

**Town of Goshen
Town Board Meeting
March 23, 2023
41 Webster Avenue
Minutes**

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 23rd day of March 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
	Philip Canterino	Councilmember

Also Present:	Rory Brady	Town Attorney
	Robert Rametta	Town Attorney
	Sean Hoffman	Town Engineer
	Mary Riso	Town Clerk

Items for Discussion/Action

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 Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Review and approve proposed Resolution and Stipulation of Settlement for 46 Harriman Drive LLC Tax Certs; as prepared by Robert Rametta, Esq.

Attorney Rametta reviewed the proposal .

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the proposed Resolution and Stipulation of Settlement for 46 Harriman Drive LLC Tax Cert; as prepared by Robert Rametta, Esq. Approved unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

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

Review and approve proposed Resolution and Stipulation of Settlement for Goshen Foundry Tax Certs; as prepared by Robert Rametta, Esq.

Attorney Rametta reviewed the proposal. Whereupon, there was a discussion on the reduction, appraisal and reviewed what happened in court.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the proposed Resolution and Stipulation of Settlement for Goshen Foundry Tax Certs; as prepared by Robert Rametta, Esq. Approved unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

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

Review and approve Performance Bond in the amount of \$81,700 to ensure completion of activities related to a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) for Oak Hill Properties LLC/Serenity Acres, an eight (8) lot residential subdivision along Broadlea Road.

Engineer Hoffman reviewed the project with the Board.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve a Performance Bond in the amount of \$81,700 to ensure completion of activities related to a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) for Oak Hill Properties LLC/Serenity Acres. Approved unanimously.

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

Review and approve Decommissioning Cash Bond for New Leaf Energy a/k/a Owens Road Solar in the amount of \$297,700.91 for Lot/Site No.1 and \$403,830.04 for Lot/Site No. 2.

Engineer Hoffman reviewed the decommissioning bonds with the Board.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board approved the Decommissioning Cash Bond for New Leaf Energy a/k/a Owens Road Solar in the amount of \$297,700.91 for Lot/Site No.1. Approved unanimously.

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

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board approved the Decommissioning Cash Bond for New Leaf Energy a/k/a Owens Road Solar in the amount of \$403,830.04 for Lot/Site No. 2. Approved unanimously.

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

Review letter received from the Goshen Planning Board dated March 17, 2023 regarding Hartley Road/Route17M intersection concern.

Engineer Hoffman reviewed the letter from the Planning Board. In summary, concerns regarding Hartley Road/Route 17M intersection. These concerns were raised during the application for the IWS transfer station expansion. The Planning Board discussed how it would be beneficial for the stop line on Route 17M at that intersection (in the southeasterly direction) to be moved back from the traffic light. This would allow for a better turning radius for trucks turning right onto Route 17M.

Attorney Brady will write a letter on behalf of the Town Board to the Department of Transportation addressing this matter.

Power Point Presentation by Greenlight Networks.

Casey Henninger, Market Development Manager for Greenlight did a presentation to the Board.

Review and approve the letter of resignation of part-time police officer Michael Rinaldo.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board accepted the resignation of Part-time police officer Michael Rinaldo effective February 28, 2023. Approved unanimously.

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

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve and authorize Chief Post to sign contract with the County of Orange for the Stop DWI Program. Approved unanimously.

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

Review and approve the purchase of a camera system for the Police Department to comply will the bail reform and discovery laws.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the new bail reform laws and requirements by the District Attorney's office.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board approved the purchase of a camera system for the Police Department in the amount of \$26,289.00. Approved unanimously.

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

Schedule a Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law 1 of 2023, Elected Official Term Limits.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to schedule a Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law 1 of 2023, Elected Official Term Limits on April 13, 2023. Approved unanimously.

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

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the connection of Brookside to the Heritage water district. Letters were sent out by one of the residents to neighbors to see if any one would be interested in pursuing the possibility. Residents from Brookside Drive were present, Jim Mulroe, 6 Brookside; Ed Connor, 19 Brookside; Joe Suresky, 18 Brookside; and Ed Scannell, 16 Brookside. In summary, inquired if a poll was going to be taken, the Supervisor answered yes. It is not going to be mandatory. It was stated that most of the homes have holding tanks, the road is brand new and they don't want it dug up. Stated the homeowners went through this when Heritage was being planned. The Supervisor advised that this was only for discussion purposes.

Finance

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay accounts payable check run for March 23, 2023 in the amount of \$268,397.33. Approved unanimously.

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

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve Budget Transfers submitted by Budget Officer dated March 17, 2023. Approved unanimously.

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

Whereupon, there was a discussion on imposing a bounced check fee. This matter was tabled until next meeting.

Information: The Town has received a check for \$100,000 from the Arden Local Development Corporation as part of its dissolution process. The funds have been deposited into the A-General Townwide Fund.

Information: Christine Cavaliere conducted an account payable audit for March 17, 2023 (see attached).

Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Howard requested an update on the speed limit sign and the green sand filter. Town Attorney Brady responded with the next steps to get the stop sign. Supervisor Betro gave an update on the green sand system.

Lisa King brought up an assault on a Jane Doe February 2022 in GOVAC. Discussed the lack of training provided to GOVAC employees. Inquired to the \$60,000.00 the Town budgeted to GOVAC in 2023 and asked where would the funds go if GOVAC went under. Discussed the disrepair of the GOVAC building and record inconsistencies with GOVAC.

Wendy Moral a Heritage resident, thanked Supervisor Betro for plowing the streets, asked when there will be a water meeting and the status of the open gate between Brookside and Heritage. Whereupon, it was stated there no date for the water meeting as of yet and the gate was opened for plowing purposes and the Chief of Police as well as the Fire District will have a discussion on eliminating the gate.

Joe Suresky, 18 Brookside Drive, stated he didn't receive the letter about water and the agreement to close the gate was done years ago, he was worried about the speeding.

Ed Scannell, 16 Brookside, stated that keys were available for fire and police emergencies. Suggested give a key to whomever is plowing. Whereupon, there was a discussion that would be unsafe for the plow driver to get out of his truck during a storm to open the gate.

Lisa King clarified her statement if GOVAC went under where the money would go and thanked Town Hall employees on being helping and accommodating.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio to go into Executive Session with the intent of not returning. Approved unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm
Submitted by: Mary Riso, Town Clerk