clerk to assist in the handling of the increased volume of vehicle

and traffic cases, as well as criminal matters. Supervisor Bloomfield stated he has seen the current Court Clerk working well after 10:00 p.m. and she is working many hours overtime. He was joined by Justice VanHaaster who also explained

the heavy work load the office is dealing with, due to the many changes that have taken place, such as new laws and state requirements, a new computer system, the change over of Court employees, and the increase in people and traffic. She outlined the various methods the court has been using to bring the back log up to date, but explained there is still a need for additional manpower due to the volume of paperwork. Involved in the non guilty pleas, etc.

After a lengthy discussion concerning part-time employees to full-time employees the Board suggested Justice VanHaaster and Justice Cione begin to evaluate and search for a part-time clerk or full-time clerk and pursue whichever one works out best for their department, returning to the Board with the information and final approval.

4. PDR Candidates: Supervisor Bloomfield reported the application forms for the 2007 Round of Orange County Open Space Funds are available. He said the projects proposed for funding from the 2nd round of applications in 2006 will be announced on Wednesday of this week and he felt Goshen would have another approval. The Supervisor said he reviewed the original list and there were six appraisals done. The various parcels were discussed and the price per acre the Board would give to the County, \$8,000 and \$8,500 per acre were suggested, with the Board agreeing on \$8,500. Supervisor Bloomfield will begin to talk to the farmers who will be involved in this next round and report back to the Board.
5. Hambletonian Park Water Line Review: Supervisor Bloomfield reported the original price quoted on the work to be done was \$600,000.00. However, there has been a tremendous amount of rock found and will add to the cost. The price quoted to break up the rock and haul it away is \$300.00 a ton. The job is fifty percent finished and the cost so far is \$125,000.00 already spent. The Board was promised \$300,000.00 from Legislator Susan Kelly which would help defray this new expense. However, now that she has been replaced by John Hall, the money seems to be in limbo or on hold. The Supervisor said he gathered all his information on the \$300,000.00 and approached Legislator Hall and asked him to find out how the Town can access this money.
6. Hydrologist Consultation: Supervisor Bloomfield stated there is perhaps a conflict of interest with our current hydrologist as many of his customers are before our Planning Board as applicants. Therefore, the Planning Board wants to

replace him. Supervisor Bloomfield suggested the Board use a hydrologist from Stantec in the interim and continue to search for a replacement.

7. Workplace Violence Prevention Plan & Right to Know Training: Supervisor Bloomfield asked Councilman Lyons to work with the Police Chief and develop a plan that will meet the Town's requirements. The Board agrees there are some concerns such as the criminal court and some employees working alone in the building.
8. Long Term Care Insurance – LTC Financial Partners Proposal – Supervisor Bloomfield reported an insurance company asking to do a presentation to the employees on company time. The Board decided against any presentation, but will let them leave informational material for the employees to evaluate.
9. Village Public Hearing on Water Charges to Hambletonian Park and Arcadia: Supervisor Bloomfield reported he had received a letter from Village Trustee Susan Fast in answer to his request for a Public Hearing to be held for the residents of Hambletonian Park and Arcadia Hills to explain what the water charges will be in relation to the new Village Water/Sewer facility. He said Trustee Fast stated there will be no Public Hearing held at this time, but she did agree to meet with him and the financial officer Councilman Canterino on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Supervisor Bloomfield provided the Board with a chart of sewer charges for Hambletonian Park and Arcadia Hills for 2005 and 2006 and the percentage of increases. He said the increases will equate to approximately \$200.00 a year per household for Hambletonian Park and \$195.00 per household for Arcadia Hills. Supervisor Bloomfield will continue to try to pressure the Village for more information.
10. Planning “Moritorium” ? The Board discussed the following at length:

Coding/Zoning, Water Protocols, proposed Coding /Zoning changes, proposed Water Protocol Changes.

The Board spoke of it's concerns for the water history of Goshen and the continued lack of water and the volume of plans before the Planning Board. They discussed at length the flexibility in the Town's current codes and the impacts future build out will have on the roads and the Town's infrastructure. Many suggestions were discussed and Supervisor Bloomfield suggested the Board start with the Water Protocols. Attorney Caplicki presented the Board with some suggestions and the Board will continue it's study at Thursday's meeting. The Board will possibly set a Public Hearing for the end of February to obtain

potential residential input and would like to schedule a meeting with the Planning Board and the Town Board..

11. Celery Avenue: The Board discussed the on going situation there and want to be absolutely sure that road is protected and taken care of and will do whatever is necessary to do so.

Supervisor Bloomfield moved to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lyons, Motion Carried 4 to 0.

Time: 10:20 p.m.

Valma Eisma, Town Clerk