

TOWN OF GOSHEN
Town Board Meeting
June 24, 2021
MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 24th day of June, 2021 at the Town Hall located at 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York via videoconference due to the recent Covid-19 pandemic.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Supervisor
	Philip Canterino	Councilmember
	George Lyons	Councilmember
	Richard Florio	Councilmember
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilmember
Also Present:	Richard Golden	Attorney for the Town
	Mary Riso	Clerk to the Supervisor/Deputy Town Clerk
	Christine Cavaliere	Town Budget Officer
	Kirsten Santangelo	Deputy Town Clerk

Call to order

Councilperson Canterino motioned to open the meeting at 7:37 PM, seconded by Councilperson Lyons. Motion carried. Quorum of three Town Board members (Bloomfield, Canterino and Lyons) in the first ten minutes of the meeting due to late arrival of Councilperson Newbold and Councilperson Florio.

Old Business

- 1. Discuss Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2021 and select one of two versions regarding Cannabis Law§ 131 to opt out and set a public hearing if either option is selected:**
Version 1: Opting out of Local Cannabis Dispensary and on-site consumption
OR
Version 2: Opting out of Local Cannabis on-site consumption.

Motion to Introduce Local Law No. 3 Opting out of Local Cannabis Dispensary and on-site consumption was made by Councilperson Lyons and seconded by Councilperson Canterino.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:
Supervisor Bloomfield: AYE
Councilperson Canterino: AYE
Councilperson Lyons: AYE

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to Introduce Local Law No. 4 Opting out of Local Cannabis on-site consumption was made by Councilperson Canterino and seconded by Councilperson Lyons.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield: AYE

Councilperson Canterino: AYE

Councilperson Lyons: AYE

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to set a Public Hearing at the Town Board Meeting on July 8, 2021 at 7:30 PM regarding Local Law No. 3 Law No. 3 Opting out of Local Cannabis Dispensary and on-site consumption and Local Law No. 4 Opting out of Local Cannabis on-site consumption was made by Councilperson Lyons and seconded by Councilperson Canterino.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield: AYE

Councilperson Canterino: AYE

Councilperson Lyons: AYE

Motion carried 3-0.

- 2. Information: Doors to Town Hall were opened to the public on Thursday, June 17, 2021, without requiring an appointment to enter Town Hall for conducting business.**

As stated, for information.

- 3. Information: Use of virtual meetings for Board Meetings has been extended till July 5th, after which we await more guidance from the Governor and the NYS Department of Health.** Attorney Golden summarized that, the Governor, by virtue of not addressing the executive order regarding the state of emergency, that the law became null and void. Municipal meetings will be in-person and not virtual. CDC guidelines will need to be followed. CDC guidelines state that if unvaccinated people wish to attend, only 50% of the room may be used to hold meetings, with masks and social distancing. Proof of vaccination may be asked for of the attendees. This may be difficult to monitor.

- 4. Review and approve minutes of the June 10, 2021 Virtual Town Board Meeting.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021 Virtual Town Board Meeting was made by Councilperson Lyons and seconded by Councilperson Newbold

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield: AYE

Councilperson Newbold: AYE

Councilperson Lyons: AYE

Councilperson Florio: AYE

Councilperson Canterino: AYE

Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

1. **The Supervisor and Budget Officer were interviewed by Standard & Poor's last week regarding the Town finances, growth, accomplishments, challenges, etc. They have responded by increasing the Town of Goshen Bond Rating from AA to AA+ (see attached Town of Goshen S&P rating history).**

Supervisor Bloomfield spoke about the meeting between S&P, the Town Budget officer and himself. S&P was very impressed with the growth in construction from 2014 to December 2020. S&P was also impressed with the "Community Host Fee" that was negotiated between the Town and Merlin Entertainment. Supervisor Bloomfield praised the Town Board, both past and present and the Budget Officer for running the Town like a business.

2. **Information: See attached timeline schedule for developing and approving the 2022 Town of Goshen Budget.**

As stated, for information.

3. **Information: The Town received a mortgage Tax payment from the County on June 14th in the amount of \$354,505.89 for the past six -month period. This payment exceeds the \$330,000 annual forecast by \$24,505.89. The Town is off to a great start in this source of revenue (see attached mortgage tax history).**

As stated, for information.

4. **Hear and discuss a request by Margretta Fatcheric, owner of real property located in the Town of Goshen, Tax map Section 8, Block 1, Lot 7.22 to modify the language of a Conservation easement agreement agreed to by the Fatcheric's and the Town of Goshen on October 8, 2009.**

Summary: Ms. Fatcheric addressed the Town Board to modify the conservation easement on this property to allow ATV's, Hunting and Snowmobiles. It has become increasingly more difficult for her husband and her to monitor the property of 50 acres of land. Councilperson Lyons felt the items aren't allowed but questioned if Ms. Fatcheric is looking to police the land and can the Council allow policing. Supervisor Bloomfield noted a response letter from Attorney Caplicki to Attorney Lipman dated April 29, 2010 detailing a request to modify the conservation easement, which the Town Board declined to approve. Councilperson Canterino noted that other landowners may hunt on their own land but a conservation easement is in place for this land.

Motion to modify the language of a Conservation Easement agreement to allow ATV's, hunting and snowmobiles on real property located in the Town of Goshen, Section 8. Block 1, Lot 7.22 was made by Councilperson Newbold and seconded by Councilperson Florio.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield: NAY

Councilperson Newbold: NAY

Councilperson Canterino: NAY

Councilperson Florio: NAY

Councilperson Lyons: NAY

Motion defeated 5-0.

5. **Information:** The Town of Goshen, to include the Village, has been selected by the Smithsonian Magazine as one of the top fifteen (15) Towns to visit in the United States. Businesses mentioned in the magazine were Legoland, Catherine's Restaurant, Howell's café, Café Yen, Stagecoach Inn and Joe's Fix-It. Congratulations to all of the businesses who contributed to the recommendation. In addition, Goshen is known as the "Trotting Capital of the World".

As stated, for information.

6. **Discuss and accept the resignation of Mary Riso as recording secretary for the Planning Board effective June 24, 2021.**

Supervisor Bloomfield, Councilperson Canterino and Attorney Golden thanked Mary for her wonderful service to the Planning Board.

Motion to accept the resignation of Mary Riso as recording secretary for the Planning Board effective June 24, 2021 was made by Councilperson Florio, seconded by Councilperson Canterino.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Lyons:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Canterino:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Florio:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Newbold:	<u>AYE</u>		

Motion carried 5-0.

7. **Discuss and approve the appointment of Tanya McPhee as recording secretary for the Planning Board effective June 24, 2021, at the current rate of \$140.69 per meeting and \$5.62 per page of minutes transcribed.**

Motion to approve the appointment of Tanya McPhee as recording secretary for the Planning Board effective June 24, 2021, at the current rate of \$140.69 per meeting and \$5.62 per page of minutes transcribed was made by Councilperson Canterino and seconded by Councilperson Florio.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Lyons:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Canterino:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Florio:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Newbold:	<u>AYE</u>		

Motion carried 5-0.

8. **Discuss and approve the appointment of Mary Riso as a Deputy Registrar for the Town of Goshen effective June 24, 2021.**

Motion to approve the appointment of Mary Riso as a Deputy registrar for the Town of Goshen effective June 24, 2021 was made by Councilperson Canterino and seconded by Councilperson Lyons.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Newbold:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Florio:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Canterino:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Lyons:	<u>AYE</u>		

Motion carried 5-0.

9. **Review and approve the proposed MVP contract for September 2021 through August 2022. Councilperson Lyons explained the options that the Town had for the insurance for the Town.**

Motion to approve the proposed MVP EPO HDHP Bronze 7 contract for September 2021 through August 2022 was made by Councilperson Canterino and seconded by Councilperson Florio.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Newbold:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Canterino:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Florio:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Lyons:	<u>AYE</u>		

Motion carried 5-0.

Finance

1. **Discuss and approve a motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign Change order No. 1 for Hambletonian Park Sewer District (see attached memo).**

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign Change order No. 1 for Hambletonian Park Sewer District was made by Councilperson Canterino and seconded by Councilperson Newbold.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Newbold:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Canterino:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Florio:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Lyons:	<u>AYE</u>		

Motion carried 5-0.

2. **Discuss and approve a motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign Change Order No. 1 for Arcadia Hills Sewer District (see attached memo).**

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign Change Order No. 1 for Arcadia Hills Sewer District was made by Councilperson Newbold and seconded by Councilperson Lyons.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Newbold:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Florio:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Canterino:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Lyons:	<u>AYE</u>		

Motion carried 5-0.

3. Discuss and approve a motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay accounts payable check run on June 24, 2021 in the amount of \$408,100.45.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay accounts payable check run on June 24, 2021 in the amount of \$408,100.45 was made by Councilperson Canterino and seconded by Councilperson Florio.

Upon a Roll call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Newbold:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Florio:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Canterino:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Lyons:	<u>AYE</u>		

Motion carried 5-0.

4. Discuss and approve a motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Workman's Comp Claims in the amount of \$2,872.39.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Workman's Comp Claims in the amount of \$2,872.39 was made by Councilperson Lyons and seconded by Councilperson Florio.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Newbold:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Florio:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Canterino:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Lyons:	<u>AYE</u>		

Motion carried 5-0.

5. Discuss and approve a motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Escrow \$41,568.26.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to pay Escrow \$41,568.26 was made by Councilperson Newbold and seconded by Councilperson Lyons.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Newbold:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Canterino:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Lyons:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Florio:	<u>AYE</u>		

Motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve-year-to-date budget transfers requested by the Budget Officer.

Motion to approve year-to-date budget transfers as requested by the Budget Officer was made by Councilperson and Councilperson.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Newbold:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Canterino:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Lyons:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Florio:	<u>AYE</u>		

Motion carried 5-0.

- 7. Information: Christine Cavaliere conducted an accounts payable audit for 6/10/21. See attached.**

Privilege of the Floor

Motion to open the Privilege of the Floor was made by Councilperson Newbold and seconded by Councilperson Lyons.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Newbold:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Canterino:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Lyons:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Florio:	<u>AYE</u>		

Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Howe: Requested information about the meeting that Sean Hoffman of H2M had regarding Heritage Estates and the punch list of items. Sean Hoffman ordered another audit of the project. Supervisor Bloomfield noted that there is still an issue with Well #6. Attorney Golden stated that Attorney Kelly Naughton said the punch list hasn't been completed and may be by the end of the summer.

Daniel Nilsen: Spoke about the speeding issue on Scotchtown Avenue. Wanted to know why there's no action in response to his letters. Wanted to know why nothing has happened. Mr. Nilsen asked if a speed study and reduction would be done and the answer was no, but the Highway Superintendent and Town Police Chief were aware of the request.

Adjournment

Motion to close the meeting as made by Councilperson Canterino, seconded by Councilperson Lyons.

Upon a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Bloomfield:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Newbold:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Canterino:	<u>AYE</u>	Councilperson Lyons:	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Florio:	<u>AYE</u>		

Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Kirsten Santangelo, Deputy Town Clerk