

**Town of Goshen  
Town Board Meeting  
March 14, 2024  
7:00 pm**

**Meeting**

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024 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  
                         Philip Canterino                Councilmember  
                         George Lyons                    Councilmember  
                         Richard Florio                   Councilmember

Also Present:    Mary Riso                            Town Clerk

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, 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		

**Items for Discussion/Action**

**Review and approve a resolution that authorizes the Town of Goshen Police Chief to sign a document with the County of Orange to allow the Goshen Police Department to participate and be financially reimbursed for enforcement activities associated with the County-wide Stop DWI Program.**

Whereupon, there was a discussion on DWI Program and the Town’s annual participation.

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Town of Goshen Police Chief to sign a document with the County of Orange to allow the Goshen Police Department to participate and be financially reimbursed for enforcement activities associated with the County-wide Stop DWI Program.

By Roll Call Vote:

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

Vote Carries 5 to 0.

**Girls Softball request for lighting at the ballfield.**

Mike Antolino was present and informed the Town Board that Girl's Softball League had secured \$175,000 of the \$235,000 to install lights at the field.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on whether the project would need to go out to bid and prevailing wages being paid. The quote was from Musco Lighting. Mr. Antolino is going to approach JRC and the Village to request more funding. Mr. Antolino will return to the Town Board with a final figure. The difference needed will be taken from Parkland Fees.

**Review and discuss request by Key Capture Energy to amend Local Law No. 1 of 2021, "Battery Energy Storage Systems".**

Austin Scarborough, Esq., from Key Capture was present for applicant. In summary, stated they were developers with projects all over New York and one in Saratoga. Was approaching the Town Board in regards to a particular parcel. The Town currently has a battery storage law that includes an overlay zone. A property owner reached out to them in order to build a battery storage that is not listed in the overlay zone.

Whereupon, there was a discussion on this project going to the Planning Board. Mr. Scarboro stated he was here as a preliminary measure before spending all the money and going through all the environmental studies. If they can't add the parcel they are not going to move forward with the project. Supervisor Betro advised them to go to the Planning Board so they can weigh in on any environmental impacts. The parcel is not contiguous to the overlay zone. It is on 25 Smith Road. The Board requested to see the location, how far away from the overlay district and see what people are involved.

**Information: Chief Deputy Faust is retiring as of March 13, 2024.**

Supervisor Betro read the following:

Dear Honorable Joseph Betro, George Lyons, Phil Canterino, Douglas Bloomfield, Rick Florio and Chief James Post

It is with a profound sense of reflection and gratitude that I announce my retirement as Deputy Chief with the Town of Goshen Police department effective my last working day February 29<sup>th</sup> 2024. Dedicating 30 years to the Town of Goshen has made this moment very bittersweet.

Growing up as a proud member of the Goshen community I always had one goal in mind and that was to be a police officer in the town in which I cherish so much. When I was granted the opportunity 30 years ago, I always knew this is the place I wanted to be for my police career. From my early days as a young 22-year-old patrolman to my current role as Deputy Chief has been nothing short of transformative. I will always be proud that I have been part of the transformation and growth of the Town of Goshen police department to which it has evolved into today.

As I bid farewell to the Town of Goshen, I will be continuing my police career which I was recently

appointed to the position of Police Chief for the Village of Tuxedo Park. My heartfelt gratitude for the trust, guidance, and opportunity warranted to me serving the Goshen community will always hold a special place in my heart. Lastly to all my present and former colleagues you have been a special part of my life and will always be considered family. Thank you again for the memories, the lessons, and the journey. Allen Faust.

**Review and approve the purchase of an electric boiler for Town Hall in the amount of \$9,800.00.**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the purchase of an electric boiler for Town Hall in the amount of \$9,800.00. Approved unanimously.

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

**Review and approve the Resolution to accept the dedication of a 1.48 acre piece of land along Broadlea Road from Oak Hill Properties, LLC for highway purposes, and authorize the Supervisor to sign any and all documents relative thereto.**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to accept the dedication of a 1.48 acre piece of land along Broadlea Road from Oak Hill Properties, LLC and authorize the Supervisor to sign any and all documents relative thereto.

By Roll Call Vote:

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

VOTE CARRIES 5 TO 0

**Motion to approve and accept the Conservation Easement from Oak Hill Properties, LLC and authorize the Supervisor to sign any and all documents relative thereto.**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to accept the Conservation Easement from Oak Hill Properties, LLC and authorize the Supervisor to sign any and all documents relative thereto. Approved unanimously.

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

**Review and discuss Introductory Local Law No. 11 of 2023 amending Chapter 97 (“Zoning”) section 10, subsection C.**

Whereupon, there was discussion on the Lippoff wells.

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to declare a negative declaration for Introductory Local Law No. 11 of 2023 amending Chapter 97 (“Zoning”) section 10, subsection C. Approved unanimously.

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

Whereupon, there was a discussion to reach out to Attorney Naughton to review groundwater.

**Review and discuss Introductory Local Law No. 4 of 2024 repealing Local Law no. 5 of 2023 related to the removal of certain utility poles and creating a new chapter 87 of the Town of Goshen Code entitled “Utility Poles”.**

**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 No. 4 of 2024 repealing Local Law No. 5 of 2023 related to the removal of certain utility poles and creating a new chapter 87 of the Town of Goshen Code entitled “Utility Poles”. Approved unanimously.

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

**Review and discuss Introductory Local Law No. 5 of 2024 amending Chapter 97 (“Zoning”) of the code of the Town of Goshen to update provisions related to the replenishment of applicant escrow deposits.**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen introduced Introductory Local Law No. 5 of 2024 amending Chapter 97 (“Zoning”) of the code of the Town of Goshen to update provisions related to the replenishment of applicant escrow deposits. Approved unanimously.

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

Whereupon, there was a discussion on escrow accounts.

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen moved to schedule a public hearing for April 11, 2024. Approved unanimously.

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

**Review and discuss Introductory Local Law No. 6 of 2024 amending Chapter 50, entitled “Electrical Inspections” of the code of the Town of Goshen to update provisions related to electrical standards and inspections in conformance with the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Florio, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to introduce Introductory Local Law No. 6 of 2024 amending Chapter 50, entitled “Electrical Inspections” of the code of the Town of Goshen. 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 Canterino, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to schedule a Public Hearing on March 28, 2024 on Introductory Local Law No. 6 of 2024 amending Chapter 50, entitled “Electrical Inspections”. Approved unanimously.

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

**Review and discuss Introductory Local Law No. 7 authorizing the Joint Recreation Commission (“JRC”) to establish rules and regulations regarding town parks.**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to introduce Introductory Local Law No. 7 authorizing the Joint Recreation Commission to establish rules and regulations regarding town parks. 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 Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to schedule a Public Hearing on March 28, 2024 for Introductory Local Law No. 7 authorizing the Joint Recreation Commission to establish rules and regulations regarding town parks. Approved unanimously.

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

**Review and approve Town Clerk to attend Town Clerk conference in Albany, April 21-24, 2024.**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve Town Clerk to attend conference in Albany, April 21-24, 2024. Approved unanimously.

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

**Discuss and Review Town of Goshen Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy (see attached)**

Whereupon, Christine Cavaliere presented the Goshen Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy for review.

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the Goshen Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy. Approved unanimously.

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

**Review and approve Town Board Minutes dated February 22, 2024.**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the February 22, 2024 minutes. Approved unanimously.

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

**Review and authorize Supervisor to sign agreement with TRK for legal services for sewer consolidation.**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Canterino, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with TRK for legal services for sewer consolidation. Approved unanimously.

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

Councilmember Lyons                      Aye

**Finance**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay accounts payable check run for March 14, 2024 in the amount of \$231,276.22. 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 Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve a Manual A/P run as of 1/31/2024 in the amount of \$222,504.10. 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 the transfer of funds from Webster Bank to Orange Bank & Trust (see attached memo from Budget Officer). Approved unanimously.

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

**Information: Budget Officer Christine Cavaliere performed an accounts payable review for February 22, 2024.**

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the 2023 Year-To-Date Budget Transfers as of 12/31/2023 submitted by Budget Officer. 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 Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve the 2024 Year-To-Date Budget Transfers as of 3/1/2024 submitted by Budget Officer. Approved unanimously.

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

Councilmember Lyons                      Aye

**VOTE BY PROPER MOTION**, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve request by Budget Officer to create a new SWC fund and open new SWC Bank Account for the newly consolidated water district. Approved unanimously.

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

**Privilege of the Floor**

Bill Troy, inquired whether the Town is testing the water they are currently supplying for all the elements Councilmember Bloomfield is concerned about. Supervisor Betro responded that the Town is doing all the testing recommended by the Board of Health. Whereupon, there was a discussion on testing water.

Mike Antolino, asked if the Town Board would commit to the \$35,000, they are allowed to spend. Supervisor Betro responded that the Board didn't say no to the \$65,000. Whereupon, there was a discussion on the funding and how to adhere to the rules and regulations for this project.

Peter Giordano, Old Chester Road, missed last night's ERB meeting. In summary, spoke about the proposed cannabis warehouse on Old Chester Road. Stated it's changing the entire landscape of a residential community. Considered it a negative thing.

Neal Halloran, in summary, stated at the last Planning Board meeting they had discussed televising the meetings. Inquired whether the Town could loan the money to the softball league to get around prevailing wage. The well information should be in Town Hall for the general area, which was shared with Mark Rudolph. Mr. Halloran thanked the Supervisor for meeting with member of the ERB.

Supervisor Betro informed Mr. Halloran that a current part 5 well test was done and is available for him to look at.

Jean D'Onofrio, 7 Howard Court, stated she was confused on the water law. Whereupon, there was a discussion the Public Hearing was on February 22 and it hasn't been adopted yet. Suggested to change the law saying that it's Middletown water rather than the ground water. Whereupon, there was a discussion on where water comes from and wells.

June Evers, inquired as to having a moratorium on the rapid building that's going on. Stated it seems like there was a lot of building going on and it's against the town's vision.

Supervisor Betro, responded that the Planning Board looks at each application to ensure it conforms to the code. Whereupon, there was a discussion on the 17M Corridor, where one project has been built and two more are in the planning stage.

**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.

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Supervisor Betro                   Aye  
Councilmember Canterino       Aye  
Councilmember Lyons           Aye

Councilmember Bloomfield      Aye  
Councilmember Florio           Aye

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.  
Submitted by Mary Riso, Town Clerk