

**Town of Goshen
Town Board Meeting
December 9, 2021
Minutes
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A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 9th day of December, 2021, at Goshen Town Hall, 41 Webster Avenue, Village of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York.

Present:	Douglas Bloomfield	Town Supervisor
	Philip Canterino	Councilmember
	George Lyons	Councilmember
	Kenneth Newbold	Councilmember
	Richard Florio	Councilmember

Also Present:	Richard Golden	Town Attorney
	Sean Hoffman	Town Engineer
	Mary Riso	Deputy Town Clerk

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Newbold, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the meeting at 7:30 pm. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Old Business

Reduction of brown water in Hambletonian Park

- Approval has been received from the Health Department on November 22, 2021. JCO has completed the purchase of equipment for installation. Noted it may take a couple of months for a noticeable impact.

Plans for filling the new Arcadia Hills Water Storage Tank with water (see attached emails from Dominic Hillard and Sean Hoffman for details).

- In summary, waiting on the supplier for mixing system, start filling the tank on Monday, after tank reaches 20 inches of water it will be super chlorinated, when it is filled up to the top the contractor will take lab samples, once the water is clean and no bacteria is found will notify the Health Department to inspect and then put on line.

Discuss notes of meeting to identify remaining work to be completed before the Heritage Estates Infrastructure can be accepted by the Town (see attached email by Sean Hoffman dated 11/30/21 for details).

- In summary, need easements to be signed, four remaining minor items on the punch list, there is a contractor lined up to complete those items next week. Water supply wells, Well No. 5 and No. 6 need to be reviewed. Plans were submitted to the Health Department for review on Well #6.

Discuss current plans for repairing the Town of Goshen Highway Department Garage

• Whereupon, there was a discussion on the repair of the Highway Department Garage. In summary, discussed it being done on an emergency basis, allow the work to be done during the winter months to stabilize. Discussed the purchase of a hoop storage shed. This is still an opened claim with the insurance company. The Board will authorize Superintendent Knoell to proceed with a hoop building with a limited cost of \$100,000.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Newbold, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to list this project as a Type 2 Action under SEQRA. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	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 necessary infrastructure to proceed with the protection of trucks and building in accordance with recommendations of Superintendent Knoell and Mr. Hoffman with a cap of \$100,000. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Information: An additional fire hydrant is being installed in Hambletonian Park at a strategic location to facilitate improved water line flushing.

Information: JCO is increasing the cost of operating the Town of Goshen water and sewer districts from \$6,000/month to \$6,276/month effective 12/1/2021. This is the one-year anniversary of their providing services (see attached email from Ryan Rysinger dated 11/30/21 for details).

Information: The Town entered into negotiations with the PBA on 11/30/21 by exchanging proposed contract changes. The current contract expires 12/31/21.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the November 22, 2021 minutes as prepared. Approved unanimously with one abstention.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Abstained
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Whereupon, Attorney Golden reviewed the process for the demolition of the Salesian School Building and the SEQRA process. The demolition was authorized by both municipalities.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Newbold, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to Assume Lead Agency, Type the action as unlisted, make a determination of significance of a Negative declaration. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Whereupon, there was a discussion on a resolution for solicitation of bids for demolition of the Salesian School building.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Newbold, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the Resolution for Solicitation of Bids for Demolition of the Salesian School Building. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Whereupon, Ken Newbold was recognized for his 24 years of service on the Goshen Town Board. Councilmember Newbold stated it was an honor serving the people. The Board also recognized Priscilla Gersbeck for her 17 years of service, in the assessing office, as Deputy Town Clerk and then as Town Clerk. Supervisor Bloomfield thanked the citizens of Goshen for the privilege of serving as Town Supervisor for 16 years.

New Business

Information: Wright Risk Management reviewed “Tail Claims” liabilities with Town Management this week. There are currently four Tail Claims with no new claims since 2003. Congratulations to Town Employees for working safely!

Whereupon there was a discussion on the purchase of a Worker’s Compensation insurance contract for the year 2022 with Comp Alliance at a cost of \$119,022.00 and authorize the Town of Goshen Insurance Commissioner to sign the same. PERMA was the only other company bidding, but they were not competitive.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to purchase a Worker’s Compensation insurance contract with Comp Alliance for 2022 at a cost of \$119,022.00 and authorize the Supervisor to sign the same. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilperson Lyons, seconded by Councilperson Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the purchase of a Liability Insurance contract for the year 2022 with HCC (U.S. Specialty, Inc.) at a cost of \$116,129.56 and authorize the Town of Goshen Insurance Commissioner to sign the same. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Whereupon, there was a discussion to review and approve the Resolution to accept the Woodland Estate Roads (Abbe Road and Betsy Court), public access easement along NYS Route 17A, and authorize the Supervisor to sign associated documentation. Attorney Golden gave an overview of the resolution.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilperson Newbold, seconded by Councilperson Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve a Resolution to accept the Woodland Estate roads (Abbe Road and Betsy Court), public access easement along NYS Route 17A, and authorize the Supervisor to sign associated documentation. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Newbold, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the resignation of Police Officer Anthony Pitt effective December 1, 2021. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the request by Chief McDowell to hire Al Vasquez as a part-time Town of Goshen Police Officer effective January 3, 2022 at a rate of pay per the PBA contract. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Finance

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Newbold, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay accounts payable check run on December 9, 2021 in the amount of \$690,444.84. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Newbold, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay Workman’s Comp claims in the amount of \$21,525.25. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Newbold, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve year-to-date budget transfers requested by the Budget Office dated November 29, 2021 (see attached).

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Information: Christine Cavaliere conducted an accounts payable audit for 11/22/21 (see attached).

Privilege of the Floor

Whereupon, Tom Howe had an update on Heritage Estates.

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

Supervisor Bloomfield	Aye	Councilmember Canterino	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye	Councilmember Newbold	Aye
Councilmember Florio	Aye		

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.
Submitted by Mary Riso, Town Clerk