

**TOWN BOARD WORKSESSION  
MARCH 5, 2007**

The Work Session Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 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	Louis Cappella	Councilman
George Lyons	Councilman	Philip Canterino	Councilman
Kenneth Newbold	Councilman		

Also Present: Dennis Caplicki, Town Attorney; Susan Cleaver, Planning Board Member; Neal Halloran, Building Inspector. Joseph Klopchin, Consultant Supervisor of Town of Goshen Water and Wastewater Systems.

Supervisor Bloomfield opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The following topics were discussed and/or acted upon:

- 1. Resolution of Support for Black Meadow Creek - Otterkill :** Building Inspector Halloran and Ms. Cleaver presented the Board with an application they are submitting to the DEC for the Priority Water Bodies list. Inspector Halloran explained this is an effort to stop any further degradation of these streams. He asked that the Board make a resolution of support to be attached to the application. He explained both Black Meadow Creek and the Otterkill were tested by the Orange County Water Authority both came back either moderately or severely impaired. Inspector Halloran said the Wallkill River, the Rio and Quaker Creek are all impaired. His concern for Black Meadow Creek is that Lowes is coming in at the tannery and their storm water discharge is going to come into the Black Meadow Creek. There is going to be 500 parking spaces there and he is concerned with the snow just being tossed over the bank with all kinds of contaminants in it. Also there is some talk of a sewer treatment plant that will empty into the Black Meadow.

Inspector Halloran explained they would like to do two tests at approximately \$600.00 apiece. Councilman Cappella made a Motion to allow the tests. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Newbold. In discussion Ms. Cleaver explained they were trying to get both the Black Meadow Creek and Otterkill on the Waterbody Inventory and Priority Waterbodies list (PWL) Worksheet. They explained being on this list is a gate keeper, not being on the list cuts off some funding, also it moves you up on the funding source. The water bodies on this list are subject to a higher review in terms of the discharge being put in the streams. Ms. Cleaver said it would include a higher review of Chester also. Supervisor Bloomfield modified the Motion to agree to do the base line study,

but request the dollars to do this from the County, in the event the money does not come from the County, the Town will assume the responsibility. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Councilman Newbold made a Motion to submit to the Priority Water Bodies Black Meadow Creek & Otterkill. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Dickerson Conservation Easement:** Douglas Jones approached the Board representing the Estate of Dickerson. He presented the Board members with a map of the proposed easement. Attorney Caplicki explained at one time there was a time element involved as the parties wanted to do a minor sub division, sell off the home with some acreage and develop the balance. He said now the impending sale of the home is not in place anymore, so there is no rush to act at this time. The estate is asking to subdivide a 9.29 acre parcel from the property giving 6.56 acres of the 9.29 as a conservation easement. The estate would like this easement to count for open space on the larger parcel on the property which is scheduled to be developed.

The Board discussed the easement at length. Councilman Cappella felt this was not what was presented to the Board at an earlier time. He said when it was first presented it seemed like a good idea as it was only a 9.29 acre subdivision and a 6.56 acre easement, which was great for the Board. He said that is why he said alright when he first saw it. However, now knowing of the other development of the large acreage, this is a different story. The Board expressed concern that the estate would be able to max out the larger parcel. Councilman Canterino stated if the large parcel came before the Planning Board to develop, it would have to give fifty percent of the property as a conservation easement. If this plan is accepted we obtain only 6.56 acres. Building Inspector Halloran joined the Board again in an attempt to clarify the application. Attorney Caplicki stated the current zoning laws allow the applicant to ask for this. Many scenarios were discussed by the Board. It was decided the Board would authorize Attorney Caplicki to review the application and report back to the Board.

3. **Joe Klopchin – Manpower Proposal for Water & Sewer Department:** Mr. Klopchin reported at this time there are three employees working in the water district. Two full timers, Mark Warren and Kevin Shanley and Steven Ubanks, a part timer. He said Steven is near to exceeding his part time hours and the Water & Sewer Department will lose him. If he is not put in a full time position he will probably leave in search of a full time position. Mr. Klopchin stated he is very talented and conscientious worker and he would not want to lose him. He said there is a position open at this time and is budgeted. If this is done there will be three full time and no part timers. Mr. Klopchin said there is money

in the budget for a part time worker if the Board decides to do so. This will be placed on Thursday's agenda.

A request from a property owner near Scotchtown water/sewer district made a request to tap into the Scotchtown Water District's water was discussed and refused by the Board.

Supervisor Bloomfield called attention to #9 on the agenda , Wardell & Tasha Void. He explained to Mr. Klopchin and the Board that Mr. and Mrs. Void reside in Arcadia Hills and are in the #two Water/Sewer District. They have a history of fairly constant readings for their water/sewer account. Two quarters of excess usage were recorded in February and May of 2006. The readings going from a consumption of 29915 to 43153 to 82653. When this occurred the Water/Sewer Department went to the home to investigate and found some minor leaks. The Voids hired a plumber to correct them, again they received a large bill. The Water/Sewer Department replaced the water meter and the problem seems to have gone away. The Voids have paid the amounts owed on the large consumption numbers, creating a financial hardship for them. The Voids are seeking some type of financial relief.

The Board asked Mr. Klopchin's advise and discussed the various ways help could be given to the Voids and remain accountable to all residents in the district. The Board agreed they would like to have the meter that was removed examined as Mr. Klopchin said usually when a meter errs it reports a lower amount than what is being used. It was decided Mr. Klopchin will attempt to locate the meter, check it for defects and report back to the Board.

Supervisor Bloomfield explained the DEC came to inspect the Highway garage's fuel tanks, oil tanks and the garage. The Town was written up for some deficiencies. He reported he, Attorney Capplicki and Councilman Cappella went to New Paltz and met with the DEC to try to resolve the problems. There was a fine of \$1,500.00 levied on the Town and this is less than other fines that have been imposed on other communities. The Supervisor said the one thing that has to be done is to rod the tank and read the meter to an eighth of an inch and the Town has been doing it to half an inch. He said the Board is going to have a consultant come in and tell us what to do. The Water/Sewer Department will then be asked to do what is required. Mr. Klopchin said what is needed is an active protocol and to have the consultant write up his suggestions as standard operating procedure. He will then see it is done correctly.

An overflow problem in Arcadia was discussed and Mr. Klopchin said it was going into the swamp. He said upon discovering it he had it capped as these problems have to be dealt with as soon as possible when found. Mr. Klopchin said he took the engineer out there so he could tell us what to do. He said a way to correct the problem would be to have the line flushed at least once a month.

Mr. Klopchin suggested perhaps a small pump station outside of the house would work and a new line was discussed. Mr. Klopchin will re-examine the problem and come back with his suggestions to the Board.

4. **Hambletonian Park Inflow Study Resolution:** Supervisor Bloomfield explained a Resolution must be done and submitted to obtain the \$60,000.00 needed to obtain the money from the State to pay for the Inflow Study. The Resolution will be placed on the agenda for Thursday.
5. **Town Clerks Association Conference:** The Town Clerk requested authorization for herself and her deputy to attend the Town Clerks Association Conference to be held in Rochester April 29 through May 2, 2007. They will be traveling on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> and returning May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board will place the request on Thursday's agenda authorizing the trip, not to exceed \$1,200.00.
6. **Results: DPW Inspection by DEC:** Supervisor Bloomfield again expressed his gratitude for the \$1,500.00 fine after hearing of \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 fines. He said he promised the DEC to correct the problems and asked for a recommendation of someone who could help the Board. A name was recommended, ( the Supervisor was not sure of name Steve Kupla). The Supervisor called him, he is from Sullivan County and charges \$70.00 an hour. The Supervisor said he would like him to come down a couple of days, and show us what to do to correct the errors such as incorrect as built, labeling of oil tanks, etc. Also the Supervisor said he would than like the gentleman to come down once a year just to make sure the job was done correctly.
7. **Town Webmaster:** Supervisor Bloomfield asked the Town Clerk to report to the Board some of the problems occurring on the Web site. It seems there have been some problems, the Town Hall email not working for a time, Scott Perry, our current webmaster having a crash occur on his computer system. After a long discussion the Board decided it would be perhaps be more efficient to have an in house webmaster. Supervisor Bloomfield made the Motion to terminate the current webmaster and hire Bonnie Mayefsky as webmaster at \$20.00 per hour as of March 9, 2007 and also approve the initial bulk of hours, not to exceed twenty hours. The Motion was approved by Councilman Canterino. Motion carried unanimously. Councilman Cappella suggested someone else should be trained also in the event Ms. Mayefsky should be out. The Board would like to thank Mr. Perry for his years of service.
8. **Final Walk Though Salesian:** Supervisor Bloomfield reported that he, Stephen Yarabek, and Mayor Scott Wohl did a final walkthrough of the Salesian property on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. He said driving through the water was very high all over due to the current rainfall and the ground still so frozen it could not absorb the rain. He said the trees seem to be alright, but 10% is being with held until Spring to see if they bloom. The Board expressed concern again for the stone stairway

that is still on the property and is still a safety hazard. Supervisor Bloomfield said he had spoken to Village Trustee Lynn Cione and she said she would talk to the Village DPW to see if they could take it down. Councilman Cappella said he would like to go on record that before the park is opened, before we turn it over to Joint Rec, he would like someone to do a layout of the footprint of the park because "I want it to be admitted into the records, because God forbid we need to do anything else, with any other piece of the parcel, or if we get any other grants, I want it to be known that this is the footprint of the park and the park only."

**9. Fred Lewis Maintenance Cost:** The Board discussed the major computer problems the offices have had in the past and the back up we were supposed

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