

**Town of Goshen
Town Board Meeting
December 14, 2023
7:00 pm**

Minutes

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 14th day of December 2023 at Goshen Town Hall, 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Joseph Betro	Town Supervisor
	Douglas Bloomfield	Councilmember
	George Lyons	Councilmember
	Richard Florio	Councilmember

Absent:	Philip Canterino	Councilmember
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Also Present:	Rory Brady	Town Attorney
	Mary Riso	Town Clerk

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the meeting at 7:00 pm. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Public Hearings

Introductory Local Law No. 8 of 2023, a Local Law requiring utility companies to remove inactive, broken or replaced utility poles within the Town.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 8 of 2023. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Mr. Howe, stated it sounded good to him.

Mr. Troy, was in agreement with the law.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to close the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 8 of 2023. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to adopt Local Law number 5 a Local Law requiring utility companies to remove inactive, broken or replaced utility poles within the Town. Approved unanimously by Roll Call:

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Vote Carries 4 to 0.

Introductory Local Law No. 9 of 2023, Amending Chapter 27 (“Administrative Board Training and Attendance Requirements”) of the code of the Town of Goshen to ensure consistency with Town Law.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 9 of 2023, Amending Chapter 27 of the code of the Town of Goshen to ensure consistency with Town Law. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

There was no comment from the public.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to close the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 9 of 2023, Amending Chapter 27 of the code of the Town of Goshen to ensure consistency with Town Law. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to adopt Local Law No. 6 of 2023, Amending

Chapter 27 of the code of the Town of Goshen to ensure consistency with Town Law. Approved unanimously by roll call:

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Vote Carries 4 to 0.

Introductory Local Law No. 10 of 2023, amending chapter 86 “Taxation” of the code of the Town of Goshen Opt-Out of Real Property Tax Law §487 Exemption.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, and seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 10 of 2023, amending Chapter 86 “Taxation” of the code of the Town of Goshen Opt-Out of Real Property Tax Law §487 Exemption. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Whereupon, there was a discussion on Introductory Local Law No. 10 and the impact on solar projects.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, and seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to close Introductory Local Law No. 10 of 2023, amending Chapter 86 “Taxation” of the code of the Town of Goshen Opt-Out of Real Property Tax Law §487 Exemption. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, and seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to adopt Local Law No. 7 of 2023, amending Chapter 86 “Taxation” of the code of the Town of Goshen Opt-Out of Real Property Tax Law §487 Exemption. Approved unanimously by Roll Call:

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Vote Carries 4 to 0.

Items for Discussion/Action

Review Resolution authorizing the scheduling of a public hearing, consolidating four Town of Goshen water districts. The public hearing will be scheduled for January 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to schedule a Public Hearing for the consolidating of four Town of Goshen Water Districts. Approved unanimously by Roll Call:

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Vote Carries 4 to 0.

Discuss Introductory Local Law No. 11 of 2023 Amending Chapter 97 (“Zoning”) Section 10, Subsection C (1)(F) amending to add additional language to Chapter 97 entitled “Zoning”.

Whereupon, there was a discussion that this would be referred to the Planning Board and Orange County Planning.

Review and approve Town Board Minutes for November 27, 2023.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the November 27, 2023 minutes. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Discuss and approve scheduling a Re-Org Meeting for Tuesday, January 2 at 7:00 pm.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town board moved to schedule the Re-Org Meeting for Tuesday, January 2 at 7:00 pm. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Review and discuss contracts for the purchase of 38 Echo Lake Road, 12-1-1.5 consisting of +/- 14.4 acres for the sum of \$95,000.00 and 12 Echo Lake Road, 12-1-1.41 consisting of +/- 11.8 acres for the sum of \$95,000.00.

Whereupon, the contracts were reviewed. In summary, discussed the recording, clean title, conflict between clause on top and 39, one should be removed 39. Councilmember Bloomfield summarized the history of the landfill and his concern about lead content. The Supervisor stated that the landfill is sealed on top and whatever leache comes out is disposed of. There was further discussion on water being delivered to Amy's.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to purchase 38 Echo Lake Road and 12 Echo Lake Road conditional on the changes as determined by Attorney Brady. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Nay
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Discuss and approve the salvage of the 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe, Vin number 1GNUKAE04AR213130 used by the Building Department.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the salvage of the 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Cancel the Joint Public Hearing regarding the SR 94, NY, LLC/Lightstar Renewables Solar Farm Project involving site plan and special permit applications with the Town of Goshen Planning Board on December 21, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to cancel the Public Hearing regarding SR94, NY, LLC/Lightstar Renewables Solar Farm scheduled for December 21, 2023. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Information: Chief James Watt is retiring from the Village after 42 years of service. The Village has appointed Ryan Rich as Chief.

Finance

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay accounts payable run for December 14, 2023 in the amount of \$904,375.76. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay manual A/P runs as of 11/30 in the amount of \$856,266.32. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve 2023 Year-to-Date Budget Transfers as of 12/14/2023. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Information: Budget Officer performed an account payable review for November 27, 2023.

Privilege of Floor

Mr. Howe, inquired to the speed limit in Heritage Estates.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the weight limit on Houston Road.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to schedule a Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law 12 of 2023, a local law amending the Code of the Town Goshen Chapter 89 entitled "Vehicle and Traffic", Article V "Weight Limits". Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Mr. Veit, Summerville Road, in summary was concerned about the hairpin turn off 94 to Arcadia Road.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on placing a sign to slow down, evening out the asphalt, and parking lawn maintenance trucks off the road. There was further discussion in regards to the updates on Air B&B's.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to close the meeting. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.
Submitted By: Mary Riso, Town Clerk